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## From the President Linda Rose

Although the temperatures would suggest otherwise, the autumn season is almost upon us and the CoALL board and committee chairs have been busy working on their special projects. I want to single out three, as it will involve all of us to make them a success. **Druet Klugh** has done her usual outstanding job and come up with some wonderful program ideas. The first will actually take place at the Denver Public Library and it would be great if we could have a large turnout to hear authoress Stephanie Schafer Kane speak. Also, don't forget our invitation to the SLA meeting at netLibrary on 9/28/00.

The next involves our Long Range Planning committee headed up by **Martha Campbell**. They have already spent a weekend going through the multitude of boxes containing the CoALL archives. If you have been meaning to call and let them know that you have some additional materials, please do it now before they get any further down the road with this valuable project.

The last item I want to mention is the Government Relations committee. **Ann Marie Wills**, **Tom Seward**, and **Rob Richards** are busy contacting our legislators to see if Colorado will be introducing a UCITA bill. AALL, among others, will be sponsoring a teleconference on this important issue on December 13<sup>th</sup>. CoALL, as a group, may want to be part of bringing it to Denver much as we have with other teleconferences. Mark your calendars with this important date.

Do something nice for yourself this fall, network with a colleague you haven't seen for a while, go to lunch, and resolve to both come to a CoALL meeting this year. Your organization is only as good as its members. §

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## CoALL Annual Meeting Minutes David Selden, Secretary

Date: June 15, 2000

Location: Holland & Hart, Denver, Colorado Time:  
5:00 PM

Executive Board Attendees: Georgia Briscoe, David Selden, Bev Agnew, Linda Rose, Druet Cameron Klugh, Anne Marie Wills, Martha Campbell, Rob Richards, Patty Wellinger, Holly Kulikowski, Lois Calvert, Tom Seward, Tamara Smith, Caryl Shipley, and Karen Selden.

The CoALL meeting was called to order by Georgia Briscoe.

### A) Old Business

- 1) Approval of February 27, 2000 minutes.
- 2) Georgia Briscoe thanked CoALL board members for their efforts and good work.

### B) NEW BUSINESS:

Annual reports were presented by the board members listed below. Copies of written annual reports were given to Georgia Briscoe and will be reported in the Scuttle.

- 1) Secretary's Report by David Selden
- 2) Treasurer's report by Patty Wellinger.
- 3) Programs report by Linda Rose
- 4) Grants and Scholarships Report by Rob Richards
- 5) Membership/Directory Report by Bev Agnew
- 6) Brown Bag Report by Holly Kulikowski
- 7) Library School Liaison/Recruitment Report by Patty Wellinger
- 8) Webpage/Listserv Report by Tamara Smith
- 9) Newsletter Report by Caryl Shipley
- 10) Government Relations Report by Anne Marie Wills

- 11) Long Range Planning Report by Martha Campbell
  - 12) Publicity Report/AALL Liaison by Karen Selden
  - 13) LISP/Speaker's Bureau Report by Druet Cameron Klugh
  - 14) Marketing Council Report by Candace Whitaker
  - 15) Chapter VIP Report by Lois Calvert
  - 16) Nominations Report by Tom Seward
- C) Other Business:

1) The results of the ballot initiative to change CoALL's tax status were announced. The CoALL membership voted to change CoALL's tax status from a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization (trade association) to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (public charity - educational). Once CoALL's bylaws have been revised to make them consistent with this new tax status, CoALL will formally request that the IRS review CoALL's tax status. CoALL's work to change its tax status was prompted by AALL's suggestion that all chapters try to gain this "public charity - educational" tax status. (See previous minutes for more information.)

2) The membership decided to purchase liability insurance provided through AALL. Druet Cameron Klugh made the motion and Cathy Eason seconded the motion.

3) The new officers were installed. They are:

### President:

**Linda Rose**  
Library/Records Coordinator  
Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll L.L.P.

### Vice President/President-Elect:

**Druet Cameron Klugh**  
Senior Librarian  
Holme Roberts & Owen L.L.P.

### Secretary:

**Karen Selden**  
Catalog Librarian  
University of Colorado Law Library

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Davis, Graham & Stubbs L.L.P.

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**Katheryn Christnacht**  
Senior Librarian  
Holme Roberts & Owen L.L.P.

