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A Word from the President

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL). The longevity of the organization is a testament to its members and leadership past, present and future. Each year the CAL Board is presented with a unique set of challenges and opportunities, and 2017 has already presented the Board with both!

In the first quarter of 2017, the Board began investigating ways to improve CAL's financial health in the short and long term. This involved working with vendors - CAL's management company and lobbyists - to negotiate the best possible contracts while maintaining a high level of service.

For the remainder of the year, the Board acknowledges the need to develop a strategic plan (the last one was crafted in 2013), the need to engage membership, and the need to provide opportunities for professional development and networking. These needs will be approached thoughtfully and strategically, and in tandem with input from CAL's amazing array of interest groups, committees, divisions, and associations - and YOU. As a member organization, your thoughts, ideas, and concerns are crucial in helping to shape CAL's future.

Dana Abbey, MLS
President, Colorado Association of

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 18: Reader's Advisory Spring Workshop
- Apr 24 & 25: CLiC Spring Workshop in Pueblo
- Apr 28: Colleague Connection 2017
- May 6: CASL Spring Workshop
- Jun 22 - 27: ALA Conference in Chicago, IL
- Oct 12-14: CALCON17

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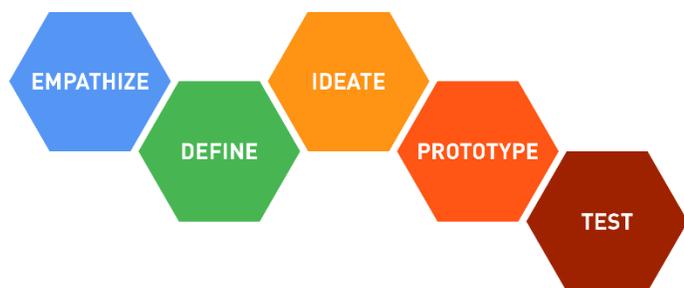
The Latest!

Colleague Connection 2017

Design Thinking – Addressing Complex Challenges with Compelling Solutions

Design Thinking is an innovative, creative, alternate way to visualize solutions to complex issues. At Colleague Connection 2017 we will look at library services and user library experience the way many architects, engineers and businesses problem solve for their ‘users’— via Design Thinking.

Featured speaker Deb Zell will lead us through an interactive and engaging session illustrating the methodology of Design Thinking. The session will be based on actual library challenges/issues/problems submitted by attendees!



About the Speaker:

Deb began her career in technology a decade ago. After launching a website for Charles Schwab which was a complete failure with users, Deb was puzzled by how she could follow the 'right' process (working with extremely smart engineers, talented designers, and lots of data) and fail so miserably. She learned the answer and has spent the last eight years practicing Design Thinking and Human-Centered Design, working with both startups and Fortune 500 companies.

What is Colleague Connection?

Colleague Connection is an annual event that brings together library students, paraprofessionals, librarians, library administrators, trustees, vendors, and friends of libraries from across the State for an evening of networking, learning, and community.

Time and Location

Ruffatto Hall on the University of Denver Campus

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 5:00-8:30pm.

A networking happy hour from 5:00-6:30pm is followed by dinner and the featured speaker.

Cost: \$40.00. Please consider sponsoring student attendance at this event (\$25 per student). Registration: goo.gl/eJSdfN.

Questions: please contact Dana Abbey at dana.abbey@ucdenver.edu or 303-724-2110.

Our sponsor list is growing! Thank you to CLiC, the Colorado Bar Association CLE, the Denver Public Library, the Health Sciences Library, and the University of Denver for supporting this event.

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Committees & Divisions

Legislative Committee



By now you've probably heard that [IMLS](#) (the agency that provides LSTA funds to states) and IAL (national competitive grants for school libraries) are among many programs recommended for elimination in the proposed federal budget. As you know, negotiating this budget is long and convoluted with many political hoops and hurdles over many months. The newly proposed cuts to this and other programs add more complexity.

