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President's Message



A list of things to do in February, now that we have all that New Year's Resolution nonsense behind us:

1. If you're not already, join us and become a member of **CAL**orado (see what I did there☺)?
2. Register for the 3rd annual Hiring Workshop on February 7th at DU. This event is sponsored by CAL's very own New Professionals Interest Group and the DU student chapters of RMSLA and LISSAA. What a great opportunity to hone those job seeking/ interviewing/networking skills! Register by February 5th for a reduced price. Act now!
3. The CAL Conference Planning Committee will meet from 2-4pm on Friday, February 13th. Eep—Friday the 13th you say!?! No problem, we're not a superstitious bunch, are we? Also, the CAL Board will hold our first meeting in 2015 at the Community College of Aurora on the same day. Woot woot!
4. Submit your CALCON presentation packets for consideration to guest star at CALCON 2015! The deadline for submitting your packets of awesomeness is March 15th.
5. Library Lobby Day is March 18th! From supporting job seekers to early literacy, libraries work hard to support their communities. Come support libraries as we take to the Capitol building and advocate for the profession! CAL Leadership Institute (CALLI for all of those acronym savvy folks) will be there, will you?
6. The Paralibrarians division of CAL will be accepting presentation and scholarship applications very soon for their spring workshop at the Boulder Public Library. This event will take place on April 23rd with the theme: YOU Are a Champion: Be Extraordinary!

With all this activity, (and more, see below) there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. So, put on your Librarian Superhero cape and support all the good work going on in the Colorado Association of Libraries!

See you soon, Joanna Powell, CAL President

Upcoming Events

Feb 7: [NPIG 3rd Annual Hiring Workshop](#)

Feb 12: Readers Advisory IG Meeting

Feb 13: CAL Conference Committee Meeting

Feb 13: CAL Board Meeting

Feb 18: Business Services IG Meeting

Feb 20: CoASL Medical Marijuana Info Session

March 13: CoASL Mtg (virtual)

March 18: Lobby Day

April 9: Adult Services IG meeting

April 10: CAL Board Meeting

April 16: Colleague Connection 2015

April 23: [2015 Paralibrarian Div. Spring Workshop](#)

CALCON 2015 date change!
New Dates: Thurs, Oct. 22 – Sat, Oct. 24.

CASL

Greeting from the Colorado Association of School Librarians (CASL)! The CASL Board hosted a School Librarian Town Hall event in November. At the Town Hall, teacher-librarians met to discuss teacher quality/student growth evidence for evaluations, ideas for how to absorb upcoming shifts in practice, and how to work smarter to embrace these changes. The group also worked to foster deeper networking with teacher-librarians from various districts across Colorado.

The CASL Board is planning opportunities for teacher-librarians later in the year. Teacher-librarians: make sure to connect with the CASL group for updates by joining the [School Librarian's Town Hall Community](#) on Google Plus and by liking the [Colorado Association of School Libraries \(CASL\) on Facebook](#).

Are you interested in becoming a CASL board member? The CASL board meets monthly. Contact CASL president Megan McQuinn at megan_mcquinn@dpsk12.org for more details.

CoASL

Come join The Colorado Association of Special Libraries (CoASL) for an informational session about the budding (hee-hee) medical marijuana industry in Colorado. Three Medical Marijuana (MMJ) professionals: Kaal Alfino, MMJ sales representative; Mike Okada, Manager of Native Roots Longmont Dispensary; and James Weinburg, WANA/Colorado Concentrates Production Manager. Medical Librarians can use the insight into how the MMJ trade works. Since questions about these issues could come up in any kind of library, here's your chance to be informed about it! Also, we will discuss future meetings and get input for other topics to explore.

Where: Westwood College, South Campus

350 Blackhawk St. Aurora, CO 80011

When: February 20th 2:00-4:00 pm

Who: Anyone interested in learning about CoASL or the medical marijuana industry in Colorado

Other meetings for CoASL are slated for the following preliminary dates:

March 13: virtual

April 20: Spring Workshop, Westwood College

May 12: virtual - June 22: virtual - July 23: in-person, TBD

August 7: virtual - September 18: virtual

October 22-24: at CAL

November 9: virtual – December 9: virtual

CATS Division

The Children and Teen Services Division started off 2015 with a superpower BAM! by holding its 2nd annual Winter Workshop on January 16 at DU. With the theme of Higher, Faster, Stronger, 60 attendees emPOW!ered themselves through a day of workshop on a variety of youth services topics. A mock Newbery election was held during the catered lunch. The winner was [Port Chicago 50](#) by Steve Sheinkin.

For the Winter Workshop, special thanks go to Dr. Clara Sitter, Nick Heckart of the Library & Information Science Program at the Morgridge College of Education, University of Denver. Special thanks also go to our other sponsors, CAL, CLiC, Beth Crist and the Colorado State Library, and the Starbucks at Iliff and South Parker Road.

