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# Connections

THE COMMON BOND, VOICE AND POWER FOR THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY

## CALCON17 – Register Now!

### Upcoming Events

- July 21 CoALA Workshop: Intellectual & Academic Freedom and the Academic Library
- Jun 22 - 27: ALA Conference in Chicago, IL
- Aug 1: Last day for Early Bird CALCON17 registration

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Have you registered for CALCON17 yet?

August 1 is your last chance to register at the early bird rate. Visit <http://cal-webs.wixsite.com/calcon17/registration> to register today.

2017 is a special year in that it marks the 125th anniversary of CAL. In addition to great keynotes, presentations, vendor exhibits, and plenty of networking opportunities, this year's conference will be a special celebration of 125 years of organized library support in the state of Colorado!

We look forward to seeing you there!

# The Latest!

## Students Can Now Join Two Great Associations for One Price

The Colorado Association of Libraries has partnered with the American Library Association to offer a joint ALA-CAL membership for **Library and Information Science students**.  
\$38 (through August 31, 2017)

### ALA Benefits

- 6 issues of *American Libraries*, the magazine of the association.
- Weekly delivery via email of *ALDirect*, the industry leader for news affecting the future of the profession.
- Student *ALDirect*, a monthly e-newsletter specifically focusing on news and information to students.
- Access to ALA scholarships, grants, awards and travel opportunities.
- Substantial discounts on ALA and Divisional Conferences.
- 10% members- only discounts on ALA publications and graphics.
- Access to auto and home insurance through ALA affinity providers.

### CAL Benefits

- Networking and problem-solving with colleagues in a variety of libraries.
- Professional development at the annual conference and workshops during the year.
- Reduced rates on the annual conference and other workshop registrations.
- Online access to the CAL newsletter.
- Eligible for CAL scholarships and awards.

- Opportunities for leadership in the organization and in the profession.
- Influential voice in the Colorado legislature through legislative work and the work of the lobbyist.

## Support the Colorado Library Educational Fund with a Smile

It's likely that you have already noticed that Amazon.com now has their "SMILE" program which donates a portion from your purchase to a selected charity. But, did you know that you can support CLEF through this program?

**A New Way to Support CLEF!**

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**You shop. Amazon gives.**

Just visit [Amazon Smile](#) select *Colorado Library Educational Foundation*, and automatically donate .5% of the purchase price of eligible goods to CLEF.

If you purchase through Amazon, join the [SMILE](#) program and consider choosing to support CLEF!

The Colorado Library Educational Fund (CLEF) provides grants to Colorado Library staff who are CAL members to attend Colorado-based classes, workshops, and conferences. Contact CAL Staff if you have questions about this 501 (c)(3) organization!

# Committees, Associations, Divisions

## Legislative Committee

Here are some recent legislative highlights:

### **\$2.5 Million for Libraries Stays Intact in State Budget**

The Long Bill was moved forward maintaining the \$2.5 million grant dollars allocated to publicly funded libraries. The Legislative Committee and Lobbyists will be watching the State's financial situation to determine whether the 2018-19 year is one to step closer to our goal of \$1 per person or whether we should continue to focus on maintaining our current funding level.

### **National Budget – Did I hear that LSTA might go away?!**

President Trump's 2018 budget cuts funding to the arts, humanities, and libraries. If approved, both the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will only receive enough funding to shut down their offices. Shutting down the IMLS includes ending all LSTA funding.

Will this really happen? The likelihood of this going through as written is very low. However, we should all take this as a reminder that we cannot assume that funding will always be stable. Take some time to contact your Washington D.C. representatives and let them know about how funds received through programs such as ESSA, IAL and LSTA make a difference for your community.

### **Legislative Committee's Summer Hiatus**

The Legislative Committee's next formal meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 6, 2017. If issues or

items are brought forward during the summer months, a decision to meet or handle through other forms of communication will be made.

Heard about something in the legislative realm? Have a question? Please contact David Sanger at [dsanger301@aol.com](mailto:dsanger301@aol.com) and/or Elena Rosenfeld at [erosenfeld@highplains.us](mailto:erosenfeld@highplains.us)

## Children and Teen Services Division (CATS)

The upcoming CATS Fall meeting will take place on August 18th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Gilpin Public Library.

