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Connections

THE COMMON BOND, VOICE AND POWER FOR THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY

The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff.

Timothy Healy



BE EXTRAORDINARY

It was wonderful to see so many Colorado library people at the 2016 PLA conference. I hope many of you were able to connect with members of the CAL Executive Board who were there in the main lobby to meet, greet and answer questions.



CLEF \$25 for 25 years!

The Colorado Library Education Foundation is Celebrating 25 Years!

In honor of the 25 years of supporting the Colorado Library Community CLEF asks you to donate \$25 for 25 years!

Donations are tax deductible.

Click below to check out what's happening with the \$2.5 million in the State Grants to Libraries Act



Upcoming Events:

See articles in this issue for details!

- Apr 29: CATS Spring Meeting
- May 6: Reforma Colorado mini-conference
- Oct 20 - 22: MPLA/CALCON16

Associations

CASL

Colorado Association of School Libraries

I hope you are all considering nominating someone from within our ranks as Colorado Teacher of the Year. I know we have lots of excellent teachers in our world:



Each year, the Colorado Teacher of the Year Program honors an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled teacher to represent the entire profession in Colorado. The Colorado Teacher of the Year will automatically become Colorado's nominee for the National Teacher of the Year competition sponsored by Voya Financial and the Council of Chief State School Officers.

The role of the Colorado Teacher of the Year is to act as:

- Liaison between the teaching community and the legislature, the Department of Education, districts and communities; an education ambassador to businesses, parents, service organizations and media
- Resource on the state of the profession to be available for workshops and conferences around the state; and an education leader involved in teacher forums and education reform.

Applications for this honor will be due no later than 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 1.

To access the application and additional program information for the 2017 Colorado Teacher of the Year, please visit the link below.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/teacheroftheyear>

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27 Things Your Teacher Librarian Does

TEACHES Teaches students to locate, evaluate, analyze, synthesize, select, create and share information in many formats.	<i>Tweets</i> Tweets, pins, blogs, wikis, digitizes, scans, tumbles, posts and invents.	Links Links online resources with physical ones, teachers with techniques, and students with inquiry.
Shelters Shelters students who may need a safe haven.	Reminds Reminds students to mind their manners on social media, return materials borrowed, share ideas, enjoy learning, and cite sources.	Creates Creates widgets, webpages, wikis, movies, photos, blogs, displays, contests, and scavenger hunts.
Fosters Fosters creativity through makerspaces, physical and digital.	Champions Champions student interests by serving as patron saint of all lost school clubs—gaming, anime, book, card, poetry, etc.	Challenges Challenges students to question, think critically, acquire, evaluate, draw conclusions, create, and share.
Curates Curates resources for the curriculum and teaches students the power of curation.	Serves Serves tasty fiction and delicious non-fiction on a daily basis.	Promotes Promotes a culture of questioning, information seeking, and discovery.
Provides Provides equitable access to information and technology for all learners.	Extends Extends access to resources and services beyond the school day and beyond the school walls through technology.	Collaborates Promotes collaboration among students and faculty and collaborates with colleagues, administrators and parents.
Manages Manages a vast array of resources to ensure students have access to multiple perspectives.	Diversifies Meets diverse student needs, interests, languages, cultural backgrounds, and abilities.	Sponsors Sponsors clubs and special events—face to face and virtual.
Advocates Advocates for legal and ethical use of information, technology, and resources.	Locates Locates whatever you are looking for, wherever it may be.	Learns Learns new skills and ideas through research, professional development opportunities, and connected learning networks.
Brings Brings stories to students via book trailers, book talks, puppet shows, podcasts and a variety of tools and techniques.	Guides Guides students as they discover and use information and technology.	Engages Engages in professional development activities to stay up-to-date on educational technology, issues in education, trends and research.
Knows Knows about media and literature for children and young adults.	Understands Understands how students learn and how teachers teach.	Participates Participates as leaders in professional organizations and welcomes leadership opportunities.
<p>By: Mia MacMeekin and Your Teacher Librarian's PLN</p> <p>Crowdsourcing in education is alive and active.</p> <p>This work by Mia MacMeekin is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial 3.0 Unported License.</p>		

Committees and Divisions



#MPLA/CALCON16: 2016 Is a Joint Conference Venture!

