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President's Message

At the end of this month I will pass the torch to your new President, Joanna Powell. It's been a great year for CAL, and it has been my pleasure to lead you all through the year. Many of you stepped forward in many ways to contribute to a great year, whether you accepted a leadership position, joined a committee, attended a workshop, or simply supported CAL with your membership dues.

Last year at the annual conference, I joked with people who came up and congratulated me that they shouldn't stand too close to me, or I might volunteer them for something. And without fail, your response was "How can I help?" As a result, we had more involvement on the conference planning committee, a newly revitalized Communications Committee, and the eResources Interest Group started meeting again.

One of our biggest issues in 2014 was financial solvency. The CAL Board adopted a conservative budget and addressed cash flow issues. We negotiated reduced contracts with our lobbyists and our management firm, and we stayed within budget.

I ran for President of CAL because I have a passion for quality library services in Colorado. I believe that the work that CAL does strengthens those services, through professional development, networking, and serving as the common voice for libraries in Colorado.

Kari May

Director, Pines & Plains Libraries

About this Nov/Dec Newsletter

The timing of the CAL Conference in October made it difficult to produce a November issue, so this extended two-month edition provides a recap of CALCON14, a year-end review of the CAL groups that submitted information, the list of CAL award winners and a list of CAL upcoming events. Please take the [Social Media Survey](#) to let us know how we can stay connected with you!

The January Edition will introduce the 2015 CAL Leadership. As always, the CAL Communications Committee is interested in what membership would like to see in the newsletter, so please email your comments and suggestions to aroth@dclibraries.org

Note: A correction from October's issue - Ray Coffey was elected Vice Chair of the Trustees and Friends Division for 2015, not Chair-Elect (T&F does not have a chair-elect position).

CALCON14

This year CALCON14 surpassed all of my expectations!

The work the committee put into the conference was well worth the effort as over 580 attendees and 100 exhibitor attendees enjoyed the sessions, keynotes, exhibit hall, celebrations and the chance to connect with each other. We were thrilled to be able to offer a wide variety of programming including sessions chosen by each Association to help target their members and endorsements from divisions and interest groups to help guide people to programs that would meet their needs. Our survey was filled out by 280 attendees, and they called out keynote Mark Frauenfelder as the highlight of their conference, followed closely by Corrine Hill. The first ever digital playground was a huge hands-on hit, and we will be seeking ways to bring more experiences like this to future conferences.

The biggest star of the conference turned out to be the first ever attempt to organize the programs into tracks. This helped people navigate the schedule, plan their attendance and choose how best to spend their time. Great surprises for attendees this year included the popular *guerrilla* storytime, exhibit hall passport game, and iPad mini prize giveaways! Attendees had a blast and if you want to check out all the dirt from the conference search [#cocalcon14](https://twitter.com/cocalcon14) on twitter for great photos and highlights. Thank you to all who attended and thanks to the conference committee for their excellent work. See you next year!

CALCON15 planning is already underway and Christine Kreger (Kreger_C@cde.state.co.us) is the next conference chair. If you are seeking ways to impact libraries all over Colorado, the conference planning committee could use your help! Consider serving and discover how fulfilling it is to be a part of the Colorado Association of Libraries Annual Conference.

Amy Long
CAL Conference Chair



CALCON14 photos from Twitter:

Click on the photo to view the original tweet or view all CALCON14 Twitter comments and photos at [#cocalcon14](https://twitter.com/cocalcon14)



UPCOMING EVENTS!

ALA Council: Dec 11

Opportunity to Help the American Library Association Set Path for Future

ALA is identifying new strategic directions and needs input! If you're an ALA Member and want the organization to consider certain directions for leadership development, come join the meeting being held from 1-2p (Mountain Time) on Thursday, December 11th!

