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# Connections

THE COMMON BOND, VOICE AND POWER FOR THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY

## President's Message



Have you ever wondered where state grant money for libraries comes from? Have you ever wondered how this money was secured in the first place? Have you wondered what CAL lobbyists are working for in the state legislature? Do you wonder if contacting your elected officials can *really* make a difference? If so, then read on!

Back in 1995/96, a coalition of library leaders began a campaign called "Dollar Does It". This initiative sought \$5 million dollars to support Colorado libraries. In 2000, the first bill for state funding of libraries passed the state house by a significant bi-partisan margin. However, the bill was vetoed by then-Governor Owens, which created a backlash in the media. In 2001, a second bill was passed, which provided \$2 million dollars for educational resources in school, public and academic libraries.

Through this new law, grants were issued for two years before a line-item veto eliminated 75% of the funding to Colorado libraries, including state grants. The statute, however, is still in place, it just hasn't been funded in 10 years.

CAL's mission, and the mission of our lobbyists in the state legislature has been to restore this funding. A motion from Colorado Senator Pat Steadman was approved by the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) and an appropriation of \$2 million dollars was granted for libraries in March, 2013. Perhaps your library, like mine, has benefitted from this support. Grants have been issued in 2013/14 and 2014/15, now reaching 93% of eligible libraries. During March of 2015, a motion made by Colorado Rep. Millie Hamner to increase the appropriation to \$2.5 million dollars was passed in the JBC by a vote of 6-0. The new \$2.5 million dollar amount is in SB115-234, the state budget "long bill". The final amount of funding will be known when the bill is approved and finalized by the House and Senate in April. That's right, an extra \$5 million dollars for libraries could be approved! This is AMAZING!!!

So, I gave you the good news first. The potentially bad news is that the recently passed budget proposal by the House in Congress (that's national level, not state) seeks to eliminate funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in Washington, D.C. IMLS provides Colorado with \$2.8 million dollars annually. ALA has more information [here](#).

Unfortunately, this is not the first time such a proposal has been made. Past efforts to cut funding have not been successful, but with both the House and Senate under the same leadership, the proposal may gain more traction. If it is passed, this budget proposal could reduce or eliminate federal funds for libraries, which Colorado uses as Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants and to operate many statewide services. Some of these services include AspenCat, the Alliance/Marmot catalog project, statewide ILL, and Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection.

In the coming weeks and months, you will be asked to contact your elected officials regarding the value of federal funding for libraries. I urge you to make the call, write the letter, or send the email. Maybe make a couple calls! Grant funding makes many valuable services and programs possible—let's show our officials that CAL means business!