We are always excited for the annual conference, but this year especially. We are teaming up with the Mountain Plains Library Association for a joint conference that promises to deliver even more fabulous programs and opportunities to network across states. We are also taking the opportunity to try some new things and keep all the cool things! Expect:

- Poster sessions to be replaced with lightening talks.
- A Local Arrangements Subcommittee contacting restaurants and businesses so they are prepared for an influx of business (and you don't have to wait for service).
- A repeat of the Mimosas and Bloody Marys on Saturday!
- A special 20th Anniversary Julie J. Boucher Intellectual Freedom presentation.
- Amazing keynotes (of course) like Steven Bell and Nicolle Davies.

Stay tuned! We are currently neck-deep in program session proposals. It will be very hard not to find great sessions to attend, that much I can promise. We will be announcing those in mid-May. In the meantime, we have our [Loyalty Registration](#) rate in place for members. We can't wait. It's going to be awesome!

Steph Myers, Chair, MPLA/CALCON16 Planning Committee

THE TRUTH IS, MOST LIBRARIES ARE
RAUCOUS CLUBHOUSES FOR FREE
SPEECH, CONTROVERSY AND
COMMUNITY
Paula Poundstone

CATS

Children and Teen Services Division

Do you serve youth at your library? Do you want to get new ideas for children's and teen programming? Then join us for the CATS Division Spring Meeting in Delta, CO! There will be opportunities for networking and idea sharing as well as fun workshops with local partners.

The day will start at 10am with free breakfast; you'll also have a chance to meet new colleagues and connect with those you already know. Then there will be time for an introduction to your 2016 CATS board members, who will share their division plans for the coming year.

The first workshop session will be a showcase of a successful program at the Delta Public Library; volunteer Gerry will share his Jam Band program for school-age students.

Then join local teaching artist D.P. Benjamin in a drawing workshop. Benjamin is founder of the Creative Cartooning School and shares his talents with schools and libraries around the southwest. You don't have to know how to draw to have fun at this program!

Lunch will be on your own; there will be a list of restaurants provided if you choose to eat out. Nearby favorites include Daveto's Italian Restaurant and Taco Time.

After lunch, we'll chat with Beth Crist from the Colorado State Library, who will share our exciting new collaboration with Colorado State Parks: starting this summer, library locations across the state will receive 2 backpacks to circulate to their patrons; each will contain a pair of binoculars, 2 field guides, and the main attraction—a pass for free entry into any of Colorado's 42 beautiful state parks!

We'll cap off the day with some time to share program ideas and success stories with your peers. You can bring your own program materials to share with everyone, or you can come prepared to show off your favorite storytime element!

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.cal-webs.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=788905>.

Paralibrarian Division

We regret to announce that there will not be a Paralibrarian Spring Workshop this year. Our chair found it necessary to resign after we should have been deep into plans for the workshop. Farabe Smith, past chair, agreed to be chair another year, but we have no chair-elect. Stephanie Stocking has agreed to continue as secretary. Lynda Hoffmann has stepped down from the reporter position after 11 years, but she has agreed to help this year because we have found no one to volunteer for any positions. Because of these factors we feel that we cannot put on a quality workshop.

We know there are many individuals out there who are passionate about libraries and would be a great fit on our board to help us keep moving forward. If you are interested in developing your leadership skills, building your resume, and networking with other Paralibrarians around Colorado, this board is for you! All meetings can be held virtually, so you don't have to live along the Front Range.

We don't want to see the Paralibrarian Division dissolve, but if no one is willing to come forward, we simply cannot continue. If you value the division and our workshop, please contact one of us. We welcome your comments and suggestions as well.