The CATS Division Officers for 2015 includes

- Geoffrey Gregory, Denver Public Library, Chair
- Nicole Burchfield, Poudre River Public Library District, Chair Elect
- Cydney Clink, High Plains Library District, Past Chair
- Janina Goodwin, Pueblo City County Library District, Secretary
- Brenda Pritchard, Member At-Large

CATS plans to again hold at least two division meetings at locations throughout the state. We may be prowling in your area, so stay tuned. Meow for now!

<https://catsig.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/catsig?ref=stream>



Casey Feicht, far left, of Kids Yoga Guide and Andrea Cleland, center, of Clearview Library District were om-mazing at the CATS Winter Workshop held January 16 at DU.

Trustees & Friends Div.

The 2015 T&F Division officers are: Chair Jennifer S. Kutzik, Vice-Chair Ray Coffey, Member at Large, Mike Liggett and Past-Chair Robin Gard.

Plans for the coming year include participation in CAL Legislative Day in March, a potential workshop on library fundraising and programming for the fall CAL Conference.

We continue to recruit leadership for our Division. We invite all those who love libraries to join us and become more involved.



Ray Coffey



Mike Liggett



Jennifer Kutzik

Paralibrarian Division

Please save the date! The Paralibrarian Spring Workshop will be held on April 23, 2015 at the 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!*

We are seeking proposals for sessions and offering 5 scholarships. Application forms will be up at the following websites soon:

Call for Presentations:

<http://goo.gl/forms/PckhjTxFAV>

Scholarship application:

<http://goo.gl/forms/Xfz5JLdxKm>

Upcoming information will be available on the libnet listserv, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Contact Farabe Smith at farabe@elbertcountylibrary.org or Suellen Brenner-Bladek at Brenner-BladekS@boulderlibrary.org if you have any questions. We hope you will consider attending

Legislative Committee

The Importance of Providing Value: Preparing for State Lobby Day 2015

Get ready to share your story of the value libraries provide to your community members. A large part of encouraging legislators to support libraries is through sharing stories about how we help our

community members. If you have stories about how early literacy initiatives have made a difference or how your programs and services are supporting Colorado businesses, please share them with Elizabeth Kelsen-Huber at EKelsenHuber@clicweb.org

Want to be part of Lobby Day?! Block out the morning of Wednesday, March 18th as a time to visit or call your legislator! Want to do more?! Contact either Elizabeth Kelsen-Huber at EKelsenHuber@clicweb.org or Andrea Reveley at andrea.reveley@arapahoe.edu and let them know that you want to join the fun!

What Bills Are Coming Our Way? At this time, none of the bills introduced in the State Legislature seem to have ramifications for Colorado libraries.

Anyone Interested in the Politics Impacting Libraries is strongly encouraged to join the Legislative Committee. Participation can be as limited as lurking on the emails list and sharing information with peers and friends or as robust as participating in meetings and leading projects. If you would like to get into the loop, contact Elena Rosenfeld at erosenfeld@highplains.us.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Strategic Planning Begins Again: As ALA nears the end of its last strategic plan, efforts are underway to identify how to move forward to meet the Membership's identified priorities of:

- Advocacy
- Information Policy
- Professional & Leadership Development.

Got ideas or thoughts on what should be done in the next 3 to 5 years in these areas? Share them with Elena Rosenfeld erosenfeld@highplains.us as she serves as Colorado's representative to ALA.

Work Continues in Updating [Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights](#): The Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) has developed and continues to update documents to detail the philosophy and history of the statements made in the [Library Bill of Rights](#). In 2015, the IFC is continuing to work on an update that should be ready for release after the Annual Conference.

Have questions, comments, or thoughts that you want to share about the American Library Association? Elena Rosenfeld is currently representing Colorado as a member of ALA's Council. If she doesn't have a response for you, she should be able to help direct you to someone who does. She can be contacted at erosenfeld@highplains.us.

Conference Committee

The CALCON 2015 Conference Planning Committee is off to a great start. Our marketing, programming, and keynote subcommittees have already begun working to ensure our 2015 conference is an amazing experience.

Look for information for coming soon regarding the 2015 Call for Program Submissions and Super Early Bird pricing and registration.

CALCON 2015 – new dates!

Please note, due to a miscommunication with the conference hotel, the dates of CALCON 2015 have changed! The new dates for the conference are **Thursday October 22 - Saturday October 24.**

All of us working on the conference sincerely hope that this does not interfere with any of your personal attendance plans.

Look for information for coming soon regarding the 2015 Call for Program Submissions and Super Early Bird pricing and registration.

Interest Groups

New Professionals

CAL's New Professionals Interest Group will be hosting our 3rd Annual Hiring Workshop on Saturday, February 7, 2015 on the DU campus. For those of you interested in learning more about ways to start and grow your professional career, please consider joining us!

This year's panelists include:
Martin Garnar, Regis University (moderator)
Dan Cordova, Colorado Supreme Court Library
Lisa Grabowski, Arapahoe Community College
Jamie LaRue, LaRue and Associates Consulting
Sharon Morris, Colorado State Library
Dave Sanger, Denver Public Schools
Donna Walker, Jefferson County Public Libraries

For more details and registration, visit: http://www.cal-webs.org/events/event_details.asp?id=575783

Online registration is available until: 2/5/2015

Walk-up registrations are welcome. Those who register close to the event date might not get their first choice for lunch.