Professional and Leadership Development – December 11th, 1:00-2:00 p.m. MST. Pre-Register (required) via this link: <http://ala.adobeconnect.com/e7o6lfj0f30/event/registration.html>

Want to be involved or provide input on other parts of the strategic initiative? Join the Strategic Planning Community on ALAConnect (<http://connect.ala.org/strategicplanning>)! Or learn more by visiting <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/strategic-planning>.

Colorado Assn of Special Libraries (CoASL): Dec 12

You are invited to attend this virtual meeting hosted by the Colorado Association of Special Libraries.

Topic: How the election affects libraries and what we can do about it

Speaker: David Sanger, co-chair of the CAL Legislative Committee

When: Friday, December 12, from 12-1pm MT

Login: [Join this Adobe Connect session](#)



Anyone is welcome to attend this informational session. Please share this information!

Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award Deadline: Dec 31

Don't delay—the last chance for your tweens and teens to have a voice in finding the [2014 winner](#), and [nominating](#) the YA stars of the future, is just around the corner. The Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award recognizes the most popular books among middle and high school students (grades 6-12) in Colorado, the only award of its kind in the state. Teens nominate their favorite titles and select the winner - adults do not vote.



Promotional packets including an [FAQ](#), promotional [tips](#), a 2-sided [ballot template](#), a 2015 Blue Spruce nominees [poster](#), and a Blue Spruce [VOTE](#) poster were sent out to close to 400 school and public libraries via the CLiC courier in September. If your library would like a packet, you may download all of the above materials from the Colorado Blue Spruce website, or request a packet from us directly via the [Contact Us](#) link. You can also find [book talks](#) for all the current nominees there as well!

[Like us](#) on Facebook!

The Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award is sponsored by CCIRA, CLAS, CSL, & CAL.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Adult Services Interest Group: Jan 7

Join ASIG in January!

The Adult Services Interest Group meets quarterly at various locations across the Front Range. At the ASIG meetings we discuss topics of interest to those who serve adults, from readers' advisory to technology to professional development. In 2015, we will meet alternating second Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 am-noon. Our next meeting is on January 7, 2015, at the James H. LaRue Library in Highlands Ranch; please join us! Visit the [ASIG](#) CAL webpage for details

Future meeting dates are April 9, July 8, and October 8.

Children and Teen Services Division (CATS): Jan 16

It's faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a locomotive! It's able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Look, up ahead in the calendar, it's the CATS Division Winter Workshop!

That's right. It's the 2nd annual CATS Division Winter Workshop, and it will be held at DU. The theme this year is Higher, Faster, Stronger so get ready for some SUPER-powered sessions and professional development.

More details to follow, but for right now, you only need to know this: it's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's the CATS Division Winter Workshop on January 16th, 2015! <https://catsig.wordpress.com/>



Social Media Survey



The problem with a "monthly newsletter" is exactly that... it's produced monthly and is a print-style newsletter. It's a good, traditional way of providing some in-depth information, easy to read but quickly outdated. Social media allows organizations to keep in touch and create conversations (that's the often overlooked "social" part) and the CAL Communications Committee is trying to evaluate how our members use social media.

Do you tweet, are you a facebook addict, do you regularly use LinkedIn or is Google+ your thing?

We'd like to know – so please take a brief online survey so we can understand how CAL can connect with you and your peers through social media. It will only take a few minutes and we value your input.



[Click to the survey here!](#)



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CAL 2014: Year in Review

Leadership Development Committee

In the first meeting of the 2014-2015 CALLI cohort in September, we learned about leadership, working with our strengths, goal setting, and much more. Our first day was spent with Pat Wagner, who talked to us about the organizational map and how leaders think. All CALLI cohort members took the Strengths Finder 2.0 test prior to our first meeting, and on the second day we delved into those results with Leadership Development committee members Elizabeth Kelsen Huber and Sharon Morris. It was fascinating to see how many overlapping strengths there were in a room full of librarians. We also had a goal setting exercise and paired off with other CALLI members to coach each other on our goals. It was two days full of learning, growing, and the consensus among CALLI members was that we all left inspired and excited for the year ahead.