**Nancy Sensel**  
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**Member News**

**Patty Wellinger**

**Sheila Green**, Reference Librarian & **Joanna Patrick**, Operations Manager, DU Law Library, are both graduated recently from University College with Master's degrees in Applied Communications.

**Caryl Shipley**, Acquisitions and Special Projects, DU Law Library, has been elected President of the Staff Advisory Council for the entire University of Denver.

The Westminster Law Library staff was the recipient of the University's Quality Department award at the SAC staff picnic. **Diane Burkhardt**, Faculty Services Liaison, was also awarded the University's Outstanding Service Award.

On September 15, 2000, **Al Dong**, Reference Librarian, DU Law Library, presented a program at the Colorado Library Association 2000 Conference in Snowmass Village, Colorado. **Al's** program was entitled "Colorado Legislative Process and Legislative Intent."§

**Government Relations Committee  
Ann Marie Wills**

The big news for me personally is that I now actually have a committee. I'm not a solo anymore and I am grateful! **Tom Seward**, **Rob Richards**, and **Bev Agnew** have volunteered their considerable talents to this committee for the coming year. Tom and Rob are following developments in the UCITA issue swirling in D.C. and around the country. UCITA stands for "Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act." We can't hide our heads in the sand on this one. It's potential impact on libraries, public or private, is huge.

At the Board's meeting in October it will decide if CoALL will host a site for an upcoming videoconference on UCITA on December 13 of this year jointly sponsored by ALA, AALL, SLA, and other organizations.

Don't miss Tom Seward's articles in this issue regarding UCITA and the Tax Cut 2000 Amendment that will be on your ballots in the November election this year. Tom and Rob may team up for a presentation on UCITA this coming year if it is introduced as a bill in Colorado.

**Initiative 256, Citizen Management of Growth**

The anti-growth Initiative 256, a/k/a, the Fielder Initiative, is certainly getting a lot of "press" this fall. A wide coalition in the community is forming to defeat it. Opponents say it is poorly drafted, it is too narrow, restrictive, and confusing, and that it will dry up all development, driving housing prices up, and that it will actually foster sprawl rather than contain it. Another problem pointed out by opponents is that if passed it will become a constitutional amendment and thus will be "set in stone." Some predict a recession in Colorado if it is passed. If a recession were to occur because of its passage publicly supported libraries might face erosion of their tax support as the economy falters. However, many citizens say they are so fed up with poorly planned growth in Colorado that they plan to vote for the initiative no matter the arguments of the naysayers.§



## Come One, Come All! to the CoALL Festivities this Fall! Druet Cameron Klugh, VP and Programming Chair

We've got a smorgasbord of activities for you in the next few months. Pick and choose what catches your fancy, and we'll hope to see you at several CoALL meetings this year.

**September**...Visit netLibrary and take advantage of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of SLA's kind invitation to their Membership Meeting on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by netLibrary, the meeting is open to all members of the library community and guests -- there is no charge for this exciting evening.

5-6pm tours of the netLibrary operation (RSVPs encouraged)

5-6:30pm chat with old friends and meet new colleagues Italian dinner buffet provided by netLibrary

6:30-8:30pm There will be a brief RMSLA business meeting, followed by a presentation on the future of e-publishing and its role in libraryland by netLibrary vice-president of research and library systems

**Lynn Silipigni Connaway**. Dr. Connaway is widely known and respected for her research in the organization of electronic documents.

netLibrary, the world's premier provider of electronic books, is on the cutting edge of e-publishing.

They provide services specific to the corporate, academic, public, and school markets, and are eager to work with members of SLA. They are located at 3080 Center Green Drive in Boulder, Colorado. See their Web site at [www.netlibrary.com](http://www.netlibrary.com), and come armed with questions.

RSVPs are necessary so netLibrary can plan the buffet and provide enough tour guides. The tour is worth it, folks -- see exactly how content is e-published! RSVP to Stacey Nagle, RMSLA membership co-chair, at [snagle@naglenet.org](mailto:snagle@naglenet.org) And if you know of new librarians and other information specialists in our area, invite them to come!

**October**...Meet exciting new mystery author **Stephanie Shafer Kane** as she reads from her first published novel *Blind Spot*, and talks about her experience as a writer. CoALL co-hosts this event with the Colorado Library Resource Sharing and Information Access Board as part of their Annual Meeting at the Denver Public Library Conference Center (lower level) on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us for the reception from 5-6 p.m., then listen to Ms. Kane from 6-7 p.m. See the biography of Ms. Kane in this issue for more information.

