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# Connections

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## President's Message



Welcome to 2015!

At the last CAL meeting, I was asked (and I'm paraphrasing here) "what in the world possessed you to take this on?"

Before I answer that, let me provide some background. I have jumped around a bit in life. I grew up in Iowa, in a tiny town called Green Mountain. After high school, I had a brief stint at each state university, as well as a community college. After finally amassing enough credits (and then some!) for a bachelor's degree, I moved to Chicago. One decade and two master's degrees later, I made the move to Colorado. I have been visiting Colorado since I was 7 years old. My

uncle lived in Denver, and my family would visit each year. I knew that Colorado was a magical place then, and I feel unbelievably lucky to live here now. I met my husband 2 weeks after moving to Denver, and we were married in May of 2014.

So, what does all this have to do with agreeing to serve as CAL's president? Don't fret, I'm getting there! Now, where were we...oh, right, I got married. Along with marriage comes a sense of settling down (at least it sure did for me!). Having moved around so much, I have finally found a great profession, an awesome backdrop, and a great husband (in that order), and feel the time is right to put down those roots. Along with that, I felt like it was time to give back to the profession that has allowed me to accomplish so much. Cheesy, right? Maybe so...

When I was asked to step up and commit to being CAL President, I was new to Colorado, and yeah, I can say it, a bit naïve. I have worked in libraries for ten years, but only two of those years in this area. So, let's just say, I really had no idea what this job entailed. Over this last year as President-Elect, I have been in an information-gathering mode (let's hear it for research!). I found out about all the good CAL does, including our state lobbyists, our professional development opportunities, and the annual conference. Another thing CAL provides is a network of engaged, knowledgeable & friendly peers. CAL provides leadership opportunities. For me, it is a chance to contribute to something bigger, and gain immeasurable experience. My hope is that CAL can do the same for you!

I would like to thank Kari May, our past president, for her tireless work and dedication to CAL, not just last year, but throughout her many years of service to the organization. Kari's ability to nominate people to volunteer is truly inspiring (let that also serve as a warning going forward, I don't see her letting up anytime soon!). I would also like to thank all those on the board, those who are just beginning their year(s) of service, as well as the conference planning committee. With a fantastic 2014 conference under our collective belts, we can look forward to a productive and lively 2015!

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## President's Message (continued)

As incoming president, my mission is to communicate CAL's relevance. The work our lobbyists do in the state legislature is crucial to librarianship. The professional development opportunities afforded by CAL's associations, divisions, committees and interest groups speak to everyone in the field. The annual conference provides an unbeatable networking opportunity, amazing workshops, and a fabulous exhibit hall (not to mention that other-worldly carrot cake at CALCON 2014, am I right?!?). Word needs to get out to the community in a BIG way!

The CAL Board will be meeting at the Community College of Aurora on February 13th, and every other month after that. I look forward to working with this exceptionally motivated group of people, and to reaching out to my fellow colleagues across the state of Colorado.

CAL Board Meeting: 2/13/15, 4-6pm, Community College of Aurora, Room TBA, contact Joanna Powell at [joanna.powell@ccaaurora.edu](mailto:joanna.powell@ccaaurora.edu), or call 303.360.4740.

Joanna Powell  
CAL President 2015

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Adult Services Interest Group Meeting: January 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.

### CAL Conference Committee Co-Chair needed Apply by January 15

The committee is in need of a co-chair for this year to assist Chair Christine Kreger this year, and assume the chair position in 2016. Co-chair duties are outlined on the [CAL website](#). If you are interested in applying, please send a letter of intent, a current resume, and a supervisor letter of support to Joanna Powell, CAL President at [Joanna.Powell@ccaaurora.edu](mailto:Joanna.Powell@ccaaurora.edu) by 5 PM January 15, 2015. This is a great leadership and networking opportunity!