The CALLI cohort met a second time on October 16 to learn about mentorship and to meet potential mentors through a “speed dating” activity. Christine Kreger and Janine Reid, the Leadership Development committee members in charge of mentorship, presented the goals and objectives for the mentor/mentee relationship, as well as the characteristics and responsibilities of each party. Then we heard from a panel that consisted of two mentor/mentee pairs from previous CALLI cohorts. While both relationships were different, each included a personal connection, the ease to discuss anything, and a commitment to meeting on a regular basis. After the mentor panel we transitioned into the speed dating round, where Christine and Janine brought in several potential mentors—library directors, managers, and leaders—who braved six rounds of questioning from eager mentees. Each CALLI member left with an assignment to find a mentor by the end of November, one who is willing to provide support and coaching over the course of the year.

We are fortunate to work in a profession where so many current leaders are willing to spend their time fostering the leaders of tomorrow.

- Amy Bland & Kristen Bodine

2014-2015 CALLI cohort



CoALA



This year has been an exciting year for the Colorado Academic Library Association CoALA and its members experienced several opportunities for professional development and collaborating with academic librarians around the state.

In June 2014 the CoALA Summit *Educating in a World of Diversity* was held totally online over two days starting June 18 with Opening Keynote delivered by Camila Alire, “Why Diversity Matters: Serving Latinos in the Academy.” It featured programs with librarians and keynotes discussing unique diversity initiatives at their institutions. Other Summit keynote speakers Carrie Donovan, Lauren Pressley, and Candice Benjes-Small discussed the impact of the initial *Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education* to 21st century academic librarianship in “The Draft Framework for Information Literacy in Higher Education: A Diversity of Views.” The online Summit was well attended and the online format went off without a hitch. There was positive feedback and attendees as well as presenters really enjoyed the fast paced PechaKucha presentation style where speakers show 20 images, each for 20 seconds.

In August 2014, CoALA hosted its first one-day Instruction Unconference at Regis University. The CoALA Unconference hosted approximately 30 attendees from various academic institutions across Colorado. The format of the Unconference gave attendees a chance to discuss current topics and issues that relate to the academic library profession. Topics for the Unconference included Instruction, Assessment, Use of Technology in the Classroom, How to Engage Faculty and Market the library (services & resources), and the new Information Literacy Framework.

CoALA was responsible for selecting 8 proposals of interest to academic librarians for CALCON14. CoALA also secured Ann Campion Riley, ACRL newly elected Vice President as part of the ACRL Speakers Series to talk about “Transformational Roles for Academic Librarians: ACRL’s Plan for Excellence.”



CoALA also hosted its annual business meeting at CALCON2014.

Discussions included creation of a Peer Review Committee which will incorporate a blind review process for proposals so tenure-track seeking librarians can use CALCON workshops as evidence. The Peer Review Committee received a request for peer review at this year’s CALCON. In addition, the members voted to change the CoALA By-laws in regards to the start date of the serving officers & update to the Parliamentary Authority – Standard Code.

CoALA is looking forward to another year of professional development opportunities at the CoALA Spring Workshops and continued collaboration with the CAL Conference Planning Committee.

- Paul Mascareñas – President Elect, CoALA

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Legislative Committee

Elections Change Colorado's Political Landscape – Possibly Less Support for State Funding

This year's election has led to some significant changes in the State Legislature. The Senate now has a Republican majority. The House retained the Democrat majority by a slim margin. This change in membership means we need to be sure the new members understand and support the value that libraries and library staff bring to Coloradans.

A number of the legislators elected are less supportive of publicly funded institutions, which makes it less likely that we will be able to successfully request an increase to the \$2 million that is currently in the State's budget. As revenues are strong, we should be able to retain that funding. The Legislative Committee is working with our lobbyists to identify wording that will resonate with the members of the Joint Budget Committee.