**November**...Attend CoALL's "Grab Bag" meeting at the CU Law School at 5 p.m. on Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>. I'll give you a hint: you may hear another fabulous Colorado mystery author, or learn about the Leadership Institutes our members attended at AALL convention this summer, or get an update on the Uniform Computer Information Transfer Act (UCITA), its severe consequences for all our libraries and the movement afoot to defeat any such legislation in Colorado. As the date draws near, I'll let you know which topic has the spotlight!

**December**...Get all spiffed up for the time-honored Holiday Party. This year we are the lucky guests of Davis Graham & Stubbs as they showcase their new location in LoDo. **Tom Duggan, Mary Williams** and Tamara Smith will continue the tradition of good fellowship in their lovely new surroundings on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss a minute of CoALL's collegial camaraderie! There are new members to meet, and old friends to greet!

If you have any questions or suggestions for events, please contact me at 303-866-0444 or [klughd@hro.com](mailto:klughd@hro.com).§



## New Member Spotlight Susen M. Davidson

Please join me in welcoming Jennifer Fakolt to COALL.

Jennifer is the new Assistant Law Librarian at the National Indian Law Library (NILLL). She was born and raised in Ohio and moved to Colorado when she was a young teenager. She earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English Literature at C.U.-Boulder. Jennifer went on to earn her M.L.I. S. degree at the University of Texas in Austin. She was telling me that if I thought Colorado was big-- wait until you visit Texas!!

Jennifer's library career started at the Boulder Public Library where she worked for 8 years. She then went to Carson City, Nevada where she was head of the Children's Department at their public library. (We both talked about our experiences and how much we enjoyed the patrons of the pre-school age.)

After two years in Nevada, she got homesick for Colorado and returned back home to work for two years as the Senior Reference Librarian in the Denver Public Library. She left there to start her new position as the Asst. Law Librarian for the National Indian Law Library.

The National Indian Law Library (NILLL) is located in Boulder and is supported by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). Their library collection consists mainly of Native American resources, Tribal constitutions, codes, charters, and treaties. They have information on all the Indian Tribes of Colorado. They receive telephone calls from all over the United States. They also spend alot of time helping Native American prisoners throughout the United States.

The National Indian Law Library is open to the public, but if you cannot go there please visit their fabulous web site. It's most interesting and very, very informative. Their web site is "[www.narf.org](http://www.narf.org)." Please read "[Court Watch](#)" and "[Case Update](#)" when you visit their site.

In closing, Jennifer lives in Longmont. I always mention "pets" in my columns and she has a cockatiel.

Once again, on behalf of COALL, I welcome Jennifer as a member and I wish her continued

## CoALL Archives Project Martha Campbell, Long Range Planning Chair

Labor Day weekend served as the kick-off to the long-awaited CoALL archives project. **Druet Cameron Klugh** and I met **Patty Wellinger** at her office at the DU law library to take possession of the boxes of CoALL materials Patty has been holding for us. We settled into one of the library's study rooms and emptied the four boxes Patty had and several more that we had collected. Some boxes were organized and neatly labeled, while others (like the one I donated) had everything just thrown in. We spent the day organizing the material into general piles, such as financial information, newsletters, membership committee reports and directories, nominations, correspondence from AALL, etc. We found scattered newsletters from the Consortium of Colorado Law Libraries, CoALL's predecessor, a list of CCLL and CoALL officers from 1977-93, letters from AALL asking us to host the annual convention, brochures advertising institutes and legal research seminars and other reminders of our past. Some of the names we came across are ones that are in the current CoALL directory, while others are long-gone. Needless to say, by the time the library was closing, we had the piles somewhat organized but didn't have time to look at everything contained therein. We put them back in 13 boxes, listed the categories we had made and took them back to Patty's office.

We decided that it would be better if other CoALL members helped us look through what had been saved and could help us decide what should be kept in the archives in the future. A set of procedures for retaining and transferring files among CoALL officers and committee chairs from year to year could then be drawn up.

