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CLA Annual Conference

The annual conference, Enhancing Information: Libraries Add Value, was held at Snowmass, CO, on Sept. 14-17, 2000. Highlights of the conference included Walt Crawford, Bill Gordon, Nancy Kranich, Herb White, Connie Willis, movies, exhibitors, line dancing and the music of Rodeo Cool. The weather was lovely, although it was just slightly early to see the fall colors. The important news from the conference is below:

Federation of Colorado Libraries

After some discussion, the CLA membership voted to accept the proposed Federation of Colorado Libraries. This new association merges the Colorado Library Association and the Colorado Educational Media Association (CEMA). CEMA had already voted to accept the merger. One rationale for the merger is to show a united front when library issues come before the state legislature. The Federation structure will be very different from that of CLA. More information about the Federation can be found at the CLA web site: [www.cla-web.org](http://www.cla-web.org). One very significant change is that the MPLA representative will be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Federation Board. Policies and procedures will be worked out by an Implementation Task Force that is currently being formed. The targeted date for the Federation to be in place is Fall 2002.

Bulgarian Library Project Now Online

CLA and the Bulgarian Library Association adopted a Resolution of Cooperation in 1996. You can now access a Website with information about the project and links to the partner libraries in Bulgaria.

State Funding for Colorado Libraries

Applications are due by Nov. 17 for State Grants to Libraries. Administrative procedures and the application form are available on the State Library's Home page ([www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slstatefund.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slstatefund.htm)).

Workshops – C.L.A.S.S. Collaborative Links: Achieving Student Success

There will be a series of workshops for teachers and library media specialists/librarians to learn how to collaboratively teach nonfiction writing. Workshops will be held Nov. 3-4 in Lamar; November 10-11 in Pueblo, January 5-6 in Limon, and January 19-20 in Colorado springs. CDE credit is available. Cost of registration is \$25. For more information, go to <http://www.uscolo.edu/arkvally/pages/mailings/class.pdf>

Colorado Digitization Project Leadership Seminar

The third annual leadership seminar for Colorado's archives, historical societies, libraries and museums, will be held on Friday, December 1, 2000, at Front Range Community College, Westminster. The focus of the seminar will be the digital divide and how Colorado's cultural

heritage institutions can respond to the needs identified by the divide and response through digitization of primary source materials. For more information, contact Liz Bishoff, CDP Project Director at [bishoffl@concentric.net](mailto:bishoffl@concentric.net) or 202/759-3399.

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