#### Pictures!

**HELP!** The newsletter is boring!

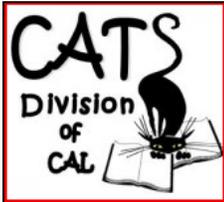
We need your pictures of CAL events to liven thing up. Suggestions are always welcome but send those pix to [aroht@dclibraries.org](mailto:aroht@dclibraries.org).

  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## Children and Teen Services Division (CATS) Winter Workshop: January 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!



The 2nd annual CATS Division Winter Workshop will be held at DU on Jan 16 from 8:30- 4. The theme this year is *Higher, Faster, Stronger* featuring SUPER-powered sessions and professional development.

Where: Morgridge College of Education Ruffatto Hall- University of Denver  
1999 E Evans Ave, Denver, Colorado 80208

CAL Members \$40.00      Non Members \$50.00      Online registration is available until: 1/13/2015

Register for the event and view session information [here](#) and get additional information at the CATS blog at <https://catsig.wordpress.com/>

## New Professionals Interest Group Hiring Workshop: February 7

The New Professionals Interest Group will host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hiring Workshop at the University of Denver on Saturday, Feb 7. Current students, practicing professionals and job seekers are all invited to our popular panel of library leaders and hiring managers followed by a networking lunch & two breakout sessions focusing on interviewing, cover letters and resumes & negotiation skills.

The event will be held at the University of Denver, Katherine Ruffatto Hall on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-3:00pm. The cost is \$20 (\$15 for CAL members). The panel includes..

Martin Garner, 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

Visit: [http://www.cal-webs.org/events/event\\_details.asp?id=575783](http://www.cal-webs.org/events/event_details.asp?id=575783) for details and registration.

## Meetings in February:

**CALCON planning meeting:** February 13, 2-4 pm, Community College of Aurora  
Contact Christine Kreger at [kreger\\_c@cde.state.co.us](mailto:kreger_c@cde.state.co.us)

**CAL Board Meeting:** February 13, 4-6pm, Community College of Aurora  
Contact Joanna Powell at [joanna.powell@ccaaurora.edu](mailto:joanna.powell@ccaaurora.edu), or call 303.360.4740.

**Readers Advisory Interest Group:** February 17, Parker Library  
Contact Amy Hall at [ahall@dclibraries.org](mailto:ahall@dclibraries.org)

**Business Services Interest Group:** February 26, 10am-noon, Virtual Meeting  
Contact Terry Zarsky at [tzarsky@ppld.org](mailto:tzarsky@ppld.org) or 719-531-6333 x2308

# CAL 2015!

In 2015, the *CAL Connections* newsletter will be looking in detail at the Associations, Divisions, Committees and Interest Groups that make up the Colorado Association of Libraries. To kick off the year, we asked the leaders of these groups to introduce themselves and talk a bit about their group. Response wasn't fantastic, likely due to the hectic holiday season at the time of our request, but we've included the responses that we received.

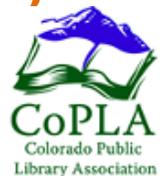
Look for more information on what CAL does and how CAL works in future editions!

## CAL Associations

### Colorado Association of Public Libraries (CoPLA)

2015 President: Amy Rodda; Pikes Peak Library District

CoPLA President's message: Hi, I'm Amy Rodda, the incoming president for CoPLA. I am currently the Adult/Teen Services Supervisor with Library 21c of the Pikes Peak Library District. I am actively involved in the Colorado Springs community and currently serve on the board for the Southern Colorado Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, traveling, reading, and spending time with my husband and 2 kids. I'm very excited to be involved with CoPLA and CAL. In 2015, we hope to offer at least one full day workshop. We are planning on focusing on the topics of Community Engagement and Outreach and the workshop will probably be in late Spring. Please stay tuned for more information in the next few months. We will also work closely with the CAL Conference planning committee to help select programs that we feel will be of interest to CoPLA members.