- Joanna Powell, CAL President

## Upcoming Events – see articles in this issue for details!

April 9: Adult Services IG meeting

April 10: CAL Board Meeting

April 12-18: National Library Week

April 17: PLA 2016 submission deadline

April 20: CoASL Spring Workshop

April 23: Paralibrarian Division Spring Workshop

April 26: ALA Elections end

April 29: Readers Advisory IG Spring Workshop

May 4-5: National Library Legislative Day

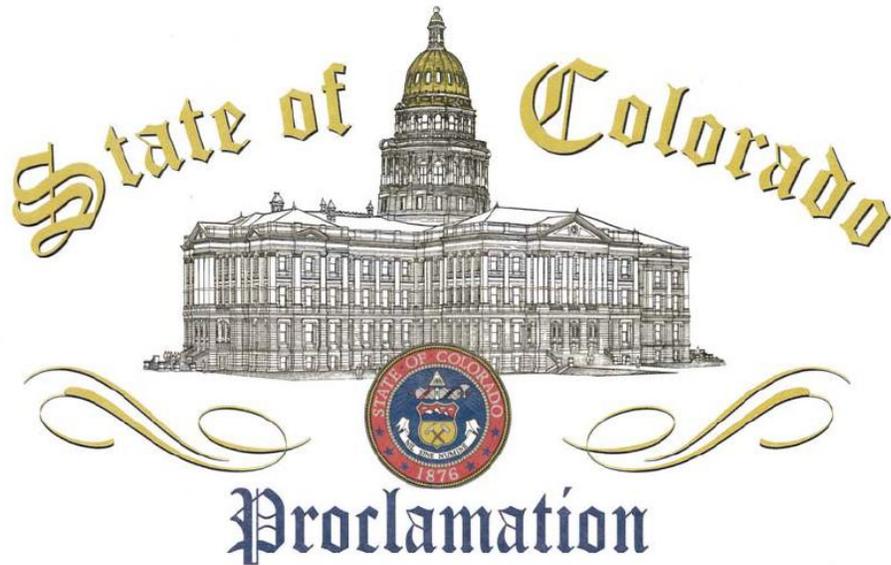
June 5: CoALA Spring UnConference – CSU

June 12: CAL Board Meeting

July 8: Adult Services IG meeting

July 25: CoALA UnConference – Adams State Univ

**October 22-24: CALCON15**



*WHEREAS, our nation's libraries support a competitive workforce through literacy programs, books, computers, and other resources to help children and adults learn to find, evaluate, and use information they need for their jobs, health, education and other needs; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado public, academic, school, and special libraries fulfill the critical role of providing tools to build a literate community for young children, their caregivers, parents, and educators; and*

*WHEREAS, 94 percent of Colorado's public libraries offer technical training to help people gain essential technological skills for the 21st Century workforce and obtain crucial education and life-changing opportunities; and*

*WHEREAS, over 96 percent of Colorado's public libraries act as the bridge between government and its services, offering free access and assistance to help people complete online government information; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's public libraries are often the only free source of Internet access in their communities, providing a vital link to technology and information; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans borrow a combined total of over 94 million items annually from our State's school, public, and academic libraries, or almost 19 items per person; and*

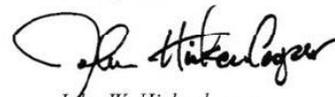
*WHEREAS, schools with professionally trained school librarians saw reading test scores improve 6 percent over schools with no such staffing;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2015, as*

#### *COLORADO LIBRARY DAY*

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this eighteenth day of  
March, 2015*

  
*John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor*



Proclamation from the Governor's office for Colorado Lobby Day

# Associations

## CASL

Colorado Association of School Libraries

### Highlighting Teacher Librarian Leadership:



This spring, the Colorado Board of Education and Commissioner Hammond will recognize 13 teacher librarians and their schools for earning Colorado Department of Education's "Highly Effective School Library Program" Recognition. Commissioner of Education Robert Hammond will recognize the 13 librarians and principals at the May or June State Board of Education meeting. In addition, each school will receive a banner indicating their school and library program is highly effective.

Prior to applying, each teacher-librarian, along with their respective principal, assesses their library program using the "[Highly Effective School Library Program Evaluation Rubric](#)." This assessment tool outlines what an exemplary school library program looks like in areas such as high-quality teaching, teacher leadership within and outside the community, student and teacher collaboration, differentiated instruction, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills integration with the Colorado Academic Standards, and more. In this competitive process, the applicants must provide concrete evidence that they not only meet or exceed the criteria for being considered, but also show how they are instructional leaders who help improve student learning. This year's awardees are:

- Emily Hungerford, Barnum Elem., Denver Public Schools
- Derek Phelan, Campus Middle School, Cherry Creek School District
- Yvonne Miller, Castle Rock Middle School, Douglas County School District
- Holly Wagner, Cresthill Middle School; Douglas County School District
- Janine Singer-Kowalsky, Falcon Bluffs Middle School, Jefferson County School District
- Suzanne Covington, Kyffin Elementary, Jefferson County School District
- Sandy Scheirman, Linton Elem., Poudre School District
- Tricia LaRue, Mountain Range H.S., Adams 12 School Dist
- Natalie Schiele, Rooney Ranch Elementary, Jefferson County School District
- Kyle Harmon, Smoky Hill H.S., Cherry Creek School Dist.
- Chris Hall, Summit High School, Summit School District
- Rachel Budzynski, University Schools K-12, Weld County School District 6
- Loran Lattes, Whittier International School, Boulder Valley School District

## CoASL

Colorado Association of Special Libraries



Thank you to all who attended the February CoASL meeting at the Aurora Westwood Campus on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The turnout was great, and the program was educational for everyone regarding the Medical Marijuana Industry.

The virtual meeting held on March 13<sup>th</sup> was also very informative and another great discussion. Dan Cordova spoke about "The Future of Special Libraries." If you missed it; it is available at:

<http://breeze.careeredonline.com/p5g1mcuz1cu/>.

Don't miss your chance to celebrate April 20<sup>th</sup> with the CoASL workshop! There will be more information about the marijuana industry in Colorado and an opportunity to hear from Pat Wagner and Melissa Powell. [Registration is now open on the CAL website](#). Please sign up and join us for 4 phenomenal speakers, a boxed lunch, and a great networking opportunity all for \$25-members/\$35-nonmembers! We hope to see everyone there!

