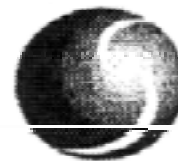




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## *From the President: Linda Van Wert*

### **"SERVICE" AND "VOLUNTEERING"**

The word "service" has at least 30 meanings in the modern college dictionary, but the one that I like the most is: "to render assistance; be of use; help." In the coming year as President, I look forward to assisting the Rocky Mountain Chapter through growth and change. Recently, I have been thinking of the many ways in which I have been enriched by serving last year as President-elect of the Chapter, and how important the help of colleagues was in making it a successful year.

SLA's best assets are the many volunteers who serve the organization by providing creativity, new ideas, professionalism, energy and rejuvenation. Members who are willing to voice their opinions provide valuable feedback for change and help SLA be responsive to its membership. In addition to the obvious benefits to the organization, being a volunteer can deepen the individual's professional experience.

Working as a volunteer can provide several intrinsic rewards. Networking with colleagues and working with others on projects presents numerous opportunities for learning from each other and growing. It can keep us from becoming entrenched in our own ideas and walled in by our own experiences at our jobs. I worked for many years as a solo librarian and found a sense of connection by working on committees. Serving in an office or on a committee can also supply us with leadership skills and help us gain professional abilities. Volunteering for an organization is an excellent way to become involved.

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**President's column continued:**

A friend of mine often says, "You vote with your feet," which is his way of reminding us that if we want something to happen, we need to show up and help make it happen ourselves. By becoming involved in our organization, we can promote the programs and develop the policies that are significant to us.

I think the greatest reward of volunteering is constantly learning something new. Pay is not the biggest motivator for librarians, nor is it the biggest contributor to high morale. I read a few years ago that librarians rate gaining new knowledge and having a sense of accomplishment as the most important aspects of their work. Along with learning, I would add the feeling of satisfaction and enjoyment of a job well performed. Antonio Machado, a twentieth-century poet from Seville, wrote that "making things well is more important than making them." We gain more than our own fulfillment; our work is honestly appreciated by others. SLA, like most other organizations, would not run without the hard work of many people. In fact, it would not even stumble along.

I encourage all of our members to consider serving their organization by volunteering to help with a committee, to assist the President-elect with planning a program, or to fill one of our current vacant positions. Presently, there are opportunities to chair the Ways and Means Committee, which obtains sponsors for our newsletter or our programs; to chair the Academic Relations Committee, which works on the annual Rebecca Jackson Scholarship fundraiser and screens scholarship applications; and to chair the Nominating Committee, which contacts members nominated for office and prepares a slate for the ballot. What you "earn" from your efforts will make your time well-spent.

## **Gateway to State Government Information Using the State Publications Library Web Site**

**Bonnie McCune**

State government agencies deal with most areas of our lives. Laws, guidelines, reports, current statistics, or consumer information, all can impact the interests of special libraries. When a reference question comes across the desk, consider if the state would be involved, then check the State Publications Library Web Site for quick and easy access. The State Publications Library (SPL), part of the Colorado State Library (Colorado Department of Education), was created in 1980 to maintain a collection of documents, of long-term value, published by every state agency. Today the library totals almost 18,000 titles in print format.

But times are changing in state government publishing as elsewhere. Electronic publishing on the Internet led to the development of the official Colorado State Homepage a few years ago. The result? Access to more and more information electronically. The SPL "captures" electronic documents from state agencies by cataloging their Web sites for increased subject access. The SPL's Web page itself provides an alternative point of entry to state information in addition to the many doors Internet users may chose from during a search. It also expands the breadth and depth of searching by integrating related information on a subject from different state agencies. This is done through the cataloging of Web sites as well as creating subject bibliographies and providing links to state information by subject categories.

## State Library Website cont.

The components and features of the SPL Web page are easy to use. Begin with the site at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slstpubs.htm>

- **Searching the Catalog**

The collection is searchable by author, title, or keyword on the CARL database. The catalog includes print publications and state agency Web sites. Publications include annual reports, statistics, budget information, special reports, etc. in areas such as health, transportation, education, environment, business, regulation, and welfare.

- **Links to State Information by Subject**

Links begin with quick useful facts and statistics for many topics plus the state symbols. Then there are links to the main State Homepage, Kids' Page, Seniors' Page, and the state telephone directory. Direct links to state Web sites for the areas of business, history/genealogy, higher education, K-12 education, legal, libraries, and tourism/recreation are included.

