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Connections

THE COMMON BOND, VOICE AND POWER FOR THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY

President's Message



Thanks to your membership, the Colorado Library Association has able to support our CAL Legislative Committee in paying for two representatives to attend legislative meetings at the state house to speak up for libraries. These CAL representatives connect with lawmakers and the governor to get strong library support throughout Colorado. As a result of their efforts, the state now has \$2.5 million to support grant funding for libraries.

According to the Colorado State Library website, "the Colorado Legislature increased the appropriation to \$2.5 million in the state's budget to fund the State Grants to Libraries Act. The funds will be available to eligible publically funded school, public and academic libraries to fund grants for library materials as defined in the statute (see CRS 24-90-401).

The purpose of the funds is for educational materials in libraries that support efforts to improve literacy and learning." There is a webinar on September 1 to explain the process and the website walks through the specifics of the grant.

More information on the grants is available at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/stategrants>. The eligibility form is due by September 10 and recommendations are also available on the website.

Your upcoming attendance at CALCON will also continue to support CAL legislative efforts. Thank you!

- Laura Summers, CAL President

Upcoming Events

- Sept 10: Makerspace IG meeting
- Sept 12: CASL Year of the Student Workshop
- Sept 15: Paralibrarian CALCON Scholarship Deadline
- Sept 25: Reader's Advisory IG meeting
- Sept 27: New Professionals IG Resume Review
[Info on NPIG Facebook page](#)
- Oct 8: Adult Services IG meeting
- Oct 9: Proposal Deadline CATS Winter Workshop
- Oct 22-24: CALCON 15 – [Register Today!](#)
- Jan 25: CATS Winter Workshop



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Oct. 22-24 ~ Loveland, CO ~ [Register Today!](#)

[CALCON15](#) is the place to be this October!

This year's Colorado Association of Libraries Annual Conference promises to:

- Help you **innovate** with engaging program tracks, networking, and knowledge sharing!
- **Inspire** you with our exciting keynotes!
- **Connect** you to industry thought leaders, colleagues, and partners!

Keynote Speakers



Salvador Avila

Serving Spanish-Speakers in your Library:

Why it is essential and how to do it efficiently and effectively!

While our libraries may offer a wide array of programs, services, and collections, it's corporate and staff culture leaves something to be desired by Latinos and Spanish-Speakers. In order to be truly relevant and responsive libraries should be a one-stop ecosystem that offers the latest in sustainable customer services, collections, services, and programs. [Learn More](#)



Ryan Warner

Meet award-winning radio host and journalist Ryan Warner of Colorado Public Radio and discover what goes on behind the mic! In this interactive presentation, including a moderated Twitter Q & A, we will have the opportunity to

interview Warner on the challenges and opportunities both our professions face. [Learn More](#)



Barbara Jones

Intellectual Freedom: It's Global; It's Local

The library enterprise reaches around the world. It is a donkey with a book pack in Kenya. It is a 3D printing service in Chicago's Loop. It is a profession of people

who are passionate about their work -who must think globally and act locally. Barbara Jones will share her international experiences as a member of the IFLA/FAIFE committee and show how all successful library spaces share certain universal values. [Learn More](#)



Dr. Michael Stephens

Emerging technologies are changing the way we live and learn. Libraries can play a key role in this future. Information is no longer bound to a form or a place. The library and

resource center that builds value and thrives will be fluid enough to anticipate and quickly respond to new technologies and user expectations. The hyperlinked library is welcoming, participatory, and incorporates user input. The hyperlinked library is human, and its communications, externally and internally, are in a human voice. [Learn More](#)



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Program Tracks

With over 80 sessions and 13 program tracks, CALCON15 has something for everyone!

Check out our [preliminary schedule](#) and learn more about our great session line-up.

[Make your case](#), and join us!

[Register today!](#)

Young Adult

Programming

Leadership

Making Change

Instruction

Marketing/Community Engagement

Nuts and Bolts

Makerspaces

Partnerships

Early Literacy

21st Century

Wildcard

Hot Topics

Support CALCON!

Think being a conference sponsor has to cost major \$\$\$? Think again!

In addition to our [3 sponsorship levels](#) (Platinum, Gold, and Silver), staff and library organizations make a big difference with a small donation!

Here are just a few ideas:

Sponsor the printed program

Sponsor the CAL Membership Fair

Sponsor individual sessions

Become a game sponsor

Sponsor the CAL Awards luncheon

Sponsor the streaming keynotes

Have other ideas? Contact [Amanda](#) at CAL!