Adult Services

ASIG met on January 7 at the James H. LaRue Library (DCL) on a snowy, icy day. Thanks to attendees from Arapahoe Library District, Westminster Public Library, and Douglas County Libraries who braved the weather to join us. Topics discussed included study and meeting room policies, administrative support of conference attendance and association membership, severe weather closing policies, and services for the "emerging adults," a category of patrons now being discussed at a national level.

ASIG will be upping its game in 2015 with an expansion of services and locations. We are hoping to provide dial-in access to future meetings, and have scheduled the Fall meeting for a location on the Western Slope. For details on meeting dates and locations, see below. If you would like to be added to the ASIG email list, please send a note to Dodie Ownes at downes@dclibraries.org.

Future meeting dates:

April 9 (Thu), 9 am-noon – [Denver Public Library](#), Central, Gates Meeting Room – host, Laurie Spurling

July 8 (Wed), 9 am-noon – [Arapahoe Library District](#), Koelbel Library, Centennial – host, Pamela Bagby

Oct 8 (Thu) – noon – 3 pm, time TBD, [Garfield County Libraries](#), Glenwood Springs Branch Library – host, Maura McKenna Masters

Special Populations and Issues

The Special Pops Interest Group would like to help members publicize and, if held in the Denver Metro Area, present their information session for library staff on working with the special populations that they serve. Please email either of the Special Pops co-chairs, Laura at Lbaldassarihackstaff@dclibraries.org or Cecilia at Cecilia.hemlee@jeffcolibrary.org if you would like the support of SPIIG.


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International Library & Cultural Exchange IG

CAL ILCE: Ready for the New Year

ILCE continues with the same leadership as last year. Janet Lee remains the Chair; Amy Martin is our web manager; Barb Thorne continues as secretary; and

Nancy Bolt is the CAL Board Liaison. Brief bios of the leadership are shown below.

Janet Lee, Chair, International Library & Cultural Exchange Interest Group, is the Dean of Library at Regis University in Denver. She is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer-Ethiopia & has been active in library and literacy projects in Ethiopia for years.

Amy Martin is the Manager of the Greenhorn Valley Library, one of three new libraries in the Pueblo City-County Library District. Amy went to Bulgaria as part of a delegation two years ago and participates in an international partnership with the public library in Kazanluk, Bulgaria. Amy is the web editor for ILCE-IG.

Barb Thorne, Secretary, is the Manager of the Technical Services Department at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library in Broomfield where she has worked for 28 years. Her interests in being a librarian started when she was a Peace Corps volunteer in Jamaica in 1973-75 and helped with a local library. She now has interests in libraries in Armenia and is interested in helping the ILCE-IG support libraries around the world, as well as international programming in Colorado.

Nancy Bolt was Colorado State Librarian for 18 years and left in 2005 to restart her library consulting company. She has been chair of ALA's International Library Committee, active in IFLA, and consults regularly with libraries in other countries, particularly Bulgaria.

Our plans for 2015 include pursuing the establishment of a CAL Award for international library projects for Colorado libraries that celebrate international culture. ILCE is also proposing grants to assist CAL member libraries and individuals to continue work with international libraries. ILCE is supporting a course offered by Emporia State University in international librarianship concluding with a trip to Bulgaria (Nancy Bolt is the instructor and Janet Lee and Barb Thorne will be mentors on the trip.) As usual, ILCE will propose a program for the CAL conference, this time featuring Emporia

students who have traveled to various countries to study their libraries.

ILCE would like to expand our Steering Committee to add one or two people who would be willing to attend bi-monthly meetings (physically or virtually) and help plan ILCE's overall programs. We are also initiating a bi-monthly newsletter to keep our CAL members and others interested in international librarianship informed about our activities.

We look for to an exciting year with exciting projects.

Reader's Advisory Interest Group

The first meeting for the Readers Advisory Interest Group will be held Thursday, February 12 from 2pm to 4pm at DCPLs Parker branch library.

The proposed agenda is as follows:

1. What RA related programs would you like to see at CALCON 2015 this year?
 1. Does anyone have any program ideas that they would like to run past the group?
 2. What connections do we have on the programming committee to let them know about our thoughts and needs?
 3. Timeline for getting proposals into CAL Programming Committee
2. Is there a way to make Reader's Advisory more relevant? New terminology to market the service?
3. How do people want to network about books . . . and where . . . and do you even want to? Social networking, e-mail, group meetups, other ideas?
4. Announce plans for the Spring Workshop to be held on April 29th.

If you have other agenda items to suggest please contact the co-chairs by e-mail: Amy Hall ahall@dclibraries.org and Karen Andrews karena@cityoflafayette.com.

Keep in mind we only have two hours.

Business Services

The Business Services Interest Group will meet via virtual meeting on February 18th from 11am - noon. Contact Will O'Hearn at WOHearn@ppld.org for information on participating in this online meeting.