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From the President

Linda Rose

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! How many times have you shouted this greeting in the last week or so? And did you really mean it? Have you stopped long enough in your harried, hurried, and harassed lives to ponder what a REALLY Happy New Year would mean? For me it means the love of my family and friends, good health, and a job that pays the bills I too easily seem to be able to run up! And because I consider all of you my friends, I hope that my interaction with you as CoALL President will bring you some small measure of happiness or contribute to your well being somehow this year. Let me hear from you soon, give me your ideas, so that this truly is a Happy New Year for our organization.§

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The DU Law Library staff has launched another excellent law librarian into the law firm environment! **Al Dong** left academia after 20 years to become the new Research Librarian at Holland and Hart. His first day at his new job was November 27th. Al is now one of those folks who shake their

head and say "Don't those academic law librarians EVER teach their students anything about legal research?" While we are sorry to see him go, we are sure that a great new adventure awaits him and besides... we can always come hassle him at upcoming CoALL events! 555 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3200 Denver, CO 80202-3979 (303) 295-8022 adong@hollandandhart.com

Tamara Smith is pleased to announce her new position as Electronic Resources Librarian for Holland & Hart, P.C. And she became engaged to her long time friend Chris Tureson over the holidays...you'll want to congratulate her the next time you see her! 555 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3200 Denver, CO 80202-3979 (303) 295-8105 tsmith_co@yahoo.com

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CoALL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Karen Selden

Date: October 19, 2000

Location: Holme Roberts & Owen LLP in Denver,
Colorado

Attendees: Bev Agnew, Georgia Briscoe, Lois Calvert, Katheryn Christnacht, Holly Kulikowski, Rob Richards, Linda Rose, Karen Selden, Tamara Smith and Ann-Marie Wills

Linda Rose called the Executive Committee to order at 4 pm.

A) OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes of the June 15, 2000 Annual Business Meeting and the August 30, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting were approved unanimously (moved by Lois Calvert).

B) COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report:

* A written report was summarized by **Tamara Smith**. The checking account has a balance of \$669.33, and the Janus Fund balance was \$6,992.42 as of 9/30/00. A copy of the full report is available from **Karen Selden**, CoALL Secretary. The report was unanimously approved (moved by **Ann-Marie Wills**).

2. Programs Report:

* **Druet Cameron Klugh** was not present, but provided the Executive Committee with a written report recapping programming to date and presenting programming ideas through June 2001. A copy of the full report is available from Karen Selden, CoALL Secretary.

* Discussion centered on what program to present at the November 16, 2000 meeting scheduled for the University of Colorado Law Library. The first choice is to invite **Richard Jost**, Assistant Librarian for Technical Services at Gallagher Law Library in Seattle to give his program on "Managing Change in Law Libraries." The cost to CoALL for this program will be \$461 for airfare from Seattle to Denver. An

alternative program for this date involves asking those who attended the AALL Leadership Institutes in Philadelphia this summer to share what they learned with CoALL members.

* The date of the holiday party has changed from Thursday December 7 to Tuesday December 12, but it will still be held at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP.

3. Grants and Scholarships Report:

* **Rob Richards** received two applications for CoALL's two \$170 scholarships for students enrolled in library school. Rob thanked **Patty Wellinger** for facilitating promotion of the scholarship to Emporia and DU library school students, and **Paul Sharpe** of DU and **Kelly Visnak** of Emporia for encouraging their students to apply. The Executive Committee unanimously approved granting \$170 scholarships to the following applicants (moved by Rob; seconded by Georgia Briscoe):

Johnette Benda, a student in the Emporia State University Library Science distance program, who recently began working towards her M.L.S. Since 1999 she has been Assistant Librarian at Dorsey & Whitney LLP. She is a new CoALL member.

Tanis M. Doyle, a student at the University of Denver Library and Information Science program, who plans to graduate in Spring 2001. She worked for two years at the Colorado Supreme Court Library, and is currently interning at the Joint Legislative Library. She is a new CoALL member.

4. Membership/Directory Report:

* **Bev Agnew** announced that CoALL members will be featured in the CLA's joint membership directory, scheduled for distribution in January 2001.

* **Katheryn Christnacht** has arranged for IKON Office Services and Holme Roberts & Owen LLP to underwrite the cost of printing 125 copies of the 2000/2001 CoALL membership directory in exchange for advertising in the directory. The directories will be the same style as the 1999-2000 directories (non-stapled binding), feature the CoALL logo, and be a different color (dark blue or purple) to distinguish the newer edition from the previous edition. The directories will be printed within a month of delivering the membership data to the printer.

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5. Newsletter Report:

* Linda Rose reported for **Caryl Shipley**. The next Scuttle deadline is December 13. **Kaye Ammons** volunteered to start writing the "New Member Spotlight" that appears in each issue of the Scuttle. See C 2 below for details on the discussion of producing the Scuttle as an electronic newsletter.