## CoALA

Colorado Academic Library Association

Upcoming Events include:

**2015 Spring Unconference – CSU**

June 5: 8 am – 3:30pm. [Info & Registration](#)

**2015 Unconference - Adams State Univ.**

July 24: 8 am – 3:30pm. [Info & Registration](#)

**Webinar – Sponsored by CoALA**

August 13: 3-5pm

*Academic Librarians and the Faculty Model: History, Trends, Challenges.*

Presented by Carol Smith, Library Director, Nielsen Library, Adams State University.

More information on this event in future newsletters



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# Divisions

## CAL Trustees & Friends

LIBRARY LOBBY DAY SUCCESS: The Trustees & Friends Division was well represented at Library Lobby Day at the State Capitol on March 18. Several members served in support positions for the event and various Trustees/Friends arrived armed with literature and talking points for their legislators. CAL's efforts netted another \$500K for the 2015 Library Grants program by a unanimous vote of the Joint Budget Committee. Well done, library supporters!



L to R: David Bonderchuck (Scratch Catering), Jennifer Kutzik, Holly Carroll, Ken Draves, Robin Gard

NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY: Registration is still open for NLLD, to be held on May 4-5 in Washington, D.C.

More information can be found here: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>

Holley Carroll is our Colorado contact. Email: [hcarroll@poudrelibraries.org](mailto:hcarroll@poudrelibraries.org)

## Paralibrarian

The Paralibrarian Spring Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 8am to 3pm at the newly improved Boulder Public Library.

The theme this year is "YOU Are a Champion: Be Extraordinary!" Wield unfathomable power, bring order to chaos, make undeniable connections to the community, and accomplish remarkable feats every day! Our keynote speakers are from the Pine River Library in Bayfield (voted Best Small Library in 2014!)

There are 5 scholarships available. Submit your application at <http://goo.gl/forms/Xfz5JLdxKm> by April 10. The process is very simple. If you've always wanted to attend, but you didn't have the funds, this is a great opportunity to attend for free.

Lunch will be provided by Clara Sitter, DU LIS coordinator. [Registration will be available soon at the CAL website.](#) Contact Farabe Smith at [farabe@elbertcountylibrary.org](mailto:farabe@elbertcountylibrary.org) if you have any questions. We hope you will consider attending.

## Children and Teen Services

CATS Division Meeting:  
Save the date!  
Friday, August 14,  
10 am to 3 pm  
Estes Valley Library  
335 E. Elkhorn Ave.  
Estes Park, CO 80517



More information to come.  
<https://www.facebook.com/catsig>  
<https://catsig.wordpress.com/>

	<p>The Public Library Association (PLA) is now accepting preconference and program proposals for the <a href="#">PLA 2016 Conference</a>, April 5-9, 2016 in Denver.</p> <p>The deadline for submitting proposals is April 17, 2015. All proposals must be submitted <a href="#">online</a> through the PLA Conference website.</p>	
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# Committees

## Legislative

### Thanks to Everyone Who Talked to Their Legislators!

The Colorado Lobby Day event held on Wednesday, March 18th was a great success thanks to the active participation of the CALLI Cohort along with the mix of librarians, library trustees, and library supporters who participated. None of this would have been accomplished without the coordinating efforts of Elizabeth Kelsen-Huber, Andrea Reveley, and our CAL Lobbyists.

Not long after the event, we learned that the Joint Budget Committee voted 6 to 0 to add \$500,000 to the Library Grants program for the coming year. This is a great win for our library users. Special thanks to our lobbyist and those of you that made focused calls to JBC members. It is that type of coordinated work that makes this happen.

And, remember, that it is never too late to contact your legislators about how your library work serves your community. Need help getting started? Contact either Elena Rosenfeld ([erosenfeld@highplains.us](mailto:erosenfeld@highplains.us)) or David Sanger ([dsanger401@aol.com](mailto:dsanger401@aol.com)) if you would like some ideas on how to proceed.

## Communications

The Communications Committee continues to develop Social Media strategy. Be sure to follow CAL and Colorado Library news on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!

You can contact us with information via our new email: [calconnections@gmail.com](mailto:calconnections@gmail.com).