Therefore, we are asking for help. If you are or have been a treasurer, you could help look at the financial materials. If you are or were a nominations committee member, you could help organize the nominations lists and reports, etc. We will choose another weekend to gather at DU (if they'd let us back; I did wash and return my coffee cup) and go through the boxes piece by piece as a group. A complete set of the CoALL Scuttle, mini-Scuttle and the CCLL newsletter could be compiled as well as

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Report of Activities: CoALL Grants and Scholarships Committee, 1999-2000  
Rob Richards, Chair

CoALL sponsors a Grants and Scholarship Program to provide funds for attending library related educational programs, courses and/or institutes. Each fiscal year CoALL awards two travel grants: one in the amount of \$250.00 for attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting and one in the amount of \$150.00 for attendance at the SWALL Annual Meeting. CoALL also awards two scholarships in the amount of \$170.00 each for students enrolled in library school. Additional grants are awarded depending on the amount of money budgeted for the Grants and Scholarships Program and the number of applicants. Grants are evaluated according to the criteria listed at: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/grants.htm> .

In 1999-2000, the Grants & Scholarships Committee recommended that travel grants be awarded to three individuals:

\* Holly Kulikowski, Electronic Resources Librarian, Holland & Hart, a \$150 travel grant to attend West Group's Information Innovator's Institute in Naples, Florida, March 9-11, 2000.

\* Karen Selden, Catalog Librarian, University of Colorado Law Library, a \$150 travel grant to attend the SWALL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, March 30 – April 1, 2000.

\* Tom Seward, Librarian, Sherman & Howard, a \$347 travel grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, July 15-20, 2000. This award was greater than the \$250 normally awarded, because Tom is attending the AALL Annual Meeting as the recipient of a special AALL grant, distributed through AALL Chapters, to pay for Annual Meeting registration for a newer AALL member.

The CoALL Executive Board approved these recommendations.

As there were no applicants for library school scholarships, no scholarships were awarded.

In 1999-2000, the Grants & Scholarships Committee publicized grants and scholarships through notices

on the CoALL listserv and in the CoALL Scuttle. In the coming year, the Grants & Scholarships Committee will attempt to better publicize CoALL's library school scholarships to encourage applicants. At the recommendation of the CoALL Executive Board, the Committee experimented this year with the AALL Annual Meeting travel grant, by holding an essay contest, in which each applicant was asked to submit an essay on the topic of "What I find rewarding about law librarianship today." Applications were assessed on the basis of the quality and originality of the essay, in addition to the standard grant criteria. Though the essay contest did not increase the number of grant applications – only two CoALL members applied – the contest nonetheless did elicit two interesting essays.

The Committee wishes to thank the CoALL Executive Board -- especially Georgia Briscoe, President, and Patty Wellinger, Treasurer -- and Caryl Shipley, CoALL Scuttle editor, for their support and cooperation in promoting and distributing grants and scholarships. §

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all membership directories. If the collection has missing issues, we could ask members to donate copies, or make photocopies. Once we know what we have, we can ask members to donate what we are missing.

By making this a group project, we can involve more members in the decision-making process, allow current members to find out about CoALL's history and past members and send out for pizza or enjoy lunch together at one of East Colfax's fine restaurants.

If you are interested in helping out, please call or email Druet at (303) 866-0444, klughd@hro.com or me at (303) 837-3720, martha.campbell@state.co.us and let us know in what area you have an interest. We had a great time sorting through CoALL's past and would like to share it with you. §

## The Making of a Political Animal: My Experiences at Philly's AALL Annual Conference Tom Seward

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, this summer, I had the privilege of attending the Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training Session held at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. This was a half day workshop where we heard from **Kennie Gill**, Minority Counsel, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, **Mary Alice Baish**, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative, and **Sally Reed**, Director, Norfolk Public Library. The aim of this session was to introduce the participants to current issues effecting law libraries and what we as members of AALL can do to participate in the legislative process.

Mary Alice Baish, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative, covered current legislation that could potentially have large impacts on the law library community. The three topics covered were (i) Appropriations for the funding of GPO operations and the Federal Depository Library Program, (ii) Database Legislation, and (iii) the Uniform Computer Information Transfer Act (aka UCITA). It is not my intent to give you in depth analysis of these topics but will only introduce them with some resources for you to follow-up on if you wish.