Meanwhile, the power of a personal connection is huge. Please start building and maintaining relationships by taking a moment to contact your legislators; introduce yourself, your library, and something you are doing for the community.

- Elena Rosenfeld

Trustees & Friends Division

Our Division continues to maintain a strong presence in CAL. Division representatives have regularly attended CAL Executive Board meetings, Legislative Committee meetings, and CALCON14 Planning Committee meetings.

2014 activity highlight included:

- There was Trustee and Friend turnout for the state Legislative Advocacy Days. Division members prepared flyers for distribution to State Senator and Representative offices.
- The Trustees & Friends Division co-partnered with CoPLA to organize the workshop "Get Creative with Makerspaces" held at the Main Denver Public Library. Over 70 attendees participated in a full-day of sessions ranging from funding/budgeting to hands-on makerspace projects.
- Many CALCON14 sessions had appeal to both library Trustees and Friends. We celebrated several awards given to library trustees, advocates, and volunteers. We also hosted a successful networking reception during the conference.
- We posted articles and news on our CAL web page, and links to information from the library world.
- We posted Trustee & Friends photos on our Facebook page.

Still on the To Do list:

- Recruiting leadership for our Division is a continuing challenge. We invite all those who love libraries to join us and become involved.

- Jennifer S. Kutzik, Chair



Robin Gard, past chair of the T&F Division, who won the Unsung Hero Award at CALCON14.

Special Populations and Issues Interest Group

SPIIG sponsored a professional workshop at the Belmar Library, Jefferson County Public Library, on September 17. Deaf & Hard of Hearing @ Your Library was presented by Deborah Dauenheimer, the Special Populations Coordinator for JCPL. This workshop focused on how libraries can provide a welcoming and supportive environment when serving deaf and hard of hearing patrons by addressing these questions:

- What is hearing loss?
- What is American Sign Language (ASL)?
- What is Deaf Culture?
- How does hearing loss impact literacy in children?
- What types of assistive devices do individuals with hearing loss use?
- How do libraries bring down barriers to serve this population?

At the CALCON Committees and Interest Groups Open House on October 17, we gathered the names of special populations service providers that participants and attendees work with or recommend. These organizations have been added to our growing list of community service providers that will be included in our resource list for library staff, to assist their patrons with special populations questions and needs.

The 2014-16 co-chairs of the Special Populations and Issues Interest Group are: Laura Baldassari-Hackstaff and Cecilia S. Hem Lee, with outgoing co-chair Tiffany Curtin serving in an advisory capacity. Laura is continuing as co-chair. She is a Youth Librarian with Douglas County Libraries. Cecilia is a Special Populations Outreach Librarian with Jefferson County Public Library. Tiffany is the Adult Literacy Specialist with Douglas County Libraries.

Our 2014-16 SPIIG goals are to

1. Initiate, sponsor, and support professional workshops to inform library staff about special populations and best practices for serving them in libraries.
2. Enlist our members to create a statewide resource list of community service providers for library staff to refer to when assisting patrons with special population questions and needs.

- Tiffany Curtin and Laura Baldassari-Hackstaff, co-chairs

Paralibrarian Division

The **Paralibrarian Division** welcomes the members of the 2015 Board:

- **Chair:** Farabe Smith, Simla Branch Library
- **Chair-elect:** Suellen Brenner-Bladek, Boulder Public Library
- **Secretary:** Stephanie Stocking, Pitkin County Library
- **Past Chair:** Dan Alcazar, High Plains Library District
- **Reporter:** Lynda Hoffmann, Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Special thanks to our outgoing past chair, Ross Callender, and secretary, Karyn Pelz for their dedicated service this past year!

A message from Farabe, our incoming Chair: "Hope all you paras out there will join us in 2015. I am looking forward to working with all of you."

We'll be meeting soon to start planning for the Spring Workshop. We welcome your ideas and input. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Farabe Smith (farabes1@gmail.com).

