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REPORT FROM COLORADO REPRESENTATIVE

To the Mountain Plains Library Association

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- Legislation -- The CLA Annual Legislative Workshop and Luncheon was held on Wednesday, February 17, 1999, at Denver Public Library. The morning workshop for the over 100 librarians and trustees in attendance outlined CLA's legislative agenda for 1999. In addition to continued support for the Colorado Resource Center services at Denver Public Library, ACLIN (Access Colorado Library & Information Network), and the regional library service system, the CLA lobbyists were pushing the passage of Senate Bill 93, "State Grants for Libraries." The bill would have provided for state funding for all publicly supported libraries in Colorado, public, school, and academic. The money was to be used for library materials, such as books, videos, or electronic resources. The funding would be based on the number of constituents with a minimum of \$3,000. The original bill requested \$ 5,000,000, but was amended to \$ 2,000,000. It passed both the Senate and the House in April by large majorities, but was vetoed by Governor Bill Owens on June 2, 1999. Although the bill had a clause requiring libraries to have a policy on acceptable Internet use, Governor Owens wanted filters to be required as a condition for receiving funds. CLA and its lobbyists will try again next year to pass similar legislation.
- Spring Meetings --

CLA Paralibrarian Spring Workshop, "Mixed Nuts and Other Confections," March 25, 1999, at the University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo. The program included "Coping with Change" with Pat Wagner; a history of libraries in Colorado by Stan Oliner, Curator of Books and Manuscripts for the Colorado Historical Society; and Robert Greer, mystery writer.

CLA Joint Spring Meeting of the Technical Services and Automation Division and the Public Library Division, "Libraries and Information Access in a Digital and Print World," May 7, 1999, College Hill Library, Westminster, CO. Topics included the core record, e-books, electronic serials and databases, illiteracy as censorship, copyright, adaptive technology, and digitization.

CLA College and University Division Spring Meeting, "Message - Image/ Image - Message," May 17, 1999, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins. The program included a keynote speech by Dr. Darlene Weingand, Professor and Director, Continuing Education Services, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison; plus tracks on Creating Images on the Web, Designing and Promoting Library Programming (library development, grants), or Working With Institutional Stakeholders (legislators, surveys and focus groups).

- Annual Conference -- The 1999 CLA Annual Conference, "You, Stars of the New Century," will be held October 7-10, 1999, in Snowmass, Colorado. The Program Committee has solicited, reviewed, and accepted all program proposals received by the deadline of May 24, 1999. See the CLA web site for further conference information: <http://cla-web.org>.
- Columbine High School Library -- Following the tragic shooting of 12 students and 1 teacher at Columbine High School, Littleton, CO, on April 20, 1999, not only was there a national outpouring of support and donations, but librarians all over the state have responded with cards and letters, offers of books and other library materials, time, and labor for restoring the damaged library. At this time we do not know what type of damage or loss was done, but the library community will be contacted over the summer by the Jefferson County Public Schools.
- Membership -- CLA membership in April 1999 totaled 1,056: 688 regular members, 3 corporate, 68 institutional, and 297 institutional boards. This is an increase from 809 in April 1998.

Using membership lists from CLA and MPLA, the CLA Membership Committee will target MPLA members who are not CLA members. New memberships, for anyone who has not been a member of CLA for at least 3 years, are now half price until December 31, 1999. Conversely, MPLA will be targeting Colorado for membership through a mailing of the June MPLA Newsletter to all CLA members.