## CAL Conference

Things are heating up for the 2015 CALCON Conference Planning Committee! In March, we were thrilled to announce [3 keynote speakers](#), and encouraged library staff across the state to submit their program ideas. Heading into April, we will be forwarding the conference program submissions to the four CAL Associations who will select the first 24 programs. The final selections will be made by the Program Selection Subcommittee in May. Interested in participating in the development of CALCON 2015? All of our [meetings](#) are open to both in-person and remote attendance.



## Oct. 22-24

**Embassy Suites  
Loveland, CO**

Network and learn via keynote presentations, general sessions, and program submissions from your peers. Meet with vendors to check out their latest products and services and attend networking events to create new contacts and strengthen relationships.

[Learn more here!](#)

# Interest Groups

## Adult Services

Your agenda items and good news shares are needed for the next Adult Services Interest Group (CAL) meeting in April. If you work with adults or interested in learning more, check out the group! It's good company and informative discussions. Can't attend in person? Join us via [Adobe Connect](#). (Headset with microphone is recommended. Chat feature is also available.) Please send your agenda items ASAP to our meeting host, Laurie Spurling, at [lspurlin@denverlibrary.org](mailto:lspurlin@denverlibrary.org).

### Meeting Information

Thursday, April 9 from 9 am - 12 noon  
Central Library, Denver Public Library, 13th & Broadway, Gates Room, Level 5  
Transportation: Easily accessible by bus or light rail and just 2 blocks south of 16th Street Mall. Paid parking is available at 13th & Broadway. Metered parking for the lengthy time period is not available.

### Future Meetings

July 8 (Wed): Arapahoe Library District, Koelbel Library, Centennial from 9 am - noon.  
Oct 8 (Thu): Garfield County Libraries, Glenwood Springs Branch Library from noon - 3pm.  
Please contact Dodie Ownes (Chair) [downes@dclibraries.org](mailto:downes@dclibraries.org) if you have questions.

## International Library Cultural Exchange

**International Library Cultural Exchange and the CAL Board Sponsor Trip to Nicaragua – November 7 – 16, 2015**

One of the most successful partner libraries that we have in Colorado is between the Poudre River Library District and the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. Now ILCE and the CAL Board are sponsoring a tour to see cultural sites in Nicaragua and visit libraries.

Local arrangements will be made by Jane Mirandette, founder of the Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for ALL Programs, a Colorado-based nonprofit. Jane is the Director of the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca in a lovely coastal town.

We will tour various cultural sites in Nicaragua including the Masaya Volcano and its Natural History Museum; the 16th century city of Granada, with its cathedrals and the Museo San Francisco with its large collection of pre-Columbian statues; and a visit to a pottery studio and a Clay to Kiln demonstration of the local and very famous pottery techniques. We will also visit rural and urban, large and small libraries include the Palacio Nacional, the headquarters of the National Library network.

A highlight of the trip will be the anniversary celebration of the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca. Over 400 children come to the festivities and tour participants will have a chance to volunteer to work with the children and participate in the celebration. The Biblioteca also operates a bookmobile to rural schools. Participants can choose to travel with the bookmobile and interact with the children and teachers in the school.

The total cost of the trip is \$1995 for CAL members (and their partners) and \$2095 for non-CAL members. This includes all in-country transportation, all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners (except for arrival and departure days), local bi-lingual guides and entrance fees to cultural sites, and all lodging.

Airfare to and from Nicaragua and personal expenses are not included.

**For a detailed day-by-day itinerary and information on how to register for the trip, what to bring, and information about Nicaragua go to:**

<https://ilceiq.wordpress.com/international-library-tours/>

For more information, contact: Janet Lee: [janet.lee35@gmail.com](mailto:janet.lee35@gmail.com) or Nancy Bolt at [nancybolt@earthlink.net](mailto:nancybolt@earthlink.net)

Deadline for \$500 Deposit: July 1, 2015

Balance due: September 1, 2015

Registration form is on the website

Make checks payable to:

HJH Program, 1716 Del Norte Ave, Loveland CO 80538

# Interest Groups

## Readers Advisory

### RA Interest Group Spring Workshop

Wednesday, April 29 from 9 am to 4 pm

Lafayette Public Library  
775 W Baseline Rd, Lafayette, Colorado 80026

### Come, Learn, Connect, and have some fun!

The morning will be dedicated to a talk/workshop with Dr. Keren Dali, whose research on patron-centered RA practices is providing librarians a new language and way of thinking.

