

ST-2 Colorado report July 2009 to MPLA

CASL, Colorado Association of School Libraries, provided a full-day pre-conference session to the annual TIE (Technology in Education) conference, which was held in June at Copper Mountain in Colorado. From the pictures on the CAL website, it looks as though it was well attended and very enjoyable. Teacher librarians are well represented in Colorado through the CASL organization. The group has an active Web presence with the CASL blog, the TeacherLibrarianNing and a community list in Yahoo! Groups.

News from CLiC: When you say the acronym COKAMO, is there a certain Beach Boys song that comes to mind? For Colorado, Missouri, and some Kansas and Wyoming libraries it stands for a delivery system for interlibrary loans. Forty-four Colorado libraries, who use OCLC, signed up to participate in the program which began in May. Libraries enjoy the ease and speed of the courier while eliminating the need to package and pay for postage or other shipping. There is no additional cost to participate in the program; however, high volume charges may apply. An FAQ and other information can be found on the CliC website, www.clicweb.org. Registration will re-open later this year for libraries who use OCLC and SWIFT. Watch libnet and the Colorado Libraries Blog for details.

Keynote speakers for “Power On” (the CAL conference in November) include **Terrance Carroll**, a graduate of the DU Law School with an undergrad degree in political science. He is a transplant from Washington, D.C., representing northeast Denver in the State Legislature, and is now the elected speaker of the state house of representatives. Mr. Carroll is an ordained Baptist minister and avid cyclist. **Karen Middleton** represents Aurora in the State House, focusing on education, health care and the economy. Ms. Middleton is our strongest advocate for libraries in the State House, sponsoring the Library Clean-up Bill. **Lee Raine** is project director at the Pew Internet and American Life Project. He is a published author of books regarding the internet and was managing editor of US News & World Report. He will speak on the future of libraries, vis a vis the internet. **Camilla Alire** is the chair of the American Library Association. Once with the acquisitions department at CSU, she moved on to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque before retiring to the Denver area. She is a lively and dynamic speaker; we are fortunate to have this time with her. **Peter Pearson** is with the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, where he has been president for 16 years. Under his direction, the Friends have received numerous awards for successful advocacy, public relations, fund raising and cultural programming.

Joel Robinson, Executive Director of the Marmot Library Network, has announced plans to retire, effective Sept. 30, 2009. Joel has been with Marmot since Oct. 2001, coming to Western Colorado from Indiana. He has worked in libraries for all of his adult life in a variety of positions and was active in ALA as well as state and regional professional organizations. The search for a new executive director is under way.

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