- **Featured Subject Bibliographies**

Lists of current titles on a popular subject in both print and electronic formats are created in order to highlight state information and allow for quicker access. Some of the lists now available are youth violence, business, developmental disabilities, seniors, and student achievement.

- **New Titles Lists**

Every month the library publishes an alphabetical listing of state documents acquired that month. However, these titles may not always have recent publication dates because the library periodically adds older gift titles that are included in the list.

- **Digital Documents**

The SPL has begun to digitize selected Colorado State documents in an effort to enhance access to unique state documents for K-12 students, adult researchers, and the general public. Initially, items will be chosen either because they provide online examples

of valuable but under-utilized print holdings or because they can be used to support K-12 education standards and are not widely distributed in print. Currently, the following documents are partially digitized:

- First Biennial Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Territory of Colorado, 1872
- History of Colorado, 1927 (Education Chapter only)

- **Information About Our Library**

This section answers such questions as:

- What is the State Publications Library?
- What are state publications?
- Where can I find a list of publications?
- How can I borrow publications?

Included is a link to a list of statewide Depository Libraries with direct links to search their catalogs.

- **Ask Us A Question**

This page links to an email address for asking questions. A form is provided for detailed reference questions, which can be faxed or mailed to the library. In the future patrons will be able to submit the form electronically. "Links to State Information by Subject" includes:

- Picture of the state bird
- List of threatened/endangered animal and plant species with some photographs
- Where and how much lottery money goes to each county
- Colorado laws searchable by keyword
- Graduation and drop out rates for each school district
- Current issue of all the local newspapers

For more information on the State Publications Library, contact Maureen Crocker, 303.866.6728, [crocker\\_m@cde.state.co.us](mailto:crocker_m@cde.state.co.us). Workshops and training on using the SPL resources may be scheduled as resources and time permit.

## ***Rebecca Jackson Scholarship Fund Raiser***

Kathleen Rainwater

Summer is such a busy time of year, your kids have hundreds of places to go, the relatives are coming to stay, you are recovering from SLA, ALA and looking forward to CLA, you finally get to take the vacation you've been dreaming about for 5 years, so how do you find time to attend the annual SLA fundraiser???

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Special Libraries Association believes strongly in supporting future members of our profession by creating the Rebecca Jackson Scholarship to help a current student in local graduate Library programs.

We raise money for the scholarship once a year, usually we plan some kind of fun activity, but this year it seems that no one has the time to COME!!! So instead of asking you to fit one more evening out into an already crowded summer schedule, we are having a non-event to raise money for the scholarship.

### **Everyone can find the time NOT to attend!**

*Two recent recipients of the Rebecca Jackson scholarship share their experiences:*

***Katherine Kent***, a part-time reference librarian at the University of Colorado at Boulder's Central Reference Department, tells us:

"I was working full time at the University of Denver, and I had a part-time job, I was a graduate student and I had just given birth. I wasn't sure how this was all going to work out for me as I was contemplating quitting my jobs to stay home with my child. Not only would this remove my salary but my tuition waiver from the University of Denver as well. The RJ scholarship from SLA provided me with much more than a way to pay for my next class. As I was up five times a night feeding and changing diapers it gave me the inspiration to continue on with my classes and my career. I felt that there were many people in the profession who cared about me, LIS students, each other and the profession. It made me realize that we are all connected. I was encouraged by the possibility of winning the scholarship to do my best, and I am still encouraged to do my best knowing that there are so many people out there to encourage me and others.

***Marcia J. Rodney***, Senior Research Analyst for Library Research Service, said:

"I won the Rebecca Jackson Scholarship near the end of my schooling and no longer absolutely required it for tuition. We'd avoided debt throughout by avoiding extras. Tuition was my big extra (wanna drive my 1988 car?) The scholarship allowed me to invest in extras, like a laptop, which helped me launch my consulting business. Receiving the scholarship validated my enthusiasm for Special Librarianship as evidence of my colleagues' support in what is too often a solo's profession."

**To participate in the Scholarship Fundraiser, send your check and this coupon:**

I would like to donate to the **Rebecca Jackson Scholarship Fund:**

\_\_\_\_\$10 \_\_\_\_\$20 \_\_\_\_\$30 \_\_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\_\_Other amount (check payable to **RMC SLA**)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Dianne Powell, 3268 Perry St., Denver, CO 80212

Deadline: **September 30, 2000** (You can bring a check to the September meeting if you wish)

The Rocky Mountain Chapter Thanks you for your contribution to the Rebecca Jackson Scholarship Fund!!!!