- Lynda Hoffmann

Mountain Plains Library Association

It was great to see so many of you at the MPLA table at the CAL Conference in October!

This time of year brings two changes to the faces of MPLA; we have a new President and a new State Representative for Colorado. As you probably know, the Mountain Plains Library Association is our 12-state regional library association. For the first time in a number of years, the President of MPLA is from Colorado: our own (and the University of Northern Colorado's own) Annie Epperson! Also, following CAL's elections this past season, Stephen Sweeney will take over as the Colorado Representative to the MPLA Board. Stephen is the Past President of CAL (finishing up his term as Past President in December 2014).

It appears that Annie's message this year is Focus and Outreach. Thinking about the good work of MPLA, I want to draw your attention to three items: the website, available scholarships, and the Leadership Institute. The MPLA website (<http://www.mpla.us>) is newly redesigned and rolled out at this year's MPLA/AzLA joint conference; take a look, the Webmaster has really worked long and hard. Second, did you know MPLA offers professional development grants? You can receive \$150 or \$600 toward your professional development by submitting an application and being willing to follow up with an evaluative report. The next deadline for individual grant applications is 1/29. Finally, the Leadership Institute has not yet announced deadlines for applications, but this is a more-than-worthwhile opportunity to develop as a leader. Watch for announcements.

I am looking forward to serving MPLA and CAL over the next three years; please contact me with any questions, comments, suggestions, and/or feedback.

Stephen Sweeney

Past President, Colorado Association of Libraries (2011-2014)

State Representative to Mountain Plains Library Association (2015-2018)

New Professionals Interest Group

NPIG started the year with our 2nd Annual Hiring Panel, hosted at the new Anderson Academic Commons on the DU campus and featuring David Farnan, Carrie Forbes, Martin Garnar, Kari May, and Diane Walden as panelists with Kim Dority moderating. Over 60 participants posed questions to the panel about their different hiring processes and expectations. Attendees also chose two breakout sessions to attend, led by panelists and NPIG board members on topics such as, "Acing the Interview," "Networking In-Person and Online," "You're Hired: Now What?" and "Tough Conversations: Managing Your Career."

In July, NPIG hosted our first "LinkedIn WorkIn" at Arvada Beer Company. Melissa Powell served as our resident expert with tips and tricks for using LinkedIn to boost career visibility, create an interactive portfolio, network with information professionals, and even search for job postings.

At CAL, NPIG sponsored Sharon Morris' wonderful presentation, "Leading from Where You Are," and hosted an informal networking meet-up at Grimm Brothers Brewery.

Big thanks to all of our speakers and attendees this year! The NPIG Board members would like to especially thank outgoing Chair Bob Bennhoff for his leadership over the past two years and his continued support as Past Chair.

NPIG board members are excitedly planning our 3rd Annual Hiring Panel for February 7, 2015. Stay tuned for details!

- Lindsay Roberts: 2015 Chair

International Library Cultural Exchange Interest Group

Reflecting back on this past year, it is truly amazing how much we have accomplished. We have continued with the nuts and bolts of formalizing Interest Group business, including setting up procedures for awards and grants and we established a webpage and a Facebook page. We have expanded international partnerships and strengthened existing partnerships. We have presented locally, nationally, and internationally. We have travelled extensively. We are having fun and making a difference.

- Janet Lee, Chair, and Nancy Bolt, Board Liaison

2014 Highlights:

Interest Group Business:

- Held five business meetings.
- Finalized Award criteria. Presented to CAL Board.
- Drafted grant criteria. Will be presented to CAL Board in 2015.
- Established a web presence for the Interest Group. <http://ilceig.wordpress.com/>
- Solicited articles/blogs/links for webpage. Received positive feedback and submissions.
- Established a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ilceig> 200 likes on 8/24/2014
- Funding for grants donated from the proceeds of jewelry sales under hard work of Nancy Bolt.
- Sponsored an international reception in the suite of Nancy Bolt at the 2013 CAL conference.
- Created a brochure for the Interest Group.
- Steering Committee formation: Janet Lee, Chair; Nancy Bolt, CAL board liaison; Amy Martin, website and Facebook coordinator; Barb Thorne, Secretary
- Submitted updates to the CAL newsletter.
- Submitted a program to CAL for the 2014 conference. It was accepted.