We are delighted to announce that we will be introducing our first conference app at CALCON15! In addition to copies of the printed program, we will offer attendees a digital way to stay connected to the conference. Stay tuned for more information about the app, and when and where it will be available for download!



Associations

CASL

Colorado Association of School Libraries

There is still time to register for
Let Them Be Heard. Giving Our Students a Voice.

Join CASL on Saturday, September 12 from 9:00-3:30 for the "Year of the Student" workshop. CASL is pleased to welcome keynote speaker Shannon Miller as we kickoff the school year.



There will be break-out sessions both before and after lunch. You will walk away with meaningful ways for students to engage in their learning using student collaboration and tools to use right away for digital learning along with assessments.

Lunch and re-certification credit provided.

Cost for the workshop is \$30 for CAL member and \$50 for non-members and includes lunch. Student rate is \$10 and non-librarians (teachers and administrators) are \$15. Workshop will be held at Farrell B. Howell K-8 School in Denver.

Register at <http://www.cal-webs.org/?page=CASL>

CoALA

Colorado Academic Library Association



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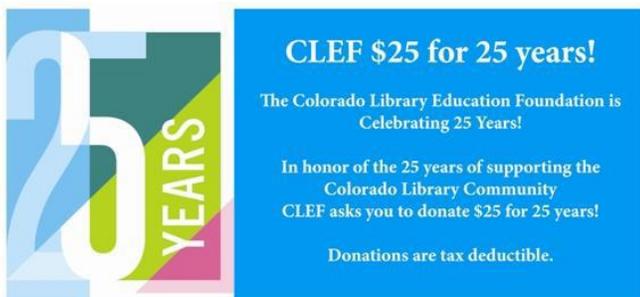
CoALA President-Elect Carol Smith from Adams State University hosted a lively and interactive two-hour webinar in August about the history, trends, and challenges of the faculty model in academic institutions. The online webinar hosted in Adobe Connect allowed 30 plus attendees to participate in the discussion. Attendees from Colorado School of Mines, Institute of American Indian Arts, University of Northern Colorado, University of Wyoming and others shared examples and experiences. Carol provided an informative overview of the faculty model and followed by a step-by-step guide for librarians and administrators alike to follow in obtaining or reinstating faculty/tenured status in their institutions citing from her current experience at Adams State University. For more information about documents shared or PowerPoint please feel free to contact Carol at carolsmith@adams.edu

To hear the recorded presentation go to
<https://connect.regis.edu/p97fhd1kl5m>

CoALA is currently working on next year's CoALA Summit 2016. It is an exciting time and you will not want to miss it. Stay tuned.

CLEF needs your help with Silent Auction donations!

In order to continue providing scholarships for Colorado library employees and other CAL members to attend association & division workshops and the CAL Conference, CLEF will hold a silent auction at this year's CAL conference. Monetary donations are also accepted online ([click here](#)) or can be sent to CAL at 12011 Tejon Street, Suite 700, Westminster, CO 80234. Checks should be made out to CLEF.



Donation ideas:

- Gift cards to popular stores and restaurants
- Gift certificates for spa services, yoga classes, travel
- Gift cards for eBooks, iTunes
- Popular eReaders (Pads, Kindle Fire, Nook, etc)
- Tickets to shows, concerts, comedy clubs
- Artwork (paintings, drawings, photography, etc.)
- Offer a custom-knitted/sewn garment
- Host a theme dinner for 6-8 people at your home
- Offer your sartorial services as a personal shopper
- Lead a group hike along your favorite trail and provide snacks and conversation
- Provide a "Homemade Jar of the Month Club" featuring your preserving expertise
- Create a themed gift basket (these are very popular!)
- Home brew masters can host a tasting party

To help CLEF continue to offer educational scholarships, please [complete this form](#).

Thank you for your continuing support!

Divisions

Children & Teen Services

CATS Division Winter Workshop Call for Presenters!

The CATS Division Winter Workshop is coming, and we're sending out the cat signal for fabulous presenters!

The 2016 Winter Workshop will be held on Monday, January 25th, 9:30-3:30 at Library 21C, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920.

Workshop sessions will be 45 minutes in length.

There will be no monetary compensation. However, presenters will be able to attend the conference free of charge, with lunch included. (2 presenters for any panel sessions will receive the complimentary registration and lunch.)

Please send the title of your proposal, a brief description, and the names of any presenters and co-presenters to Nicole Burchfield at nburchfield@poudrelibraries.org

And hurry, the deadline is midnight on October 9th, so don't delay!



Fun from the CATS workshop at Estes Valley Library in August

Paralibrarian

Win a scholarship to CAL!