# The Rocky Mountain Chapter of SLA Invites You to the 2000 Membership Meeting

Sponsored by netLibrary

Open to SLA members, guests and all members of Colorado's library community  
-- there is no charge for this exciting evening.

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 28, 2000

**WHERE:** netLibrary, located at 3080 Center Green Drive in Boulder, Colorado.  
See their Web site at [www.netlibrary.com](http://www.netlibrary.com) <http://www.netlibrary.com>

**TIME:** 5-6:00pm Tours of the netLibrary operation (RSVPs encouraged)

5-6:30pm Chat with old friends and meet new colleagues

Italian dinner buffet provided by netLibrary

6:30-8:30pm Brief RMSLA business meeting, followed by a presentation on the future of e-publishing and its role in libraryland by netLibrary vice-president of research and library systems *Lynn Silipigni Connaway*.

*Dr. Connaway* is widely known and respected for her research in the organization of electronic documents. After you've had a chance to stretch your legs and refill your plates, netLibrary area manager *Brad Redman* will demonstrate netLibrary's products, and open the floor to your questions.

netLibrary, the world's premier provider of electronic books, is on the cutting edge of e-publishing. They provide services specific to the corporate, academic, public, and school markets, and are eager to work with members of SLA. Come armed with questions.

Please RSVP to Stacey Nagle, RMSLA membership co-chair, at [snagle@naglenet.org](mailto:snagle@naglenet.org) so netLibrary can plan the buffet and provide enough tour guides. The tour is worth it, folks -- see exactly how content is e-published! If you know of new librarians and other information specialists in our area, invite them to come!

# RMSLA Newly Elected Officers Congratulations!

## President-Elect:

*Kathleen Rainwater* is the Corporate Librarian for the Gates Rubber Company in Denver. She earned her MA from the University of Denver in 1982 (from the Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management in it's previous incarnation). Kathleen always wanted to be a librarian, worked as a page in Elementary, Junior High and High School and even has an undergraduate degree in Librarianship from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She has been a member of SLA "forever." Although she hasn't held previous office in the Rocky Mountain chapter of SLA, she has been "almost every officer that exists in Toastmasters during 13 years as a member"; an officer in the Slalom Gates Ski Club for 15 out of her 17 years involvement with the club, and has also held every office (but Treasurer) in the Gates Fire Brigade. Kathleen is looking forward to working with the other RMSLA officers, and is excited about having a chance to contribute to an organization that has given her so much.

## Secretary:

*Bob Cooper* was born in Boston, grew up in Chicago, and moved to Colorado in 1996. Bob has over ten years of research experience, mostly in special libraries. He is currently the Assistant Director of Research for GrantSeeker in Denver. GrantSeeker specializes in assisting nonprofits in finding funding sources. Before coming to GrantSeeker, Bob was a Development Researcher with the University of Colorado Foundation. He was also a special librarian at Gustavson Associates, an oil & gas consulting firm in Boulder, and a law librarian at Coffield Ungaretti & Harris, a law firm in Chicago. He has also worked at Boulder Public Library and Lafayette Public Library in a variety of roles. Bob is currently working on his Master's in Library and Information Science at the University of Denver.

## Director-at-Large:

*Christine Hamilton-Pennell* is an independent information consultant specializing in literature reviews; Web-based subject research guides; online course design; Web site development; and needs assessments and feasibility studies. Previously, she served as director the Colorado Department of Education's Resource Center for 11 years, and has also worked in academic, school, and medical libraries.

Christine recently co-authored three library research studies and one article on the positive relationship between school librarians and student achievement. She has been an adjunct professor for the Library and Information Services master's program at the University of Denver since 1996. She co-chaired the Colorado Library Marketing Council for more than six years. She previously served as Director-at-Large for the Rocky Mountain Chapter, Special Libraries Association, and has been the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Education Division of SLA.

## MCMLA 2000 Program Offers Variety and Inspiration

The Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MCMLA) will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Denver, Saturday, September 23, 2000 – Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown. The conference will offer a variety of excellent CE courses, inspirational speakers, and fun events.