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*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
but they have the heart – Elizabeth Andrew*

Interest Groups

International Library Cultural Exchange

Nancy Bolt Wins National Award

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Bolt, Board Liaison for ILCE was awarded ALA's Liz Futas Catalyst for Change Award. This award is given biennially to an individual for making positive changes in the profession of librarianship and consists of a 24K gold-framed citation and \$1,000 contributed by the Elizabeth Futas Memorial Fund of the American Library Association.

"The jury that selected Nancy Bolt as the recipient of the 2016 Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award was highly impressed with her wide range of accomplishments and contributions to the profession, all which underscore her keen ability to bring about innovation and positive change in our field," said Kevin Reynolds, award jury chair. "She challenges and inspires, and she repeatedly shepherds into reality programs that some might think difficult, if not impossible, to achieve."

The Award will be presented in Orlando in June.



Grants Available to Promote International Librarianship & Cultural Understanding

ILCE is offering two grants of \$1500 each to promote international librarianship and cultural understanding. The deadline for the grant proposals is May 15, 2016 with the award announced in July, 2015.

There are two overarching purposes of the grants: Support individual and library partnerships and activities that enhance cultural understanding and support cultural programming and activities that celebrate ethnic and immigrant cultures in Colorado. Individuals and all types of libraries that are members of CAL are eligible to apply for these funds. Projects are encouraged that:

- Support collaborations between a library in Colorado and one in another country designed to increase cultural awareness, understanding, and exchange
- A Colorado library event designed to celebrate ethnic and immigrant cultures
- A Colorado individual's efforts to establish or help maintain a library in a country with underdeveloped libraries

Two grants are available for an amount up to \$1,500 per grant. ILCE-IG prefers, but does not require, that one grant be made to support international librarianship and one to support cultural understanding among different groups in a library's service area.

Application instructions and an application form are available at <https://ilceig.wordpress.com/grants-awards/>. Grant applications and any questions should be sent to Kathy Plath at Cal.ilceig@gmail.com. The deadline for grant application is midnight, May 15, 2016. Grants will be awarded on July 1, 2016. Grants may begin on August 1, 2016 and must be completed by September 1, 2017.

ILCE Application for Poster Sessions at ALA and IFLA

ILCE applied to do a poster session on *From Local to Global: How a State Library Association Can Impact International Librarianship*. We believe that CAL is the only state library association that has an international unit. These poster sessions will celebrate all the activities that we do.



Staff of the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca, Nicaragua

International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) President, Donna Scheeder, to Speak at MPLA/CALCON16

ILCE is pleased to sponsor Donna Scheeder, recently of the Library of Congress and President of IFLA for the next two years.



Donna will speak at MPLA/CALCON16 on Friday evening at 5pm about the link between what we do in our local libraries and its connection to global information access and needs

Following President Scheeder's remarks, ILCE will sponsor a reception in the President's suite.



Reforma Colorado



Reforma Colorado is proud to present the 3rd Annual Reforma Colorado Mini Conference that will take place on Friday, May 6th at the Central Branch of the Denver Public Library starting at 12:00pm.

We have a full program this time around with over 20 different learning sessions covering collection development, immigration, fostering collaboration, storytelling, and teen services! We will be providing lunch as we listen to our Keynote Speaker Molina Speaks, (<http://www.molinaspeaks.com/>), a renowned Latino writer, poet and much more!

This conference is an excellent opportunity to connect with other professionals and paraprofessionals that share the same passion for providing services and developing programs for Spanish speakers. The even better news is that it's very affordable! The registration cost is only \$25 dollars for Reforma members and \$40 for non-members.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's mini conference. Here is a description of all the programs we are offering:

<https://reformacolorado.wordpress.com/program-descriptions-2016/> See something you are

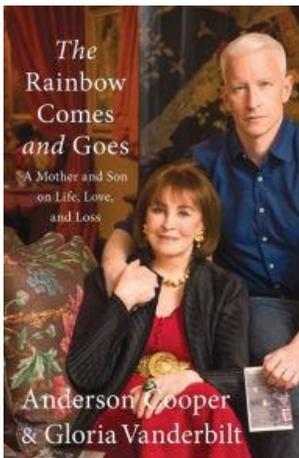
interested in? Register by clicking here:

<https://reformacolorado.wordpress.com/events/2016-mini-conference-2/> by Nicanor Diaz



Personal Thoughts from PLA by Nancy Bolt

I was very excited about attending PLA and very disappointed when I caught a very terrible cold that kept me in bed during most of it. However, I did not want to miss hearing two of my favorite speakers, so I struggled to downtown Denver to hear Anderson Cooper and Arianna Huffington. Both were excellent and both were surprising. I think most of us were hoping for some pithy political analysis but, other than a few off hand swipes, neither discussed politics as their main topic. Both have new books out on topics that seem tangential to their day-jobs.



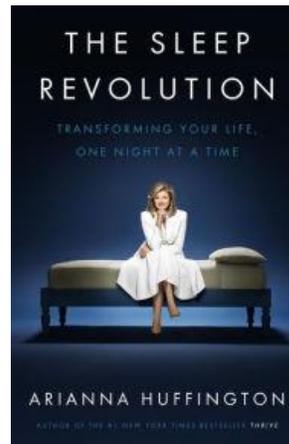
As just about everybody knows by now, Anderson Cooper is the son of Gloria Vanderbilt. His new book, *The Rainbow Comes and Goes*, is about his relationship with, and co-authored with, his mother. He said that he and his mother found it difficult to talk, but not to write, and so they wrote down their thoughts on their lives – their childhood, their joys

and sorrows, and their relationship with each other, particularly misunderstandings they discovered they had had years in the past.

Barnes and Noble describes the book as : “Though Anderson Cooper has always considered himself close to his mother, his intensely busy career as a journalist for CNN and CBS affords him little time to spend with her. After she suffers a brief but serious illness at the age of ninety-one, they resolve to change their relationship by beginning a year-long conversation unlike any they had ever had before. The result is a correspondence of surprising honesty and depth in which they discuss their lives, the things that matter to them, and what they still want to learn about each other.

For example, he tells of coming out to his mother. He said: *I think I'm gay.* (He knew he was gay and had no idea why he phrased it so tentatively.) She said: *Well, I hope you are able to work it out.* (She wanted to be supportive but if he really wasn't sure, she wanted him to work it out on his own.) He thought: *I don't know if she supports me or not.* And they never talked about it again until they wrote the book together.

Arianna Huffington, Executive Editor of the Huffington Post, also has a new book, *The Sleep Revolution*. She said that she had thought she was invincible until one day, about 10 years ago, she collapsed. Her conclusion was that she was exhausted and the reason was lack of sleep. She started on a mission to understand sleep and its role in our life.



She said that overwhelming research shows that about 95% of the population require 7-9 hours of sleep a night. There are a few people who genetically only need 5 hours a night but you really cannot train yourself to be a “short sleeper.” She had recommendations about how get the 7-9 hours a night: don't watch TV; read print, not electronic books;

plug you cell phone or tablet in another room to recharge so that the light doesn't blink in the bedroom and you don't reach for it the last thing at night and the first thing every morning.

Barnes and Noble describe the book as: *a sweeping, scientifically rigorous, and deeply personal exploration of sleep from all angles, from the history of sleep, to the role of dreams in our lives, to the consequences of sleep deprivation, and the new golden age of sleep science that is revealing the vital role sleep plays in our every waking moment and every aspect of our health – from weight gain, diabetes, and heart disease to cancer and Alzheimer's.*

Huffington is campaigning against what she calls “drowsy driving” and that it causes more deaths than drunk driving now. That afternoon, after her presentation, she was going to travel with a Uber driver and interview people on their sleep habits. And she is working with AirB&B to rent out her bedroom to someone and help them change their sleep habits.

Like many Type A personalities, I think of sleep as a waste of time. Her presentation made me think of my own claim that I can get by on five hours of sleep a night and ask why I'm always yawning. And recently I fell asleep at a stop light.

I bought both books.