6. Government Relations Report:

* **Ann-Marie Wills** reported that she and committee members **Bev Agnew**, **Rob Richards**, and **Tom Seward** have arranged for CoALL to co-sponsor the UCITA teleconference with the Colorado Central Library System (CCLS). The conference will be held on December 13, 2000 from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. at Front Range Community College. Rob and Tom will facilitate a discussion following the broadcast. If UCITA is introduced in the Colorado legislature in January 2001, CCLS is interested in creating a "UCITA Road Show" to educate librarians and other interested parties along the Front Range.

7. Long Range Planning Report:

* **Linda Rose** reported for **Martha Campbell**. Within the next couple of weeks, Martha will contact each Executive Committee member to solicit help sorting materials for the CoALL archives. A "sorting party" will be scheduled at the University of Denver's Penrose Library (where the CoALL archives are housed and all donations are being stored) in the near future.

8. Bylaws Report:

* **Katheryn Christnacht** had nothing to report.

9. Webpage/Listserv Report:

* **Tamara Smith** reported that she is very happy with AALL's new e-mail list software. It is very easy to administer and includes some very useful new features. For example, with the new software, using the reply button to answer an e-mail posted to the CoALL list will send the reply to the person who sent the message to the list, not to the entire CoALL list (which happened with the previous software). In addition, messages to the CoALL list can now be archived. Tamara has created an archive for the CoALL list, which will keep messages for one year. The CoALL e-mail list currently has 90 subscribers.

* **Tamara** recently updated CoALL's webpage. The updates include revising the scholarship application,

adding the names of current and former CoALL officers, adding some past issues of the Scuttle, and updating information about upcoming CoALL events.

10. Brown Bag Report:

* **Holly Kulikowski** reported that scheduling Brown Bag meetings was "on hold" while she and co-chair **Camilla Walker** are in transition to their new jobs.

11. Union List Report:

* **Holly Kulikowski** reported that she is still pursuing this project. She will contact the Boston Chapter of AALL again to find out about their experiences setting up a union list.

C) NEW BUSINESS

1. Chapter Dues

* **Linda Rose** reported that a listserv discussion among AALL chapter presidents revealed that most chapters across the United States charge from \$10.00 to \$40.00 for annual membership dues. The Executive Committee directed Linda to survey the CoALL membership to see if raising CoALL's dues from \$15 to \$20 per year would be acceptable.

2. Electronic Newsletter

* **Bev Agnew** reported the results of a survey included on this year's membership renewal forms. The question asked if members would be able to access Scuttle in an electronic format. The results were: 81 Yes; 1 No; 9 No Answer/Unknown

With these figures in mind, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to provide the Scuttle primarily in electronic format rather than in print format (moved by **Georgia Briscoe**). The plan is to post each issue of the Scuttle on the CoALL website and send an e-mail notification to CoALL members and other Scuttle subscribers whenever a new issue is available. The last printed version of the Scuttle will contain an explanation of the change and give those who want to continue to receive the Scuttle in hardcopy a chance to do so. **Linda Rose** will work with **Caryl Shipley** and **Tamara Smith** to make this transition from paper to electronic format.

3. Volunteer Effort -- PBS

* Based on her positive experiences volunteering for annual events at New Hampshire's public television station, **Karen Selden** suggested CoALL might want

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to organize an opportunity to participate in similar events for Rocky Mountain PBS. This could be a fun way to publicize CoALL. The Executive Committee was enthusiastic about this idea. **Karen** will contact the Denver PBS affiliate to see what volunteer opportunities exist and give a report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

4. New Members

* **Ann-Marie Wills** suggested that CoALL start a tradition of current chapter officers taking new members out to lunch. These lunches could serve as a nice, informal introduction to CoALL for the new member, encourage new members to be more active in CoALL, and help foster some informal mentoring between members who may be new to the geographic area and/or law librarianship and experienced CoALL members who have a lot of valuable knowledge to share. Linda would like the Executive Committee to consider this idea or think of similar ideas that CoALL can use to welcome new members and encourage them to be active in our organization. Discussion will continue at the next Executive Committee meeting.

5. AALL Strategic Plan

* **Linda Rose** reminded everyone that thoughts and suggestions about the new AALL Strategic Plan are due by November 15, 2000. Contact Linda for further details.

6. AALL 2001 Meeting

* Organizers of the AALL 2001 Annual Meeting sent **Linda Rose** logistical information for holding a chapter meeting during the annual meeting. The Executive Committee felt that since our membership is from a relatively small geographic area and most members are able to meet regularly throughout the rest of the year, organizing such a meeting would not be necessary.