There are multiple steps ahead that will need contact from library supporters and public. Here is a summary of ALA's recommended actions for your information:

By April 3: Every [Representative](#) (as opposed to senator) in Congress needs Tweets/calls/emails asking for support of IMLS (museums and libraries) by signing onto LSTA & IAL "[Dear Appropriator](#)" letters for funding.

- Check the [House](#) and [Senate](#) sites for contact info. Many have online forms and fax numbers for in-state offices to call or write or consider ALA's E-Z sign-on [found here](#) and [scripts here explaining what to do](#).
- *Library champions in the House are circulating two "Dear Appropriator" letters seeking to preserve over \$210 million federal library funding. One letter asks Members of the powerful Appropriations Committee to fund LSTA and the second does the same for IAL. The bottom line is about the bottom line: the more*

Members of Congress who sign the LSTA and IAL letters, the better the chance that the Appropriators will not cut those critical programs. CO has no one on the committee, but all Reps can be asked to sign on to support. The more constituents they hear from, the better the chances of raising awareness for retaining these programs.

Ongoing: Colorado receives about \$2.7M annually from IMLS. Here is a [list of programs](#) in Colorado that are supported by IMLS funds that would be eliminated or greatly reduced if IMLS is cut. If you or your library's staff rely on or value any of these, your voice is important to assure funding remains. When the federal budget discussions begin in earnest there will be more calls from ALA to make additional contacts in the coming months, including a "Dear Appropriator" call for senators, and other calls for contact as it works through both chambers.

Know your story: ALA says "Nothing will move and motivate *your* local member of Congress and senators to support library funding like hearing *your* story about how federal library funding for LSTA, IAL or any other source has made a difference in *your* library, school and community". See more at [ALA's government relations](#) site. Here is a graphic from the association summarizing the actions and what's at stake.

The [CAL Legislative Committee](#) is an advisory committee to the CAL Board and exists to annually recommend a Legislative Agenda during the annual General assembly.

Working with the Colorado State Library and CAL Lobbyists, the committee develops and recommends a Legislative Agenda to the CAL Board for approval and then oversees the implementation of the Legislative Agenda.

Intellectual Freedom Committee

The CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee has been BUSY! We have updated the facilitator's training manual (first launched in 2002; last revised in 2011; available at [http://www.cal-](http://www.cal-webs.org/?page=IFCTraining)



[webs.org/?page=IFCTraining](http://www.cal-webs.org/?page=IFCTraining)) and are in the process of updating the CAL Intellectual Freedom Handbook as well as developing a new resource on the USA Freedom Act. In addition to providing these educational resources, we've continued our partnership with CLIC to present at the Grand Junction and Pueblo spring workshops and are very excited about the upcoming Julie J. Boucher Memorial Lecture on Intellectual Freedom at CALCON, which will be the 21st lecture in the series. In addition to education, the CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee stands ready to provide guidance when you're faced with a challenge and will work with our partners at the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom to support you. Contact Martin Garnar, chair pro tem of the committee, at mgarnar@uccs.edu for assistance.

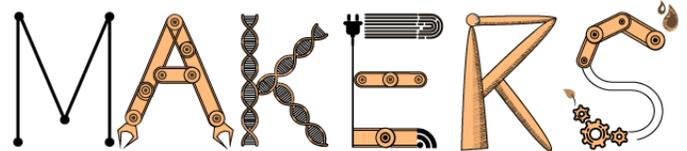
Our upcoming tasks include selecting recipients for the Julie J. Boucher Award for Intellectual Freedom and the Community Honor Roll. If you know of individuals, groups, or institutions worthy of being recognized for their work in promoting or defending intellectual freedom, please contact the committee at califcco@gmail.com with details of your nomination by May 31st. You can support the work of the committee through donations to the Julie J. Boucher Memorial Fund.

More information about the Boucher Awards and Memorial Fund is available at <http://www.cal-webs.org/?page=IFCBoucherMemorial>, which also includes a donation link.

We still have so much to do and could use your help. If you'd like to learn more about the IFC, please join our regular conference call on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. (to participate, call the CAL Conference Line: [1-605-475-6150](tel:1-605-475-6150); access code 575-8614). Thanks, and we look forward to working with you.

