

COLORADO REPORT to MPLA January 2010

The annual CAL Conference, held this past November in Denver, was well attended and generated much enthusiasm. I set up the MPLA banner and put out newsletters and Leadership Institute information to share. Each time I stopped by the table, someone was there to chat with. About 30 attendees put their names in the box for the ten free MPLA memberships.

Colorado is proud of the quality of people and programs in their libraries. The following award recipients were honored at the awards banquet during the Conference.

Susan Oakes - The "Unsung Hero" Award

Michelle Jeske - "Colorado Librarian of the Year"

Dr. Kathleen Smith - "Library Advocate" Award

Poudre River Public Library and Austin's American Grill - "Library Community Partnership" Award

Christine Kreger, Jim Duncan, and Stephen P. Gregory - "Library Project of the Year" Award

Pueblo City-County Library District - "Colorado Library of the Year" Award

Joel Robinson, retired Executive Director of the Marmot Library Network - "Career Achievement" Award

Patrene Rice - "Outstanding Library Volunteer" Award

Martha Fredendall - "Jean Maio Award for Excellence in Adult Literacy"

Lynda Hoffman - "Lucy Schweers Award for Excellence in Paralibrarianship"

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter - "Legislative" Award

Sharon Morris, Elena Rosenfeld, and Janine Reid received special recognition awards from CAL past-president Jody Howard.

The 2010 conference of the Colorado Association of Libraries is scheduled for October 7-9, at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado. Planning meetings have already begun. At the March CAL Board meeting, I'll talk with them about when CAL and MPLA will next jointly conference. The last one was in 2004 so we need to be looking at 2015.

CALLI completes first year - The Colorado Association of Libraries Leadership Institute completed its first year with a final session during the CAL conference in November 2009. Overall, it was considered a success and both participants and mentors had many positive things to share about the program. Late last fall, speculation was that this would be an every-other-year program.

Collaborate Like You Mean It Conference. The Colorado Academic Library Consortium Summit planning committee seeks proposals for presentation and poster sessions for the fourth CALC Summit. The Summit will be held at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel (6th Ave & Union) on May 20-21, 2010.

ColleagueConnection 2010 - The Colorado Association of Law Libraries, in conjunction with the Special Libraries Association, Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, Colorado Association of Libraries, and the University of Denver Library and Information Science Program has scheduled at panel discussion for Wednesday, April 7, 2010, from 5:30pm – 8:30pm at the University of

Denver Driscoll Center North Gallery and Ballroom. The discussion topic is “Colorado’s 2010 Anti-Tax Ballot Issues: Their Impact on Colorado and its Libraries”

[Colorado Libraries 2.0](#) is a FREE learning program to help library staff become familiar with Web 2.0 tools. The program is designed in modules associated with categories of tools. Included are Communication, Collaboration, Visual Communications, Personal Learning Environments (PLE), Productivity Tools, and a capstone project – Your PLE. Additional modules will be available in 2010. Colorado Libraries 2.0 was created by Reach – Leading Learning in Libraries – a group of library staff members committed to sharing continuing education opportunities with others.

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