Current topics include:

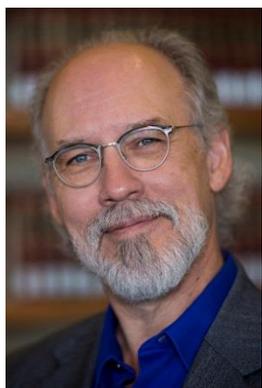
- **What Teen Volunteers Can Do For Your Library**, presented by Resa Mai from Clearview Library District. Learn how to get and give the most from your teen volunteers. Understand what they need from us, what we can expect from them and how to balance all of our expectations. You will leave armed with the tools to ensure an effective volunteer program, a sample application, agreement, and evaluation.
- A brief presentation by elected officials of Black Hawk (details still to be confirmed).

We are still looking for 1 or 2 more people to give a half hour to 45-minute presentation! If interested please email submissions to Brittany at [brittany@clearviewlibrary.org](mailto:brittany@clearviewlibrary.org).

# Colorado Academic Library Association (CoALA)

## 2017 Workshop: Intellectual and Academic Freedom and the Academic Library

The Colorado Academic Library Association is pleased to present our 2017 Workshop on Intellectual/Academic Freedom and the Academic Library. Our keynote speakers will present on unique challenges and concerns facing the academy within the context of intellectual and academic freedom.



Jamie LaRue is the Director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom for the American Library Association. Previously, he was the director of the Douglas County Libraries and Library Services Director at the Greeley Public Library. Among his many activities, he has served on the Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR) Board of Trustees, OCLC Membership Council, and Douglas County Youth Initiative Executive Board. He was president of the Colorado Council for Library Development (2002-2003) and president of the Colorado Library Association (1998-1999). He was named Colorado Librarian of the Year in 1998 and received the Julia J. Boucher Award for Intellectual Freedom from the Colorado Library Association in 2007.

Jamie LaRue will speak on "Turning Our Back on the First Amendment? Intellectual Freedom and the Academy." Many academic librarians thought Intellectual Freedom was settled business in the university environment. Who challenged books anymore? But now, with trigger warnings, fired professors, and violent protests against invited speakers, it might be time to take another look.



Martin Garnar is the dean of the Kraemer Family Library at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. He started teaching professional ethics for the University of Denver's library and information science program in 2005 and has served as chair of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, the ALA Committee on Professional Ethics, and the ACRL Professional Values Committee. He's currently serving as the president of the Freedom to Read Foundation. Martin is a frequent speaker on ethics and intellectual freedom at state, regional, and national events, and served as the assistant editor for the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the *ALA Intellectual Freedom Manual*.

Academic library workers never have to worry about intellectual freedom, right? All those book challenges happen in school or public libraries (well, there were those funding cuts based on the choice of a first-year campus reading program book, but that's an isolated incident). Still, there are no concerns about equity of access (as long as you have the right device and don't have any disabilities), we have complete control over our patrons' records (except all the information held by IT and third-party vendors), and campuses universally celebrate free speech (though trigger warnings, free speech zones, and disinvited speakers are taking their toll). Really, it doesn't apply to us at all.

(Of course it does.)

Please join Martin Garnar for a conversation about intellectual freedom in academic libraries and the particular challenges we face.

Registration is now open! Register at: <https://calwebs.site-ym.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=975172>

- Ryan Buller, President

# Interest Groups

## Adult Services Interest Group

### Spring Meeting

ASIG's April meetup was hosted by Tim McClelland, Patron Services Manager at Boulder Public Library. Tinker tables, IdeaCon, and goats (!) were just a few of the timely updates shared by group members. Special guests included Elissa Hardy, LCSW and Neil Silverman (peer navigator and family specialist) from Denver Public Library who facilitated a discussion about services to those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Participants included staff from Broomfield, Denver, Lafayette, Longmont, Pueblo, Thorton, Parker and Colorado State Library. Below are a few community contacts and resources compiled from the discussion.

### Resources:

- Ryan Dowd -- *A Librarian's Guide to Homelessness* available on YouTube
- Brene Brown's TED Talk videos
- *Trauma Stewardship: An Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others* by Laura van Dernoot Lipsky
- *Keeping the Peace: Mindfulness and Public Service Work* by Thich Nhat Hanh
- Sleep Tight Colorado, [sleeptightcolorado.org](http://sleeptightcolorado.org), distributes sleeping bags.
- Colorado AIDs project, [coloradoaidsproject.org](http://coloradoaidsproject.org), distributes free condoms
- Amanda Kearney-Smith, Colorado Mental Health Wellness

Network, [coloradomentalwellnessnetwork.org](http://coloradomentalwellnessnetwork.org)