The question this year for Appropriations came about do to a large proposed cut in funding for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Cuts were being made so deep that the GPO would not have had enough money to print such publications as the Federal Register, Congressional Record, United States Codes, or the Code of Federal Regulations. Currently both the House and Senate have come to a compromise that would not make such deep cuts but would prevent the GPO from continuing dual distributions. What this means will be more clear in next months issue of the Spectrum. For more information on this topic, see: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/>

Database Legislation is still a hot topic and according to Mary Alice Baish gains more momentum every session. Database Legislation seeks to gain more protection for both the compilation of databases and also for protecting the data stored within them. Current attempts at database legislation would enable the creators of database to have greater control of data found within their systems. This goes against and

would over role current copyright laws, in particular the "fair use doctrine." Many databases are created with the use of public information, information created by U. S. tax dollars for tax payers use. If database legislation where to pass in its current state, creators of databases could have greater control of this public information and how it is used. For more information on Database Legislation see: <http://www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/database.html>

It took the authors ten years to draft UCITA, which was finally adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law ("NCCUSL") in July 1999. Uniform laws are usually written by both the NCCUSL and the American Law Institute ("ALI"). In this instance, UCITA was not accepted by ALI and thus only NCCUSL passed it as a recommended uniform law. Typically, the goal of NCCUSL and ALI in writing uniform laws is to create laws that states will adopt in order to facilitate interstate commerce. If uniform laws are adopted nationwide, then businesses will not have to conform to 50 different laws in order to sell their products.

UCITA was originally intended to amend the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) by adopting UCC's provisions for "goods and services" and applying them to "computer information." The original scope of UCITA was meant to encompass only the licensing of computer software, but the final language encompasses more than computer software. In effect, UCITA enables providers of electronic information to by-pass federal copyright laws and to adhere to contractual relationships.

As of this writing, UCITA has been adopted, in part, by Maryland and Virginia, and another five states had considered UTICA during their most recent legislative sessions. The attorney generals for 24 states have written letters to their state legislators in opposition of UCITA and have asked legislators not to introduce the initiative. In addition, the attorney generals have asked the legislators to table the issue if the initiative is introduced. It is anticipated that 20 states will take up UCITA during the up coming legislative sessions. More information on UCITA can be found at: <http://www.infoworld.com/ucita/>; <http://www.4cite.org/HotNews.html>; <http://www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/ucitapg.html>

Kennie Gill, Minority Counsel, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration spoke about what we can do

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in order to make ourselves part of the legislative process. First, know who is your representative. Below is a site that can help you identify your representative if you do not already know who they are. Once you know who your representatives are then you need to introduce yourself. This means that you should call and find out who in the office is covering a particular topic that you are interested in. Once you have found out who this person is then you should introduce yourself. Your goal according to Kennie is to get your name into their rolodex. Let them know how you feel about an issue and that if they would like more information on this issue that they can contact you. When it comes to library matters, you are the experts and can offer very valuable information. For the most part, representative will appreciate this. After time, if you are successful, representative will be calling you for help. It all starts with you making the effort to make that initial contact.

If you ever have the chance, you should try visiting your representative. When you have this chance make sure that you are not wasting their time. Usually, you will only have about 15 minutes. Be prepared, know your issues, and know how your representative feels about this issue. Explain your points when you are talking with them and be concise. Always have something written up to leave behind that covers your points. This will leave them something to refer back to and give them contact information so that if they have any follow-up questions. Lastly, be courteous and follow-up your visit with a thank you. A short note thank them for their time is all that it takes. Remember, your goal is get your name into their rolodex so that they can look to you as a reliable source of information in the future.

Lastly, you need to keep you constituents informed. Let them know what is going on, how legislation is progressing, and what they can do to help out.

Sally Reed, Director, Norfolk Public Library was the last speaker. Sally told her story of how she became involved in the legislative process and demonstrated how "just a librarian" can make a difference.

This was a very positive seminar for me. It showed me that librarians can be apart of the legislative process and that we should naturally be good at it. After all, the legislative process is moved by information and we are "information professionals." If this is true, then as librarians, we should all be "political animals." Below are some more resources on the legislative process.

