

The **CLA/CEMA Library Legislative Day Workshop** and Luncheon will take place on Thursday, February 21, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Denver Public Library. A bill will be introduced in the 2001-2002 session of the Colorado State Legislature to revise the Library Law portion of the Colorado Statutes (24-90-101, etc). A task force reviewed the law, identifying problems, and proposing solutions. Wording for the changes has been drafted and recently revised, based on suggestions and comments by CLA members. For more information, visit the CLA website at: www.cla-web.org/librarylawrevision.htm.

The **last Colorado Library Association Board Meeting** took place on February 5, 2002. The **Colorado Association of Libraries** (formerly CLA and CEMA) Board has been meeting for several months. They continue the work of merging the two associations with all the accompanying bylaws and procedures changes. The CAL Board will meet monthly for awhile. The new CAL president is Donna Jones Morris.

The last **CEMA Conference**, targeted to school library media personnel and others who work with students, is scheduled for February 14-16, in Colorado Springs.

Library Research Service has launched online surveys for all three major Colorado library surveys – public, school, and academic. The data gathered in these surveys provides library professionals with important statistics for planning, evaluating, and budgeting.

The Colorado Virtual Library will only be available online as of January 2002. The 800# dial-in service has been discontinued due to business decisions made by Qwest. Users of the Colorado Virtual Library without Internet access at home will have to come into their public library for access.

The Colorado Blue Spruce YA Book Awards are chosen for Colorado teens, by Colorado teens. The Blue Spruce Award recognizes the most popular books among middle and high school students in the State of Colorado. Teens nominate their favorite titles and select the winner - adults do not vote. The list of awards can be accessed through the Blue Spruce Web site at www.cla-web.org/bluespruce/index.htm. The 2001 winner is HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE by J. K. Rowling.

The **Paralibrarian Spring Workshop**, Spring for Unity: Sharing Support Staff Experience, will be held Monday, March 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Children's Hospital. Register online at <http://www.cla-web.org/>.

Red Zinger/Coors Classic Archives on Permanent Loan to DPL - The Denver Public Library has acquired 14 (1975-88) years of Red Zinger Bicycle Classic and Coors International Bicycle Classic materials for permanent installation in their Special Collections Archives. The collection was donated by Michael Aisner and Kay Groeneveld, owners/promoters of America's premier international stage race and National Cycling Tour. The multi-day race through California, Nevada and Colorado reigned as one of the top five stage races in the world, attracting top pros and amateurs. The collection includes printed material such as the annual race magazines and

yearbooks, spectator guides, wall calendars, race manuals, contracts, correspondence and sponsorship proposals, along with ephemera, videos, and footage from the film "American Flyers", shot at the race.

The Romance Writers of America are sponsoring a Librarian and Bookseller Event on July 17, 2002 as part of their annual conference taking place in Denver. There will be a number of speakers including Jayne Ann Krentz, Maggie Osborne, and Elizabeth Lowell. Information about the event can be found at the RWA's Website at <http://www.rwanational.com>.

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