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Colorado Association of Libraries Report, October 2007

Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) will hold its annual conference from 8 to 10 November, at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center/Holiday Inn near Denver International Airport, outside of Denver. Invited speakers include Nancy Pearl, author of *Book Lust* (2003) and her latest, *Book Crush, For Kids and Teens—Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Interest*, as well as inspiration for the Librarian Action Figure; Current ALA president Dr. Loriene Roy, whose talk is titled “Can an ALA president get radiCAL?” in keeping with the conference theme.

Paraprofessionals in Colorado have two organizations at their disposal. One, a division of CAL, is very active and organized, holding workshops in the Spring and participating in the Fall conference in significant ways. The present chair is Eva Anderson; her email address is evagaa@juno.com. The second paraprofessional organization is the Mountain Plains Parapros, which is a more loosely-bound group. They eschew dues, membership and frequent meetings, preferring an annual day-long meeting with lunch included. Their website can be found at <http://library.unco.edu/archives/MAPP/index.htm>.

Weld Library District, in coordination with the University of Northern Colorado, is participating in The Big Read, a National Endowment for the Arts initiative. Weld county residents are encouraged to read Rudolfo Anaya’s *Bless Me, Ultima*, and participate in book talks, group discussions, and other activities throughout the county.

Respectfully submitted,
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