

CO-8 State rep report for Jan. 25, 2011 board meeting

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE --- The 2010-2011 CAL Leadership Institute (CALLI) got off to a great start in early October. Seventeen participants gathered for their first workshop on October 6 at the Carbon Valley Library. During the half-day session, they engaged in self-awareness and assessment activities using the Strengths Finder 2.0 model. Participants enjoyed learning more about their strengths and how to put them into action in their daily lives. The following day, the group explored leadership models and concepts including influence, vision, and ethics during a dynamic CAL preconference taught by Pat Wagner. Most of the participants also attended the full CAL Conference. The group will meet again in February to discuss library advocacy and communication skills.

RESOURCE SHARING - Announcing Blue Sky Express --- The Colorado Library Courier is pleased to announce an expansion to our statewide courier service. Starting in January 2011, Blue Sky Express will link Colorado's courier to most Kansas libraries. Blue Sky Express is similar to the highly successful COKAMO delivery service with Missouri libraries. COKAMO saved Colorado libraries \$140,000 in USPS shipping costs last year.

The EXTRA GOOD NEWS is that Blue Sky Express is both cheaper to run and faster than COKAMO. Blue Sky Express will run 5 days a week! The only cost to participating libraries is for extra high volume charges if the items shipped via Blue Sky Express increase the total shipped on the Colorado Library Courier by more than 3,000 items in a year.

All current COKAMO members will automatically be included in Blue Sky Express. Instructions on how to set up OCLC are forthcoming. Non-OCLC libraries can ship to any participating library on the Kansas Courier. All Kansas libraries will be added to the Courier Management System so you can find libraries and print labels as needed. With the help of the Colorado State Library, plans are being made to link SWIFT to Kansas' statewide ILL system (KICNET) by the end of 2011.

CAL – MPLA JOINT CONFERENCE – At the December CAL Board meeting, a brief discussion was held regarding a joint CAL/MPLA conference. For the last several months, I have been urging them to extend the invitation to the MPLA Board for 2016. The CAL president, Terri Switzer, will make contact with someone on the MPLA Board this spring.

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