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# Connections

THE COMMON BOND, VOICE AND POWER FOR THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY

## President's Message



Dear CAL Members:

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. I would like to begin by acknowledging and thanking Daniel Cordova and Jamie La Rue for stepping in for the remainder of 2015. Both will also run for the 2016 election; and as a team, we are looking forward to the next six months and meeting many of our members at CALCON in October.

During this month of personal and professional change, I will be looking to you for ways to build our memberships across CAL and entice our library friends and colleagues to join our efforts.

In Michael Watkin's book, *The First 90 Days* (2013), he warns that the most challenging times for leaders are when they are transitioning into new roles and advises how to avoid common transition traps which include:

- Sticking to what I know and not embracing new competencies.
- Trying too hard, too early to put my own stamp on the association.
- Setting unrealistic expectations.
- Attempting to do too much.
- Coming in with "the" answer.

In my coaching presentations, I often refer to Hill's Model of Communication which proposes that as a sender of a message, we communicate from our own sense of credibility and ideally include data to support the credibility of our message (Summers, 2002). As a sender we express feelings about the message using examples and stories. Whereas, as receivers, we hear message through our feelings first based on our preconceived ideas from previous experiences. It is only after the message is filtered through our feelings that we consider the sender's data and decides at that point, if we believe it is a credible source.

Order	Sender	Receiver
1 <sup>st</sup>	credibility	feelings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	data	data
3 <sup>rd</sup>	feelings	credibility

As I transition into this new role, I keep Hill's Model of Communication and Watkin's advice in mind and look forward to listening to your ideas that will unite us and further CAL's goal to be "the first choice for leadership, advocacy, and professional development."  
- Laura Summers, CAL President

<sup>1</sup> Summers, L., Lohr, L., O'Neil, C. (2002). Building credibility through communication competency. *Tech Trends*. 46 (1), 26-32

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

- July 8: Adult Services IG meeting
- July 24: CoALA UnConference – Adams State Univ.
- Aug 6: CASL Workshop
- Aug 13: CoALA Webinar
- Aug 14: CATS Division meeting
- Aug 14: CAL Board meeting
- Aug 28: CoPLA Workshop



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Loveland, CO  
Early Bird registration ends  
August 1 - [Register Today!](#)

# Associations

## CASL

Colorado Association of School Libraries



Join CASL on Thursday, August 6 from 9:00-3:00 for the "Year of the Student" workshop. CASL is pleased to welcome keynote speaker Shannon Miller as we kickoff the school year. Cost for the workshop is \$30 for CAL members and \$50 for non-members and includes lunch. Student rate is \$10 and non-librarians (teachers and administrators) are \$15. Workshop will be held at Farrell B. Howell K-8 School in Denver. Check your email and the CASL [Facebook](#) page in July for registration information.

## CoALA

Colorado Academic Library Association

CoALA Spring Workshop Unconference took place on Friday, June 5 at the Colorado State University (CSU) Morgan Library. Librarians from University of Northern Colorado, University of Colorado Boulder, CSU, Adams State University, Regis University, Colorado Christian University, Colorado College, Colorado State University-Pueblo, & CLiC spent the day sharing ideas on topics ranging from recent renovation projects in libraries which lead to telling the library's story to our community of users and stakeholders. **See photos from the event on page 3**



Colorado Academic Library Association

The unconference format allows participants to bring their best practices and experience to share with other librarians. During this informal yet informative conversation the ACRL Framework was only briefly discussed in relation to instruction and one-shot sessions to "activities of research" which included ideas from the collective about building creative tutorials on everything from "booking a librarian" to finding resources in the library and how to get students involved with the video project.

CoALA is hosting another Spring Workshop Unconference this time in the *Land of Cool Sunshine*, Alamosa, CO at Adams State University on July 24. Be sure to join us for this one-day gathering for engaging discussion on topics that are decided upon that day. No scripts or sage on the stage formula. If you are interested in more

information regarding the CoALA Spring Workshop Unconference & registering go to the [CoALA webpage](#), the [CoALA wiki](#) or email CoALA President [Paul Mascareñas](#) or CoALA President-Elect, [Carol Smith](#).

## CoIASL

Colorado Association of Special Libraries

CoIASL had a virtual meeting on June 18th. We heard more about the Marijuana Enforcement Division and marijuana regulation from Jim Burack. Thank you, Jim, for all of your insight and information. An email went out to the list asking for feedback about sessions for CoIASL to endorse for CALCON2015, responses are needed by July 9th, so please let me know if you need me to resend it: [iking@westwood.edu](mailto:iking@westwood.edu). Look for information about the July in-person meeting! It will be great to see everyone!