Presentations:

- Colorado state-wide Sister Cities. Janet Lee and Nancy Bolt were scheduled to present at the state-wide conference that was cancelled due to the extensive floods that hit Colorado.
- CAL Leadership Institute (Oct 16). Nancy Bolt will be a mentor.
- Janet Lee presented three workshops with Anne Pellowski, International Board on Books for Young People, in Ethiopia. In Addis Ababa with Peace Corps Volunteers and the Addis Ababa English Language Teachers Association. In Mekelle, with the Segenat Foundation.
- Nancy Bolt, as a committee member of the IFLA Section on Library Service to People with Special Needs, presented at the first Philippine International Conference of Public Librarians, on "The Role of Libraries in Serving Differently-abled Persons" in Cebu City, Philippines.
- ALA. International Sustainable Library Development Group. "Many Facets of Volunteerism." Colorado was well represented at the ALA/ISLD session in Las Vegas. Rebecca Stephens (DU) and Eric Bemiller (DU) spoke of their experiences setting up a library in Tonga. Nancy Bolt spoke on "Volunteering through Your Library: Sister Cities." Janet Lee spoke on "Interactive programming aspect: how librarians can volunteer library to library through projects." Each led a breakout group.
- ALA IRRT poster session: Jane Mirandette, Director, Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for All, was selected to give a poster session: "Nicaraguan Library Partners with Award-Winning Designers and Rotary International: Renovating/ Redesigning to Serve a Multipurpose Library."
- Nancy Bolt, committee: Library Services to People with Special Needs. IFLA, Lyon, France.
- Colorado Sister City Conference. September 12. Nancy Bolt and Janet Lee were scheduled to present on why Sister Cities should involve their libraries in Sister Library partnerships. Conference to be rescheduled.
- Kathy Plath returned to Lesotho with the One Laptop per Child. She will present at CAL.
- Nancy Bolt will lead a tour to India Nov 2-11 with People to People and ALA.
- Jane Mirandette travels between Colorado and Nicaragua supporting the project in San Juan del Sur. Many librarians have volunteered their time at the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca.

International Library Cultural Exchange Interest Group

Partnerships (Including Sister Libraries):

- Denver Public Library and Brest, France. Sister Library partnership with the Denver Sister Cities International hosted an exhibit at the Central Branch: "En Face L'Amérique." Nancy Bolt visited Brest France to discuss opportunities for cooperation between Denver and Brest Public Libraries.
- Denver Public Library and Takayama, Japan. Sister Library partnership with Denver Sister Cities International hosted an exhibit at the Central Branch; "Norihito's Kiri-e," Japanese tradition of detailed artwork made of papercutting.
- Denver Public Library and Takayama, Japan. Sister Library partnership with Denver Sister Cities International hosted Japanese high school students in the IdeaLab. Fun was had by all.
- Poudre River Public Library District entered into a formal Sister Library partnership with the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. SJDS is funded by the Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for All, founded by Jane Mirandette, Loveland. The PRPLD has pulled out all stops in sponsoring the SJDS library, including setting up and hosting their online library catalog, providing instruction to staff on site, sponsoring Skype sessions between youth groups on both ends. The Memorandum of Understanding between the two will serve as a model for other Partnerships.
- Denver Sister Cities International has a new Executive Director, Beth Hendrix. A follow-up letter to the remaining eight DSC will be sent to inquire about possible partnerships.
- Janet Lee attended the Proclamation on Sister Cities at the State Capitol (April 3rd) led by Rep Paul Rosenthal. Representatives from Sister Cities across the State were present.
- Nancy Bolt and Janet Lee met with Tahverlee Dunlop, new executive Director of Aurora Sister Cities International, and Patti Bateman, Aurora Public Library (June) about possible partnerships. ASCI is revitalizing its program with its first official Sister City partnership. A delegation from Adama, Ethiopia, formalized its partnership on August 23 during a signing at Global Fest. The mayor and Sister City liaison toured the Aurora Public Library.
- Pueblo City-County Library District (Amy Martin) Is currently building on Pueblo's east side the Patrick A. Lucero Library in memory of a local hero who died in Vietnam. PCCLD is in contact with Peace Trees, an organization that built a library also in his honor. Both organizations are ready to initiate a Sister Library partnership.
- The Colorado Talking Book Library and the Library for the Blind at the National Library of the Philippines (in Manila) have begun discussions on a Sister Library partnership.
- Nancy Wood, founder of Hope for Children of Africa, created a reading room in Banga area of Liberia. She is collaborating with Ebenezer Norman, a Regis University graduate and founder of A New Dimension of Hope. They held a fundraiser at Regis University.