[CoPLA web page](#)

## CAL Committees

### Communications Committee

2015 Chair: Andrew Roth; Douglas County Libraries.

Chair's message: I'm Andrew Roth, Librarian with Douglas County Libraries and I've been working in libraries for over 12 years. The 3-person Communications Committee (myself along with Vicki Briner and Amy Phillips) was restarted mid-2014 with the goal of producing a monthly newsletter and our plans for 2015 are to continue and improve the *CAL Connections* newsletter as well as improving CAL's social media communications. If you were one of the nice folks that showed interest in helping on the committee when we met at the CAL conference Group Fair, I'll be in touch with you soon. Suggestions, comments and submissions for the newsletter are always welcome, email me at [aroth@dclibraries.org](mailto:aroth@dclibraries.org). And pictures... we like pictures – a newsletter is boring without them. Finally, if you haven't take our [Social Media Survey](#), please take a few minutes and do so – your input is important to us. Thanks!

[Communication Committee web page](#)

# CAL Committees

## Conference Committee

2015 Chair: Christine Kreger, Colorado State Library.

Chair's message: Preparations for the Colorado Association of Libraries 2015 Conference are already underway! Amy Long, the 2014 Conference chair held a debrief and celebration meeting in November to review conference feedback and set the stage for 2015.

Christine Kreger, Professional Development Consultant for the Colorado State Library and the 2015 CAL Conference Chair kicked off the new planning year on December 12, 2014. The Conference Planning Committee will meet monthly on the second Friday of each month from 2-4 PM, and we are still looking for interested individuals to help us plan an amazing conference for 2015!

There are many ways to participate in CAL Conference planning! The committee is in need of a co-chair for this year to assist Christine this year, and assume the chair position in 2016. Co-chair duties are outlined on the CAL website. **If you are interested in applying, please send a letter of intent, a current resume, and a supervisor letter of support to Joanna Powel, CAL President at [Joanna.Powell@ccaaurora.edu](mailto:Joanna.Powell@ccaaurora.edu) by 5 PM January 15, 2015.** This is a great leadership and networking opportunity!

There are also several CALCON 2015 subcommittees to choose from including Programming, Keynotes, Volunteers, and the Marketing subcommittee is looking for someone with mad social media skills! You can learn more by visiting the CAL website or contacting Christine Kreger [kreger\\_c@cde.state.co.us](mailto:kreger_c@cde.state.co.us) or 303-866-6946.

[Conference Committee web page](#)

## Leadership Development Committee

2015 Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Kelsen-Huber; Colorado Library Consortium  
Joanna Nelson; Pikes Peak Library District

Chair's Message: The Leadership Development Committee has several roles, but perhaps its most well-known role is to recruit, select and provide leadership opportunities for the CAL Leadership Institute aka CALLI. The Leadership Institute Committee formed from a task force commissioned by then CAL President Martin Garner. Martin saw the need to grow leaders within CAL and establishing a leadership institute was the next step. Fast forward several months and the committee applications for the first institute were accepted. Since then more than 60 Colorado staff have graduated from CALLI. Nearly 50% have gone on to greater roles/responsibilities within their organizations.

In September the committee welcomed its fourth group/cohort. They have already experienced a tremendous amount of self-discovery and the rest of the year will continue their learning and discovery. Topics include: Leadership in Motion –webinar with leaders across the state, Advocacy at the State Capitol for CO Library Lobby Day, Ethics, Change Management, Communication, and Special Projects.

[Leadership Development Committee web page](#)

# CAL Interest Groups

## Adult Services Interest Group (ASIG)

Current Chair: Dodie Ownes, Douglas County Libraries

Chair's message: It's a great time to start participating in the Adult Services Interest Group! Long-time facilitator Sheila Kerber (DCL) stepped down in the fall, and Dodie Ownes (DCL) volunteered to temporarily lead the group. At the January 7 meeting, the top agenda item will be about ongoing leadership of the group, whether it should be a single facilitator or a shared responsibility, and once established, what the goals of the interest group are for 2015-2016. ASIG members are generally polled about two weeks prior to the next meeting for suggested discussion topics. Some are perennial (such as tax forms!) and others involve innovation (maker spaces) or patron services (form-based reader's advisory) - it's all about the sharing!