## CoPLA

Colorado Public Library Association

### Community Engagement & Outreach Workshop

Presented by Colorado Public Library Assoc (CoPLA) with special support from CLIC

Friday, August 28, 2015: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Denver Public Library  
Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez Branch

Join us for this fun and lively workshop on inventive ways to engage and reach your community!

Sessions will include:

- Elevating your networking skills
- How Colorado libraries are using the Harwood Institute Model for community engagement
- How to measure community engagement
- Reaching Outside the Box - Outreach panel

\$30 for CAL Members      \$50 for Nonmembers

Lunch provided!

Scholarships available stay tuned for more info!

To register, please click [here!](#)





CoALA uniconference – June 5



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# Divisions

## Children and Teen Services

The CATS Summer Meeting is here!

**WHEN: August 14, 2015 from 10 AM-3 PM**

**WHERE: At the Estes Valley Library**

In honor of Estes Valley Library's previous Storytime Exchanges in years past, we will be having a mini Storytime Idea Exchange as well as a Tween and Teen Program Idea Exchange concurrently for those of us who work with the older crowd.



After our breakout sessions you will be able to enjoy lunch at one of the many nearby restaurants in beautiful Estes Park. Then back to work! Although, most people would consider seeing the magic show, "Murdock's Magical Delights" and learning a few up-close magic tricks to use yourself would be more fun than work is allowed to be!

If you would like to share something at one of these (or both!) breakout sessions; and we hope you all will share something, no matter how small, please send a brief note to [Nicole Burchfield](#), Chair Elect, so she can give you the details.

**RSVP [Here!](#)**

Visit our [Facebook page](#) and [Blog](#) for more info!

## Paralibrarian

There were 67 attendees at this year's Paralibrarian Workshop which netted \$2200! Thank you to everyone who completed the survey for the Paralibrarian Workshop.

We're pleased that most of you enjoyed the workshop and thought it was beneficial. For those of you who weren't happy with any aspect of the workshop and would like to comment further, please don't hesitate to contact a board member. We welcome your comments and suggestions. They help us to make improvements so that the next workshop will be even better. We appreciate the suggestions you gave for next year's sessions and will do our best to try to provide sessions on those topics. However, we're limited to selecting from the proposals we receive. If there's something you're doing that you think others would be interested in, please consider submitting a proposal next year.

We're also looking for volunteers to help plan the 2016 workshop which will be held at the Boulder Public Library again. We did all our planning virtually so you can participate even from a distance. If you're interested in helping out, please email [Suellen Brenner](#).

Please follow us on [Facebook!](#)

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[Lynda Hoffmann](#), reporter

## Committees

### Conference Planning

Planning for the CALCON15 Conference is running full steam ahead! All of the 2015 programs have been selected, and we hope to have an initial draft of the conference schedule up by mid-July. In the meantime, you can check out our [tracks and session offerings](#) on the CALCON15 website, as well as our amazing [keynote speakers](#)!

In addition to finalizing a draft of the schedule, the Conference Planning Committee is busy brainstorming potential MC's, working with the CAL Associations for final session endorsements, drafting the conference program, and beginning to think about volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at the CAL Conference, contact Christine Kreger at [kreger\\_c@cde.state.co.us](mailto:kreger_c@cde.state.co.us).

Don't forget that [Early Bird Registration](#) is open until August 1, 2015! Now is the time to [make your case](#) to attend CALCON15!



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## Interest Groups

### Adult Services

The Adult Services Interest Group will be meeting Wednesday, July 8 from 9 am - noon at the newly remodeled Koelbel Library, Arapahoe Library District, Centennial. All are welcome.

Please send suggested topics for discussion to our host, [Pamela Bagby](#).

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact [downes@dclibraries.org](mailto:downes@dclibraries.org).

### Special Populations and Issues

Special Pops would like you to contribute your local special population service providers' information to our growing provider resource list, which will be posted on our CAL web page and the Special Pops cvl site.

Please email us at [coloradospecialpops@gmail.com](mailto:coloradospecialpops@gmail.com) with your recommended organizations. If they are not already included on our list, we will send you an informational pdf for them to complete and return for inclusion in the list. With your help, this will be a statewide resource for libraries!



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