Travels:

- Nancy Bolt, ALA IRC member, presents a \$6,000 to the Philippine Library Association for Typhoon relief, March 2014.
- Nancy Bolt visited several libraries while vacationing in Croatia and Greece.
- Rebecca Stephens and Eric Bemiller (both DU grads) traveled to Tonga to set up a library.
- Tamara Kirch traveled to Kenya to work with Above the Seas library project.
- Janet Lee traveled to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, to assist Anne Pellowski, International Board on Books for Young People, with a workshop on storytelling. She also met with Jane Mirandette on the move and expansion of library resources at the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca.
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Course proposal at Emporia:

- Nancy Bolt has submitted a course proposal to Emporia University to take students in the LIS program to Bulgaria in May 2015. Members of ILCE-IG and the library community are invited to participate (at own expense) to serve as mentors.

CAL Award Winners 2014

Each year, the CAL Awards Committee recognizes outstanding achievement in academic, public, school, and special libraries in our state. On behalf of the Association, CAL Staff, and the CAL Awards Committee, thank you for joining us to celebrate the accomplishments of our friends and colleagues.

Unsung Hero Award - Robin Gard, Poudre River Public Library District

Robin has impacted her community and served libraries through her leadership and service as a Board of Trustees member, "Expand Our Library" Campaign committee member, CAL Trustees Division member, and Friends of the Library member as well as through statewide advocacy.

Colorado Librarian of the Year - Peter Derk, High Plains Library District

Peter had the year all librarians dream of - he utilized his creativity, passion, and participatory leadership skills to motivate a districtwide team of 20 to develop and craft the innovative and unique ReadCon event, in addition to involvement in numerous other local, districtwide, and state activities benefitting patrons and other library staff.

Colorado Librarian of the Year - Claudine Perrault, Estes Valley Library

Claudine was faced with adversity in her library and community during floods that shut down many vital services. Claudine's leadership, strong relationship building, and disaster planning allowed the library to provide a safe gathering spot for community members during this difficult time of crisis.

Library Advocate Award - Friends of the Library, Pueblo City-County Library District

The Friends operate a thriving bookstore, support a monthly newsletter, have taken advocacy positions to help ensure library funding sponsored numerous programs with funding and volunteer hours, and proved a sustained impact through donations of approximately \$750,000 to public libraries since 1995.

Library Community Partnership Award - The 1st Grade Library Field Trip Program with Montrose Regional Library District, Montrose Rotary Club, Altrusa International of Montrose, and Montrose County School District

These partners aligned and creatively combined resources to provide library cards delivered to the classrooms by the Cat in the Hat, free books, bus rides for library field trips, and increased communication and collaboration.