- <http://www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml>  
This page helps you to identify who your federal and state legislative representatives are.
- [http://www.state.co.us/gov\\_dir/stateleg.html](http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/stateleg.html)  
Colorado State Legislative Page.
- <http://thomas.loc.gov>  
Federal Legislative Page.
- <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/>  
AALL Washington Affairs On-line Site.§



• National Indian Law Library  
• Launches Internet Accessible  
• Catalog

• (BOULDER, CO) - The National Indian Law  
• Library (NILL) is pleased to announce that its library  
• catalog is now available on the Internet.  
• Over the past twenty-seven years NILL has collected  
• nearly 12,000 resource materials that relate to federal  
• Indian and tribal law. The Library's holdings include  
• tribal codes, ordinances constitutions; legal pleadings  
• from major American Indian cases; law review  
• articles on Indian law topics; handbooks; conference  
• materials; and government documents. Library users  
• can access the searchable catalog which includes  
• bibliographic descriptions of the library holdings by  
• going directly to: [http://wanderer.aescon.com/  
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• National Indian Law Library link on the Native  
• American Rights Fund website at [www.narf.org](http://www.narf.org).  
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• patrons can then choose to review their selected  
• materials at the National Indian Library located in  
• Boulder, Colorado library, request mailed copies for  
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## Gateway to State Government Information Using the State Publications Library Web Site Maureen Crocker, Colorado State Publications Library

State government agencies deal with most areas of our lives with laws, guidelines, reports, current statistics, or consumer information. When a reference question comes across the desk, consider if the state would be involved, then check the State Publications Library Web Site for quick and easy access.

The State Publications Library (SPL), which is a part of the Colorado State Library (Colorado Department of Education), was created in 1980 to maintain a collection of documents, of long-term value, published by every state agency. Today the library totals almost 18,000 titles in print format.

But times are changing in state government publishing as elsewhere. Electronic publishing on the Internet led to the development of the official Colorado State Homepage a few years ago. The result? Access to more and more information electronically for the citizens of the state.

The SPL "captures" electronic documents from state agencies by cataloging their Web sites for increased subject access. The SPL's Web page itself provides an alternative point of entry to state information in addition to the many doors Internet users may choose from during a search. It also expands the breadth and depth of searching by integrating related information on a subject from different state agencies. This is done through the cataloging of Web sites as well as creating subject bibliographies and providing links to state information by subject categories.

The components and features of the SPL Web page are easy to use. Begin with the site at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slstpubs.htm>:

### **Searching the Catalog**

The collection is searchable by author, title, or keyword on our CARL database. The catalog includes print publications as well as state agency Web sites. Publications include annual reports, statistics, budget information, special reports, state plans, etc. in areas such as health, transportation, education, environment, business, regulation, and welfare.

### **Links to State Information by Subject**

Links begin with quick useful facts and statistics for many topics plus the state symbols. Then there are links to the main State Homepage, Kids' Page, Seniors' Page, and the state telephone directory. Direct links to state Web sites for the areas of business, history/genealogy, higher education, K-12 education, legal, libraries, and tourism/recreation are included. Useful as easy access to popular state web information, this page will continue to be up-dated with additional subjects.

### **Featured Subject Bibliographies**

Lists of current titles on a popular subject in both print and electronic formats are created in order to highlight state information and allow for quicker access. Some of the lists now available are youth violence, business, developmental disabilities, seniors, and student achievement.

### **New Titles Lists**

Every month the library publishes an alphabetical listing of state documents acquired that month. They are new to the library collection. However, these titles may not always have recent publication dates because the library periodically adds older gift titles that are included in the list.

### **Digital Documents**

The SPL has begun to digitize selected Colorado State documents in an effort to enhance access to unique state documents for K-12 students, adult researchers, and the general public. Initially, items will be chosen either because they provide online examples of valuable but under-utilized print holdings or because they can be used to support K-12 education standards and are not widely distributed in print. Currently, the following documents are partially digitized:

[First Biennial Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Territory of](#)

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Colorado, 1872  
History of Colorado, 1927 (Education Chapter only)

**Information About Our Library**

This section answers such questions as:

- What is the State Publications Library?
- What are state publications?
- Where can I find a list of publications?
- How can I borrow publications?

Included here is a link to a list of statewide Depository Libraries with direct links to search their catalogs.

**Ask Us A Question**

This page links to an email address for asking a question as well as including a form to ask a detailed reference question and then fax or mail it to the library. In the future patrons will be able to submit the form electronically.

What kinds of answers can be found through this gateway Web site by clicking on “Links to State Information by Subject”?