Nancy Dowd of Novelist will discuss some of their recent research in the first half of afternoon. And Victoria Boone, of High Plains Library District, will discuss her experience starting an RA Group and getting buy-in from administration and staff alike. We will wind things down with a media shout-out session coupled with RA Bingo.

A pizza lunch will be provided. [Register!](#)

## Makerspace

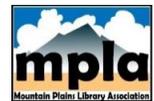
The Makerspace Interest Group held their first meeting at PPLD's Library 21c on Wednesday, March 11. Some of the discussion included maker programs, upcoming conferences, challenges to maker-related services, future meetings, and a tour of the makerspaces.

The next meeting will be held during the second quarter at Denver Public Library, date and time TBA. If you would like to join the mailing list, please email Becca Cruz [atrcruz@ppld.org](mailto:atrcruz@ppld.org).



[Super Early Bird registration through June 1](#)

## Mountain Plains Library Association



DO YOU NEED \$\$ TO ATTEND OR PRESENT AT A CONFERENCE?

MPLA sponsors a professional development grants program to improve library services in the Mountain Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library or related professions and grants to states. Individual grants are available to **current MPLA members** residing in the MPLA region. These include:

**Mini-grants** of up to \$150. Applicant must be a current member of MPLA and must have been a member for the past full calendar year.

**Regular Grants** of up to \$600. Applicant must be a current member of MPLA and must have been a member for the past two calendar years (total of three consecutive years).

**State Association Grants** are available to all state association for funding pre-or post conference sessions up to \$500.

Applications are due prior to the event and the appropriate application deadline. The remaining deadlines are 27 May 2015, 30 September 2015 and 25 November 2015.

Kathy Jacobs, SD, received a Regular Grant to attend the Public Library Association National Conference. She shared this in her evaluative report:

I was a first-time attendee and found this conference to be very valuable because it focused only on public libraries so most breakout sessions were very pertinent. There were sessions for all types of libraries from very rural to very urban. The key note speakers were excellent, addressing the culture of libraries and how what we do in our service to patrons makes them feel safe or threatened. I also brought back program ideas for our library and ways to dialogue with staff about how we serve our patrons.

**More information on the grants and the grant applications can be found on the MPLA website:**  
<http://www.mpla.us/about/professional-development-grants.html>

# ALA Council News

## ALA Needs YOU to Vote!

ALA MEMBERS: Participate in the ALA Elections by April 26th

### WHO IS RUNNING?

**ALA President:** This year, we have four people running for ALA's President Elect:

- Joseph Janes: Associate Professor and Chair of U of Washington's MLIS Program
- Jamie LaRue: CEO, LaRue & Associates; Director, Douglas County (Colorado) Libraries, 1990-2014
- JP Porcaro: Librarian for Acquisitions & Tech Discovery at New Jersey City's University Library
- Julie Todaro: Dean of Library Services at Austin Community College.

Check <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQKLGf64eFk> to hear the presidential candidates.

Or, head to <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/alaelection> to read about all of the candidates.

### Want to support the Colorado Contingent?

Wondering if there is anyone from Colorado running for ALA positions? Here's the latest:

Candidate Name	Ballot	Position
Jamie LaRue	OFFICERS/COUNCIL	ALA President Elect
Jamie Hollier	OFFICERS/COUNCIL	Councilors-at-Large
Amy Elizabeth Hoseth	OFFICERS/COUNCIL	Councilors-at-Large
Tom Moothart	OFFICERS/COUNCIL	Councilors-at-Large
Jennifer Knievel	ACRL_IS	Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Merinda Mclure	ACRL_IS	Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Camila Alire	United	Trustee at Large
Jamie Hollier	ASCLA	Designated Director, Library Consultants/Independent Librarians
Carson Block	ASCLA	Designated Director, Library Consultants/Independent Librarians
Louise Mort Feldman	RUSA_BRASS	Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Martin Garnar	IFRT	Councilor
Teri Switzer	RMRT	Directors (two-year term)

### 2015 Dates of Note

National Library Week 2015 is April 12 – 18

Library Worker's Day is Tuesday, April 14

World Book Night has been [suspended](#) due to financial and time commitment limitations

Choose Privacy Week 2015 will take place May 1-7

Banned Books Week 2015 – will take place Sept 27 – Oct 3

**Have questions about ALA-related stuff? ASK!** Just contact Elena Rosenfeld, your Chapter Councilor at [erosenfeld@highplains.us](mailto:erosenfeld@highplains.us) or call at 970-506-8567.