Library Project of the Year - Expansion of Services for Children and Teens on the Autism Spectrum, Longmont Public Library

Staff effectively reached out to and served over 60 participants each month through Special Access family programming that includes sensory storytimes, music therapy, parenting resources, bilingual programs, and robotics during times the library is closed to the public to ease participants' anxiety.

Library Project of the Year - ReadCon, High Plains Library District

Staff created a ComicCon-style districtwide event celebrating books, writing, and reading in unique ways including a Steampunk Tea, local author panel, writer's workshops, a "Books and Brews" event, and other "surprise and delight" activities to engage nearly 1,000 people.

Colorado Library of the Year - Pikes Peak Library District

The residents of the Pikes Peak Library District have monumental services and resources with the addition of the innovative, progressive, and sustainable Library 21c, launch of a new website, deployment of their new mobile library and the addition of services to Manitou Springs supported through a mill levy.

Career Achievement Award - Kathy Knox, Pueblo City-County Library District

Kathy used her leadership skills to motivate and empower staff, advocate for librarianship at all levels, and inspire readers of all ages over 25 years of librarianship. Kathy even returned to work post-retirement to further assist her district, and has shown an undimmed passion and commitment to the field.

CAL Award Winners 2014

(Continued)

Outstanding Library Volunteer - Jordan Muggli, Colorado Talking Book Library

Jordan's reliability, patience, and meticulous work ethic have made him as invaluable as he has been instrumental in training volunteers and new staff, participating in volunteer outreach events, and working in the Digital Audio Processing office and Braille copy room. He has made 1,026 digital copies of books for library patrons, far exceeding the number of copies made by any other volunteer or staff member during a similar time period, allowing the CTBL to provide improved service and achieve their service goals.

Jean Maio Award for Excellence in Adult Literacy - The Literacy Center of Mesa County Libraries

Over 400 adult learners have been assisted by over 70 tutors in a robust program offering individual and group instruction in reading, writing, English, citizenship preparation, computerized language learning, and computer skills classes. Participants include native English speakers needing to improve literacy skills and immigrants wishing to learn or improve English skills.

Outstanding Library Trustee Award - Sylvia Moody, Rampart Library District

Sylvia has served on the library board for over 17 years and was one of the original members who brainstormed ideas to build two new libraries to replace outdated facilities in an old log cabin and coal shed. Her community and library leadership helped gather ideas, change public opinions, obtain land, design buildings, and pass a mill levy and bond issue to achieve the new facilities.

Special Committee Awards

Awarded by CAL Committees other than the Awards Committee

CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee's Julie H. Boucher Award for Intellectual Freedom - Jefferson County School District Student Activists

The IFC honors them for their activism in the recent controversy over the history curriculum in their district.

CAL Legislative Committee's Legislative Award - Colorado State Representative Crisanta Duran

During the 2014 legislative session, Representative Duran served as the Chair of the Colorado Joint Budget Committee. In addition to being the youngest woman and first Latina to serve as Chair, she also served as the lead person in support of continuing to fund Colorado Libraries. For her work with the Joint Budget Committee Membership to help libraries continue to support literacy needs of Coloradans, the Legislative Committee has identified Representative Duran as the recipient of the 2014 Legislative Award.

CAL Paralibrarian Division's Lucy Schweers Award for Excellence in Paralibrarianship - Elizabeth von Tauffkirchen, Pine River Library

Elizabeth exemplifies all the traits of today's paralibrarian: exceptional delivery of patron service, strong programming skills, excellent circulation execution, and the ability to work outside the lines of the library in multiple facets to reach out to all levels of patrons (elderly adults, adults, young adults, and children).

CAL President's Award - Elena Rosenfeld, High Plains Library District

Elena has served as your ALA Councilor Representative and co-chair of the Legislative Committee for the past several years. She is always quick to respond to inquiries at the national level and makes Colorado look good. She understands how the many pieces of our organization fit together and works efficiently and thoughtfully.