The Paralibrarian Division is offering a scholarship to CALCON 2015. The award will cover your registration fee. Here is the link to apply: <http://goo.gl/forms/w4AL4dg5Ct>. It will also be posted on the [CAL website](#) & [Facebook \(Colorado Paralibrarians\)](#). The deadline is Sept. 15, 2015.

The business meeting for the Paralibrarian Division will be held at CALCON on Thursday, October 22nd at 2:45, and we'll also be at the Membership Fair-Friday October 23rd from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Please try to attend. We would love to see you and get your input/ideas.

We are in need of officers for 2015! If you are interested in the chair-elect or reporter positions, please contact Suellen Brenner-Bladek at sbrenner@estesvalleylibrary.org.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to CAL, enhance your leadership skills, and get to know a great group of people!

Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award



Votes have started to roll in for the [2016 Blue Spruce nominees](#), and a fair number of 2017 nominees have been sent in as well. Best of all, since teens are allowed to [vote directly](#) this year, rather than having to go through a librarian or teacher, nearly

80% of participation so far has been from teens! Just a reminder - All votes and 2017 nominations **must be submitted by midnight, December 31, 2015**. Packets containing a 2016 nominee poster, VOTE poster, and FAQ were sent out to over 375 Colorado middle schools and high schools in mid-August to help boost participation. You can request a packet for your own school or library by visiting the [Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award website](#); most of the materials are also [available for download](#).

Interest Groups

Adult Services

The next meeting will be held Thursday, Oct 8 from noon to 3 pm, [Garfield County Libraries](#), Glenwood Springs Branch Library, and will be hosted by Maura McKenna Masters (mmasters@gcpld.org). Remote access will be available.

If you are planning on attending remotely, please email Maura so you can be properly notified. Information will also be posted to Libnet closer to the event date. If you would like to be added to the ASIG email list, please send a note to Dodie Ownes (downes@dclibraries.org).

International Library Cultural Exchange

Nicaragua trip still has room

There is still room on the trip to Nicaragua. For details, go to:

[Nicaragua Library Tour Announcement](#)
[Nicaragua Library Tour 2015 Registration Form](#)
[Nicaragua Library Tour 2015 Itinerary](#)

Nancy Bolt Attends IFLA

I was privileged to attend the IFLA World Library and Information Conference in Cape Town, South Africa. The theme was *Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation*. I was there because I am on the Standing Committee of the IFLA Section on Library Service to People with Special Needs. Last year we completed Guidelines on Library Service to People with Dyslexia. This year we began work on Guidelines on Library Service to People who are Homeless. The program we offered was: *Do THEY have the right to information? Library Services to People Who are Homeless, Incarcerated, or with Mental Difficulties*

I'm writing a longer description of all the IFLA activities for our website (look for it in about a week) but now I want to relay just one story. I was attending a pre-conference continuing education. One of the speakers was a South African media archive librarian for a local television station. She related that when she got the position the station sent her to New York City to attend a conference on media archives. She arrived on September 10,

2001. She was in Times Square when the Trade Towers came down. Everyone was in a panic and she looked for somewhere safe and found the New York Public Library on 42nd street. She said she was so appreciative of that the library was open and that the librarians acted so kind and so professional. She said it reminded her of the 1980's in South Africa when the public libraries protected blacks from the government security forces. Another woman from South Africa said, "Just like Ferguson today." Goose bump time. As always, it makes me proud to be a librarian.

Finally, our CAL International Library Cultural Exchange Interest Group would like to expand our Steering Committee. We meet about every two/three months with some of us in person and some by telephone or Skype. Last year we supported an Emporia State University student trip to Bulgaria (two of our members went as mentors); planned the trip to Nicaragua; expanded the libraries in the Sister Cities program; wrote articles about international librarianship; and planned activities for the CAL conference. If you are interested in international work & would like to help us plan activities, contact [Janet Lee](#) or [Nancy Bolt](#).

Makerspace

The next CAL Makerspace Interest Group meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th, from 10 to 12 at Erion Room, 2nd floor, Loveland Public Library. 300 N. Adams Ave. Loveland 80537. For those interested, a tour of iCreate will follow.

For more information, please contact Becca Cruz at rcruz@ppld.org.

Reader's Advisory

We have set the time and place for the next Readers Advisory Interest Group meeting. The meeting will take place at Westminster Public Library on Friday September 25th from 10:30 to 12:30. The meeting will be in room Classroom L211. Coffee, tea, and light snacks will be available.

Please forward any agenda items you might have or ideas for discussion to [Karen Andrews](#) or [Amy Hall](#).

We look forward to seeing everyone.