- Mobile laundry services, The Laundry Truck, [colaundrytruck.com](http://colaundrytruck.com)
- Moving back into the workforce after prison, Remerg (not yet nonprofit), <http://remerg.com/>
- Elissa Hardy, LCSW [ehardy@denverlibrary.org](mailto:ehardy@denverlibrary.org)
- Carl LoFaro, [veterans@jcmh.org](mailto:veterans@jcmh.org), Veteran and Military Family Services at the Jefferson Center for Mental Health
- Kara Bauman, [boyington\\_e@cde.state.co.us](mailto:boyington_e@cde.state.co.us), [cde.state.co.us/cdelib/prisonlibraries](http://cde.state.co.us/cdelib/prisonlibraries)

If you're not on ASIG's mailing list, please join us. Contact [lpurlin@denverlibrary.org](mailto:lpurlin@denverlibrary.org) to receive meeting minutes and calls for future agenda items.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 9am-12 noon\*

[Windsor-Severance Library](#)

Host: Jennifer

Bradley, [jennifer@clearviewlibrary.org](mailto:jennifer@clearviewlibrary.org)

Share your fresh service wins and opportunities at ASIG's summer meetup. July's topic is civic programming and marketing. What's in your lookbook! Online participation available through Google Hangouts.

*\*New to Windsor? Join us for lunch afterward and explore the city.*

- Laurie Spurling, ASIG Chair

# International Library and Cultural Exchange

## ILCE offers second grants for international cooperation among libraries

The International Library and Cultural Exchange (ILCE) Interest Group is offering a second round of grants for projects that celebrate international cooperation and cultural understanding. Two grants for \$1500 each are available. The deadline for the grant applications is July 10. The guidelines and application form are on the ILCE website. Just click on the website link above, and then on Grants and Awards.

If you have questions about the grant guidelines or application form, contact Kathy Plath at [plathkathy@gmail.com](mailto:plathkathy@gmail.com).

The ILCE Interest Group grew out of the American-Bulgarian Library Exchange Project (1996-2011), which sought to create connections and cooperation between American and Bulgarian libraries. The ILCE-IG has extended its scope to encourage projects that foster relationships between Colorado Libraries and those of other countries, to help build and maintain libraries in communities overseas, and to celebrate non-dominant cultures across Colorado.

ILCE-IG has two primary goals:

- Support individual and library partnerships and activities that enhance cultural understanding, and
- Support cultural programming and activities that celebrate diverse ethnic and immigrant cultures in Colorado.

The purpose of the grants is to implement these goals.

## Janet Lee receives Fulbright appointment

Regis University Dean of the Dayton Memorial Library Janet Lee has been named a Fulbright

Scholar, a prestigious honor that will enable her to focus on open access publishing in Ethiopia. Lee will travel to Ethiopia in September for two semesters where she will partner with the University of Aksum. She will explore avenues of scholarly publishing in Ethiopia that will give voice to the unheard, sharing their knowledge, perspectives and values.

With her vast knowledge of library skills, Lee will provide training to the university and the public library. She will also conduct children's book publishing training with an emphasis on open access and first language materials.

"Putting attractive, well-written books in local languages in the hands of young children is a reward in itself," she said. The work has long been a part of her passion. She previously served as a Peace Corps volunteer and helped create a small school library in Ethiopia from 1974-76.

## Janet Lee attends 4<sup>th</sup> African Library Summit and 2<sup>nd</sup> AfLIA Conference in Yaounde, Cameroon.

Two Colorado librarians were among the 127 attendees at the 4<sup>th</sup> African Library Summit & 2<sup>nd</sup> AfLIA Conference held in Yaounde, Cameroon.



*The "Ethiopia" contingent: Ben Rearick, Garoma Daba (Librarian, African Union), Janet Lee, Shimelis Assefa*

Janet Lee, Chair of the International Library and Cultural Exchange Interest Group, collaborated with Dr. Shimelis Assefa, Professor at the Morgridge College of Education Library and Information Science Program at the University of Denver on a paper "Public Libraries as a Place to Advance Tolerance," which surveyed libraries in Colorado

and across the nation on programs and practices that promote tolerance.

Dr. Assefa also presented on “Data and Information Literacy.” Janet partnered with newly Returned Peace Corps Ethiopia Volunteer, Ben Rearick, a student in the University of Michigan’s Library and Information Science Program, on a poster “A Hyena’s Tale: Introducing Children to the Power of Reading in Ethiopia.” Dr. Assefa also presented a poster “The well-being of Nations and what Libraries can do to Help: The Case for Africa.” A version of the Lee/Rearick poster has been accepted for the International Poster Session at the American Library Association conference in Chicago in June.

- Nancy Bolt, ILCE Board Liaison