### Upcoming Events:

Jan 7 (Wed.) James H LaRue Library (Highlands Ranch)

April 9 (Thu) TBD

Contact: Dodie Ownes, [downes@dclibraries.org](mailto:downes@dclibraries.org)

[ASIG web page](#)

## Business Services Interest Group (BSIG)

2015 Chair: Terry Zarsky, Pikes Peak Library District

Chair's Message: CAL BSIG (Colorado Association of Libraries - Business Special Interest Group) is an informal meeting of those who serve the business community in libraries of all types in Colorado. We meet once a quarter on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our February meeting is virtual. Anyone interested in attending or joining (no fees) can contact Terry Zarsky, President, Pikes Peak Library District, [tzarsky@ppld.org](mailto:tzarsky@ppld.org) or 719-531-6333 x2308.

[BSIG web page](#)

## Readers Advisory Interest Group

2015 Co-Chairs: Amy Hall; Douglas County Libraries  
Karen Andrew; Lafayette Public Library

Chair's Message: I am Amy Hall, Co-Chair for the Readers Advisory Interest Group for CAL. I have worked at Douglas County's Parker Library for almost three years and am rooting for *The Martian* to be the next big thing.

The Readers Advisory Interest Group is hoping to host a meeting at the Parker Library on February 17th, to discuss CAL programming proposals among other things. We are also planning a Spring Workshop on Wednesday, April 29th. Keren Dali will talk about her studies of reader appeal as opposed to book appeal and how that can help us help readers.

[Readers Advisory Interest Group web page](#)

# CAL Interest Groups

## New Professionals Interest Group (NPIG)

2015 Chair: Lindsay Roberts, Arapahoe Community College

Chair's Message: Lindsay Roberts will serve as New Professionals Chair for 2015. She works as Reference and Outreach Librarian at Arapahoe Community College and has served on the NPIG board for three years. As a recent MLIS grad, Lindsay believes the New Professionals Interest Group is as a welcoming bridge for MLIS students to meet practicing library professionals and grow their professional networks. NPIG also offers fun professional development and networking opportunities to those already in the field. This year NPIG welcomes Alicia Cartwright as the incoming Vice Chair. Alicia is a Business Librarian at Arapahoe Library District. Bob Bennhoff will serve as Past-Chair this year and we thank him for his continued support. Thanks, too, to NPIG board members Jennifer Brown (University of Denver) and Hanna Schmillen (University of Denver MLIS student) for their time and efforts! The New Professionals Interest Group will host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hiring Workshop at the University of Denver on Saturday, February 7. Current students, practicing professionals, and job seekers are all invited to our popular panel of library leaders and hiring managers followed by a networking lunch and two breakout sessions focusing on interviewing, cover letters and resumes, and negotiation skills. For more details and registration, visit: [http://www.cal-webs.org/events/event\\_details.asp?id=575783](http://www.cal-webs.org/events/event_details.asp?id=575783)

[NPIG web page](#)

[NPIG Facebook](#)

[NPIG LinkedIn](#)

## CAL Groups

There are lots of other CAL Associations, Divisions, Committees and Interest Groups that didn't submit information for this issue. We'll be providing information in the following months on more of these groups. Until then, here's a quick list of the various groups that make up CAL. Please visit the [CAL website](#) for more information on them:

### Associations

Colorado Academic Library Association (CoALA) - Colorado Association of School Libraries (CASL)

Colorado Association of Special Libraries (CoASL) - Colorado Public Library Association (CoPLA)

### Divisions

Children and Teen Services Division (CATS) - Paralibrarian Division - Trustees and Friends Division

### Committees

Awards - Communications - Conference - Continuing Education - Intellectual Freedom

Leadership Development - Legislative - Membership - Nominations - Revisions - Site Selection

### Interest Groups

Adult Services - Business Services - Colorado REFORMA - eResources - International Exchange

New Professionals - Reader's Advisory - Special Populations and Issues