Martin Garner, IFC Chair

Makers Division



The inaugural meeting for the CAL Makers Division was held March 1 at Arapahoe Library District's Castlewood Library. Topics of discussion included board members, working together to staff a table at Denver ComicCon, planning for the COLab at CALCON 2017, and information sharing.

We have a great group of people from a variety of libraries. We come together to share ideas and discuss challenges faced while providing maker services in all its different incarnations. Our second quarter meeting will be announced soon, and we invite those interested in learning more to attend. If you would like further information about the Maker Division, please feel free to contact Becca Cruz at rcruz@ppld.org.

Becca Cruz, Markerspace Division Chair

Colorado Association of School Librarians (CASL)

CASL's Spring Connections Workshop is coming up!

See below for the details!

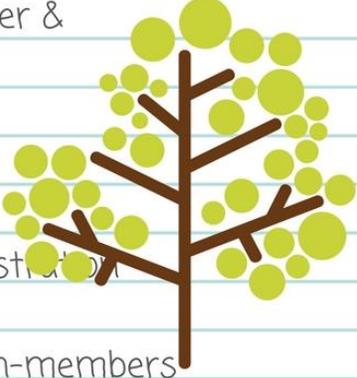
Don't Just Say It, Prove It:
Show Your Community How Much You're Worth!

CASL Spring Connections Workshop:
Saturday May 6, 2017, 8:30-2:30
@ RAFT in Denver

Speaker Teresa Lansford, M.L.I.S.
National Board Certified Teacher &
Teacher Librarian

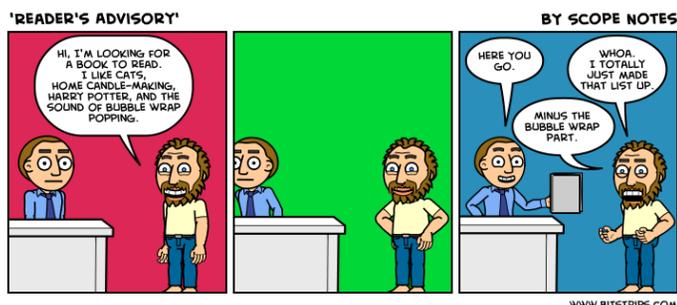
Unconference | Networking
Explore RAFT
Lunch provided with your registration

\$25 for CAL Members/\$35 Non-members
Look for registration information soon!



Interest Groups

Reader's Advisory Interest Group



Join us for sessions on readers' advisory for teens, the hidden benefits of NovelList, networking with your fellow readers' advisers, and RA fun and games. Stick around in the afternoon for a Book Buzz session starring our sales reps from Hachette Book Group and Penguin Random House, as well as colleagues from local collection development departments, who will be sharing the upcoming titles they are most excited about. You are guaranteed to learn something new!

Arapahoe Library District - Koelbel Library

5955 S Holly St, Centennial, CO 80121

April 18, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration is \$30 CAL members/\$40 non-members and includes lunch. Visit the CAL website at <http://www.cal-webs.org/default.asp?page=RAIG> to see the full agenda and register today!

Get connected with fellow attendees on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1756579064656965>

Brett Keniston, Reader's Advisory Group Co-Chair

Adult Services Interest Group

ASIG's first meeting of the year was hosted by Matthew Galloway, Adult Service Librarian at Parker Library. Douglas County's newest location and services were inspiring. Our meeting provided an invaluable opportunity to discuss all things adult services including programming, training opportunities, services successes and challenges. Contact Matthew if you are interested in a tour! mgalloway@dclibraries.org

In response to continued service challenges to those experiencing trauma and homelessness, social worker Elissa Hardy will be on-hand to answer your questions at our April meeting. Join the discussion in-person or online with Google Hangouts.

