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Hey Y'all

I still haven't gotten San Antonio out of my system, I admit, and I'm proud to admit that I was born in Texas, right in San Antonio and it's a wonderful place to be from! (Emphasis on "from", I wouldn't want to live anywhere else but Colorado.) The conference was a wonderful learning experience, but I was never so happy to be back home after experiencing the heat and humidity!

I am excited and looking forward to the next year as our Chapter President. Last year as President-Elect/Program Chair I was fortunate enough to meet some of you for the first time, to work more closely with and get to know others a little better, and to work with colleagues I have known and respected for years. Thanks to all who pitched in to help make the programs a success. I couldn't have done it alone.

I learned a whole lot about SLA last year that I had never paid much attention to. A lot of work goes into keeping an organization like SLA running. Most of us don't take advantage of the many services offered by our professional organization. I know many people consider SLA an expensive organization to join, but have you looked at the price of other professional organizations?!? SLA is actually a bargain - especially the annual conference.

One of the most valuable aspects of SLA is the resource found in fellow members. We have a geographically diverse chapter, spread out over four states, so it's often hard for us to communicate with all of the members.

What are some of the ways we can connect? Certainly the Chapter discussion list is one avenue. Do you have a question about how other people are dealing with a professional issue? Pose a question to the list: our list has very little traffic, and I think a lively discussion perks up the day. (And if you don't agree with me, you can always hit the delete key!)

Have you bookmarked the Chapter's Web site in your Web browser? <http://www.sla.org/chapter/crmt/> You'll find past issues of bulletins, announcements of forthcoming meetings, a list of chapter officers, information on the chapter list.

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The Chapter programs offered throughout the year also give you an opportunity to meet and talk with fellow members. Our new, President-Elect, Cheryl German is planning some exciting programs this coming year, and I hope to see many of us there.

Chapter Archives

The Chapter Archives have been in some disarray for several years, although they are gradually taking better shape. Now would be a good time to send your archival materials to the chair of the Archives Committee, JoAn Segal. If you have been an officer during the past 5 years and still have Chapter materials in your possession, please send them to her to be integrated into the new archives structure and stored at the Denver Public Library.

Materials for the archives of the Rocky Mountain Chapter would include anything originated by the chapter, rather than items from headquarters or from other chapters or divisions. Original minutes, treasurers' reports, committee reports, and correspondence are all items we want to keep.

Please send these to:

JoAn Segal, Archivist
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If you have questions, you can contact JoAn at 303-541-1065; or by e-mail: jsegalvv@earthlink.net (Please note that the letters following segal are two "v's", not a "w".)



New CCLD Representative

David Selden, the director of the National Indian Law Library at the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colorado, has been appointed to a three year term on the Colorado Council for Library Development (CCLD) (<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/ccld.htm>).

The CCLD is the principal advisory body to the Colorado State Board of Education and the State Librarian. As stated in the bylaws: "The Council is empowered to study, advise and recommend action on issues pertaining to all types of libraries in Colorado. The Council considers aspects of problems brought before it, as well as those aspects that are of immediate concern to each Council member's interest area. The Council is responsible for monitoring the progress of the plan for library development and acts as the official advisory body for programs under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)." The committee consists of twenty-two members, including representatives from different types of libraries, the state librarian, and citizens. David Selden represents special libraries and invites input from special librarians on statewide service needs. You may contact him at:

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CLA 2001: The Final Chapter Annual Conference October 26 - 29

One hundred and ten years is a healthy lifespan, even for an organization. That will be the age of the Colorado Library Association as it ends one era and begins another.

All types of libraries and all library staff are invited to join the auspicious occasion as CLA holds its final conference, October 26 to 29, 2001. Next year will witness a rebirth, as CLA and the Colorado Educational Media Association federate.

Among the programs of interest to special librarians: Be SWIFT: The New Statewide Electronic ILL System, Internet Access to Colorado Government Information, Technical Services: Changing Roles in the Digital Age, Chasing a Moving Target: Keeping Up with Evolving Technological Demands, Catalogue Meets the Web: an Overview, and BCR Network Update.

Among the speakers scheduled are Marc Holtzman, Secretary of Technology, Office of the Governor; Joyce Meskis, owner of the Tattered Cover, and her response to legal challenges over customer records; historian-author Tom Noel with a biblioholic history of the state; author Sandra Dallas; and Robert Martin, recently appointed director of the federal IMLS program.

Most appropriately this historic conference will be held at the Antlers Adam's Mark Hotel in Colorado Springs, established in 1883, and rebuilt several times. Guests are within a short walking distance of museums, shopping, galleries and the city's major business corridor. The 292 guestrooms span 13 floors. Each room is equipped with a seating area and desk/table so both work and relaxation can occur, coffee makers, and irons and ironing boards. Room rates are: single \$99, double \$99, triple \$115 and quad \$130. Contact the hotel directly at (719) 473-5600, or Central Reservations System at 1-800-444-ADAM. Information on the hotel can be reviewed at <<http://www.antlers.com>>.

Early-bird registration (prior to 9/1) for CLA members is \$65 for the entire conference, or \$50 per day; non-members \$100 for the entire conference and \$75 day. After September 1, CLA members are \$90, non-members are \$125. Visit the CLA web site for continuing updates and registration, <<http://www.cla-web.org>>.