- Colorado statistical tables for over 50 subject categories
- Statewide demographics and census data
- Business licensing and regulations
- School district statistics
- Governor’s press releases and sound files
- Current issues of newspapers statewide with a Web page

For more information on the State Publications Library, contact Maureen Crocker, 303.866.6728, crocker\_m@cde.state.co.us. Workshops and group training on using the SPL resources may be scheduled as resources and time permit.§



**Banned Books Week coming up September 23-30**

The nineteenth annual Banned Books Week will be celebrated September 23-30 with the theme “Fish in the River of Knowledge.” Libraries and bookstores across the country will provide displays around this theme and readings of banned or challenged books as part of the week-long celebration.

Banned Books Week is sponsored by the American Library Association along with the American Booksellers Association, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, Association of American Publishers, American Society of Journalists and Authors and National Association of College Stores. It is also endorsed by the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

Last year, the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) logged 472 challenges to library materials in libraries and schools across the country. While the number has declined from a high of 762 in 1995, largely due to an increased focus on the Internet, OIF Director Judith Krug notes that “Nobody should be complacent in thinking that books are safe from censorship attempts. Research shows that reported challenges represent only 20 to 25 percent of all challenges made. The fact that every challenge is an attempt to make ideas inaccessible to their intended audience is of even greater concern than the numbers.”

Libraries are encouraged to contact their local media and share what they are doing for Banned Books Week. A sample editorial that librarians may adapt and submit to their local paper is posted on the Banned Books Week Web site at [www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/2000editorial.html](http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/2000editorial.html).

For more information about Banned Books Week, please contact the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom at 800-545-2433, ext. 4223.

“*Blind Spot* is a riveting murder mystery...Move over Scott Turow.”!

--Mike Gray, author of *The China Syndrome*

Stephanie Shafer Kane is a new author breaking on the national scene. With the publication of *Blind Spot*, Ms. Kane presents us with energetic protagonist Jennifer Flowers, a criminal defense attorney. Flowers must use a secret of her own in order to defend her high-profile client on a charge of murder.

Edgar Award-winning author Harry N. McLean calls *Blind Spot* “an absolutely compelling read - you won’t figure out what (the) author is up (to) until it’s too late.” Come challenge your wits, and hear author Kane read excerpts and talk about her writing experience on Thursday October 19, 2000 at the Denver Public Library Conference Center (lower level). CoALL is co-sponsoring the event with the Colorado Resource Sharing and Information Access Board during their Annual Meeting. Reception from 5-6 and Reading from 6-7.

Kane gained her experience through 18 years of legal work in matters ranging from criminal to banking to corporate mergers and acquisitions. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Colorado, and graduated from the CU School of Law where she was Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review. Ms. Kane has lectured in Europe under the auspices of a joint program of the U.S. Department of Justice and the ABA, and was editor of the Business Law column in the *Colorado Lawyer*. She is also a black-belt in karate.

“Move over, John Grisham – you’ve got a female rival now”!

-- Rikki Klieman, Court TV

**October 19, 2000**

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**Reading from her new book**

*Blind Spot*

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## CoALL Scholarship Application Procedures

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Are you a CoALL member? If not, it's easy to join, and a student membership costs only \$5 a year! To join, you can download the membership form from the CoALL website at: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/about.htm>, or contact CoALL Membership Chair Bev Agnew, Reference Librarian, University of Colorado Law Library, 303-492-2704, E-mail: [agnewb@spot.colorado.edu](mailto:agnewb@spot.colorado.edu).

Applications for CoALL Scholarships will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- A. Proven or potential ability of the applicant;
- B. Promise of future usefulness and permanence in the law library field;
- C. Financial need;
- D. Actual or potential contribution of the applicant to CoALL and/or the profession.

To apply for a CoALL Scholarship, please submit this form to Karen Selden, CoALL Secretary, University of Colorado Law Library, Campus Box 402, Boulder, Colorado 80309-0402, Phone (303) 492-7535, Fax (303) 492-2707, E-mail: [Karen.Selden@Colorado.EDU](mailto:Karen.Selden@Colorado.EDU). **The application deadline is October 16, 2000.**

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Library School and Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you previously received a CoALL scholarship or grant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Your employment history relevant to your career goals in law librarianship:

Please list your expenses for library school in the term for which the scholarship funds would be used:

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What amount of your library school expenses, if any, will your employer pay?:

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Thank you for your application. The CoALL Executive Board will review it along with the other applications. The Chair of the CoALL Grants and Scholarships Committee, Rob Richards, 303-492-2706, e-mail: rrichard@stripe.colorado.edu, will contact you immediately upon receipt of your application from the CoALL Secretary, with information on the timeframe for consideration of your application.