April 13 (Thurs), 9:00am-12pm,

[Boulder Main Library](#)

Host: TimMcClelland,

McClellandT@boulderlibrary.org

9:00 a.m., ASIG member updates

10:30-11:30am, Elissa Hardy, LCSW

Email spurlin@denverlibrary.org

to be included on the call for agenda items and receive connect guide for Google Hangouts. Big thanks to Matthew and Tim streamlining instructions for virtual participation!

Laurie Spurling, ASIG Chair

International Library and Cultural Exchange



At its recent meeting, ILCE heard reports of the two international grants awarded last fall for international projects. Colorado State University—Pueblo received an award to create an exhibit focusing on the Chicano Movement in the San Luis Valley. Assistant archivist Jose Ortega at CSU-P reported that he has been conducting oral histories with people associated with *La Cucaracha*, a Chicano newspaper in the Valley including a group interview where the founding members of the paper “reminisced about their time at the newspaper. It was a more relaxed setting and more day-to-day information about the newspaper’s operation was given.” Based on this and other information, the exhibit is being prepared.

The University of Colorado at Boulder project was funded to strengthen existing relationships and form new partnerships with international students and student organizations. To date, there has been an international talent show to showcase the culture of different students attending UC-B.

ILCE is considering offering two more grants this year.

Sister City Updates

Janet Lee is with Aurora Sister Cities on a trip to Ethiopia.

Brest France, a very early Sister City of Denver, has finished completion of a new, modern main library. The Brest city and library officials have invited Denver librarians to visit Brest, France next spring and visit the new main library and other libraries in the area. ILCE is discussing the possibilities for this trip.

In other travels . . .

Denver will also host the National Peace Corps Association Conference in Denver August 5 & 6, 2017 in Denver at the University.

A DU library science student spent her internship in San Juan del Sur, working with Jane Mirandette in developing libraries. Janet Lee went to Kenya and Ethiopia to work with libraries. She is also going to the African Library Association in Cameroon May 14th to give a paper on Public Libraries as a place of tolerance. Nancy Bolt has been invited to Greece to help develop a ten-year vision for IFLA and will be going to Geneva to work on the role of libraries in including people with disabilities in the

Nancy Bolt, ILCE Board Liaison

News from ALA

2017 Leadership Institute Deadline April 13



CHICAGO – Applications for the 2017 “[Leading to the Future](#)” ALA Leadership Institute (August 7-10, [Q Center](#), St. Charles, Illinois) will be accepted through April 13, 2017. The institute is designed to help future

library leaders develop and practice their leadership skills in areas critical to the future of the libraries they lead.

Building on the success of the past ALA Leadership Institutes, the four-day immersive leadership development program for up to 40 mid-career librarians will be led again by ALA past-president Maureen Sullivan and library and leadership consultant Kathryn Deiss.

The [application form](#) as well as details and guidelines are available on the Transforming Libraries website. Applicants may nominate themselves or be nominated by their employer. Participation includes a free one-year membership in [LLAMA](#) (Library Leadership and Management Association).

Through reflective and active learning, the institute offers participants an opportunity to delve into leadership practices, concepts, and frameworks, and to shape their own sustainable leadership vision and ethos, at the same time as building a learning community and network. With content based on real-world cases and nuanced situations, participants explore topics related to the greatest challenges and possibilities of leading into a future marked by turbulence and ambiguity. Participants from the past institutes “can’t sing the praises of the institute enough.” They report gaining the “confidence to become more comfortable networking, get involved in my [local] library association, and seek out new career

opportunities” and becoming “a stronger mentor to my staff and utilizing a leadership style which is both inclusive and inspiring.” The consensus is that the institute “inspires confidence and encourages attendees to pursue leadership opportunities they might not have done otherwise.”

Don’t miss the Friday, April 13, 2017 deadline!

Speakers for ALA 2017 Announced



ALA 2017 in Chicago (June 22 – 27) promises another year of amazing speakers. Announcements were made this month that the following have been confirmed to speak:

Brené Brown

Bill Nye & Gregory Mone

Sarah Jessica Parker

Reshma Saujani

Sandra Uwiringiyimana

Gene Luen Yang

More information on this year’s conference can be found at the conference website:

<http://2017.alaannual.org/>