Dear Technology Champion:

Well, we're sure that you've heard about SLA Technology Forum (SLATech 2001). We've worked hard to develop a program that will get information professional powered up about technology. SLATech will be unlike any other learning experience. In Monterey, attendees will be mesmerized by leading thought leaders, John Seely Brown, Hal Varian and Kevin Kelly. The session leaders hail from leading organizations such as IBM, Dow Chemical, and UCLA. Attendees can take part in such innovative sessions as:

- Beyond the Cutting Edge: Technologies for Tomorrow's Information Professional
- Lessons for Building a 10,000 Year Library
- Content Personalization, User Customization & Portal Strategies
- Ultra Power Searching: Advanced Search Strategy Formulation, Tools, and Techniques

Want a little more information? A day-by-day agenda (PDF version) and a registration form (PDF version) are available on our website at www.sla-learning.org/slatech. After reviewing this document, please contact SLA's Strategic Learning Team with your questions. This is a "not to be missed" forum. We look forward to learning with you in Monterey!

Sincerely,

SLA's Strategic Learning Team

Have you checked your SLA profile lately?

It's easy to do, and it helps your fellow members to find you when they have a question for you. Many people use the Joint Membership directory that was published in January, but a lot of e-mail addresses in the directory are incorrect - because Qwest pulled the plug on the Colorado Supernet in December, without warning. I was among the large number of Colorado librarians who had had a Supernet account for eons, so I know my address is incorrect in the Joint Directory. (By the way, you can get me at krainwat@hotmail.com)

Back to your SLA profile...Just go to www.slal.org , Click on Members only

And now comes the hard part, finding your PIN number, I keep mine on my Rolodex (yes, I still have a real Rolodex on my desk - it's still valuable, especially when the network crashes!)





Membership Meeting

Come one, come all to the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Special Libraries Association's Annual Membership meeting!

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

- e-global library, Jones Knowledge
- Dinner is provided

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm meet, mingle (great networking opportunities, especially for students!) Dinner buffet provided by e-global library

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm There will be a brief business meeting, followed by a presentation on the development of e-global library. **Jean Heilig**, e-global's director of research and information, will be our guest speaker, introducing us to the "first fully Internet-based, virtual library designed specifically for online students." e-global is a Colorado product, "developed by librarians for librarians as well as the students they support." e-global supports the academic, corporate, and public library worlds as well as other special populations. Take a look at Jean's excellent cover article in the June issue of *Searcher* for even more information.

RSVP now, space is limited, to mrodney@earthnet.net!

This is sure to be an exciting evening as we mingle with old friends, meet new ones, and get a firsthand look at the changing world of special librarianship.

This meeting is open to all information professionals interested in the SLA -- there's no charge. Tell your friends! Tell your colleagues! But you do need to RSVP, so either e-mail Marcia Rodney at mrodney@earthnet.net or leave a message at 303-673-9082.

Directions:

To e-global library, Jones Knowledge, 9697 E Mineral Ave., Englewood 80112

From I-25, take the Dry Creek exit (between Arapahoe and County Line Road exits), then Dry Creek west to Chester, which is the first intersection. Take Chester south (left) down into a small valley, curving around, then back up the small hill to the top-of-the-hill intersection with Mineral. Turn west or left on Mineral, curve around for a short distance until you get to the 4-story concrete and glass building, which is the Jones building. Come into the parking lot, park, and come in the doors at the front to the lobby. e-global staffers and SLA types will greet you at the door.

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Industry news

Marcy Dunning is pleased to announce that Wanda McDavid joined Access/Information in March. We began talking last summer and are very excited about this new venture. The partnership coincides with the 20th anniversary of the company. To celebrate A/I is offering a number of new services.

A Web searching class on ***Preventing Search Rage™ Web Searching: Tips From the Professionals*** is designed for professionals who need decision information and need it quickly. The course reviews search engines and specific Web sites, and discusses search strategies. A review of major and specialty search engines, specific Web sites, and Web search strategy tips is combined with hands-on training. The class can be offered in-house to small groups or be tailored to individual needs. We have conducted several classes at the University of Denver Law School Library Frankel Learning Center as well as at downtown law firms. Lawyers receive two general CLE credits and .6 ethics credits.

Recognizing that many of our clients are working long after the traditional workday ends, A/I is now offering after-hour research on a subscription basis. We plan to provide this ***Panic Button Service*** weeknights and Saturdays.

A/I can be a big help when things get hectic or you're in a time crunch. As our business grows you can expect to receive the same efficient, effective and professional expertise for which A/I is known. Our personalized management style allows us to target each client's specific request and provide you with results in the form of executive summaries, in spreadsheet, Powerpoint, or HTML format.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of SLA has a new webmaster !

Linda Bourgeois had agreed to take over from Kim. Kim O'Neil is leaving Colorado to go back to Michigan. Kim, thanks for all the hard work creating our Chapter Website and Best Wishes from all of us!

Linda says " Kim did a super job setting up the site and maintaining it, and I am delighted to stand on her shoulders ".

Linda will remain as Employment Chair, so if you have a job opening or are looking for a job, contact Linda at:

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