Continuing Education (CE) Courses:

**CE1: Teaching the Adult Learner in the Library Setting** (8 hours MLA CE credit)  
8:00AM – 5:00PM, Saturday, September 23, 2000 Holiday Inn Denver Downtown  
Instructor: Nancy Ottman Press, Consumer Health Network Librarian, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

**CE2 & CE5: QuickDOC and DOCLINE: The Next Generation** (3 hours of MLA CE credit pending)  
(CE2) 1:00PM – 5:00PM, Saturday, September 23, 2000, Holiday Inn Denver Downtown  
(CE5) 1:00PM – 5:00PM, Sunday, September 24, 2000, Holiday Inn Denver Downtown  
Instructor: Jay Daly, Creator of QuickDOC and Network Administrator, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

**CE3: Advanced PubMed Searching** (4 hours MLA CE credit pending)  
8:30AM – 12:30PM, Sunday, September 24, 2000, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, classroom with hands on practice  
Instructor: Molly Youngkin, MLS, Outreach Coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Midcontinental Region, Omaha, NE

**CE4: Alternative Medicine: No Longer Just a Fad**  
8:AM – 5:00PM, Sunday, September 24, 2000, Holiday Inn Denver Downtown  
Instructors: Sharon A. Lezotte, MHE, MLIS, Consumer Health Coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Midcontinental Region and Theresa Arndt, MLS, Head of Education and Assistant Professor, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

### Sessions and Events

- The keynote address, *New Tools and New Premises for Medical Care and Medical Education*, will be presented by **Lawrence L. Weed, MD, Professor of Medicine Emeritus, College of Medicine, University of Vermont**, and the founder of PKC (Problem Knowledge Couplers) Corporation. A dynamic and popular speaker, Dr. Weed will discuss the use of information tools in the practice of medicine, through the development of the problem-oriented patient record.
- *Electronic Journals: The Promise and The Realities* will be presented by **Diane Johnson, MLS, AHIP, J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library, University of Missouri – Columbia**. Ms. Johnson will present an overview of the current models and formats available for the delivery of electronic journals and offer practical advice for providing library users with the most seamless access possible to e-journals.
- The luncheon with exhibitors speaker is **Sam Arnold**, a nationally recognized authority on foods of the early West, author of *Eating Up the Santa Fe Trail* and *Fryingpans West*, and a popular local speaker. Finally, Pat Wagner, the author of *Building Support Networks for Schools* and *The Bloomsbury Review Booklover's Guide* and co-founder of Pattern Research, a 24-year old research and training firm, will wrap up the conference with an inspirational look at doing the impossible. According to Pat, "our biology promotes pathological optimism" and we can to exploit this tendency.

The conference will open with a reception and buffet dinner at Colorado Ocean Journey, Denver's new world-class aquarium. Another highlight will be a pre-conference walking tour of Denver, *Sex, Murder, and Outrageous Scandal*, led by Phil Goodstein, Colorado historian and author of *The Seamy Side of Denver*.



## MCMLA 2000: Vital Statistics

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Denver Downtown, 1450 Glenarm Place, located in the heart of Denver close to dining, shopping, museums, and attractions. The conference rate is \$129 (single/double). Call (303) 573-1450 or (800) 423-5128 for reservations.

For more information about MCMLA 2000 and a registration form, visit the conference web site at <http://www.kumc.edu/mcmla/2000/index.html>, or contact Catherine M. Reiter, MA, AHIP, Chair, MCMLA 2000 Program and Publicity Committee, [Catherine.Reiter@uchsc.edu](mailto:Catherine.Reiter@uchsc.edu).

## MARKETING SKILLS LACKING?

**The Colorado Library Marketing Council offers the next session of its online course "Creating Change in Challenging Times: Marketing Tools for Librarians"**

Cost: \$55 (Subsidized by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services with Library Services and Technology Act Funds, administered by the Colorado Department of Education – next time it will be \$190)

What you will learn: To design, conduct and evaluate effective market research; develop and implement a marketing strategy. In addition the online format allows for a discussion panel for swapping ideas and information between students and instructors.

Duration: 13 weeks from September 5 – December 8.

Instructors: Claudine Paris of Success Principles and Pat Wagner of Pattern Research.

Limit: 15 participants

REGISTER NOW AT the CLMC website: [www.clmc.org](http://www.clmc.org)

In addition, participants will be asked to complete pre-course and post-course surveys so that the CLMC can monitor the effectiveness of the course.

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