7. Next Executive Committee Meeting

* The next Executive Committee meeting will be held immediately before the December 12, 2000 holiday party.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm. §

CoALL Awards Two Library School Scholarships

Rob Richards

In order to promote the profession of law librarianship, CoALL each year awards two scholarships in the amount of \$170 each to library science students preparing for careers in law librarianship. This year the recipients are **Johnette Benda** and **Tanis M. Doyle**.

Johnette Benda, a student in the Emporia State University Library Science distance program, has recently begun work towards her M.L.S. Since 1999 she has been Assistant Librarian at Dorsey & Whitney LLP. She is a new CoALL member.

Tanis M. Doyle, a student at University of Denver Library and Information Science program, hopes to graduate in Spring 2001. She has worked for two years at the Colorado Supreme Court Library, and is interning at the Joint Legislative Library. She, too, is a new CoALL member.

The CoALL Grants & Scholarships Committee expresses its congratulations to the winners. The Committee also wishes to thank **Patty Wellinger**, AALL Library School Liaison for CoALL, who connected the Committee with advisors at the University of Denver (DU) and Emporia State University programs; and Paul Sharpe of DU and Kelly Visnak of Emporia, for encouraging their library science students to apply for the scholarship.

CoALL also offers grants for attendance at professional meetings: one \$250 grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting, and one \$150 grant to attend the SWALL Annual Meeting. CoALL may also award grants for attendance at other professional meetings, depending on funds available and the number of applicants. To apply for a CoALL grant, please see the guidelines on the CoALL Grants & Scholarships page at:
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/grants.htm> .
For more information, please contact Rob Richards, Chair, CoALL Grants & Scholarships Committee, robert.c.richards@colorado.edu , 303-492-2706. §

Government Relations Committee Report

Ann-Marie Wills

LEGISLATIVE DAY IS FEBRUARY 22, 2001 – Become a part of the wider library community and participate in Legislative Day sponsored by the Colorado Library Association (CLA) at the Denver Public Library from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The morning consists of a workshop offering discussions about legislative issues affecting libraries in the state. This prepares you for the luncheon at noon where all legislators are invited to attend. You will have the opportunity to get acquainted face to face with those “names in the news” and promote libraries and our profession.

You may register online at www.cla-web.org. The cost is \$25 if received before February 22, 2001, and \$35 on the day of the event. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

LOBBYIST REPORT – Jerry Braden, one of CLA’s lobbyists, reported to the Legislative Committee that Democrats now have the majority in the Senate, 18 to 17, and they have reduced the number of committees from 10 to 8. The Senate leadership is chairing some of the committees which is very unusual and the fewer committees may mean a logjam in getting bills out of committee. In the House it looks like conditions may lead to a stalemate. There is no committee this year to dump unwanted bills to let them die from lack of committee action. Norma Anderson will be carrying amendments to last year’s Education Reform Act, to which the CLA wants the term “librarian” added regarding components of assessment.

LIBRARY LAW COMMITTEE – Subcommittee of CLA Legislative Committee – I am a member of the subcommittee which just had its organizational meeting on January 5, 2001, to outline plans to “clean up” and rewrite some of the state’s library law. The library law has not been scrutinized in this thorough fashion since 1990. Problems in wording and interpretation will be addressed in the old law, and the formulation of new law will be worked on all of this year culminating in the introduction of a bill to be introduced in the 2002 Session. The Subcommittee plans to solicit input from librarians around the state who would be most affected by changes or additions to the law. The Legislative Council will assist in the final drafting of the bill.

The Subcommittee consists of librarians and three attorneys from the metro area, **Dee Wisor** of Sherman & Howard, **Ed Walsh** of Hahn Smith & Walsh, and **Diane Barrett** of Holme Roberts & Owen. One of the duties of these attorneys will be in assisting the subcommittee with writing a new law that will change how bonds may be issued for library districts. Another new law that may be proposed will allow library districts to form capital facility areas which would be independent taxing units that give communities the authority to fund construction of library buildings, and purchase property, equipment, furnishings and publications. This idea comes from the state of Washington and is an innovative way to get new libraries built. The above examples are just a few of many tasks that will take place in the review of the state’s library law.

UCITA, Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act – **Tom Seward**, Sherman & Howard, and **Nancy Bolt**, State Librarian, are making plans to meet with the Attorney General soon to discuss the position of the library community regarding this uniform law that is being proposed around the country. It has not yet been introduced in Colorado as of early January, but if it is introduced and passes it will have a major impact on how you do your job. Learn more about UCITA in an article in this issue of the Scuttle by **Rob Richards**, University of Colorado Law Library, and thank you Rob for an excellent job facilitating the UCITA videoconference in December. §

Spring Programs Cover Many Interests

Druet Cameron Klugh, Programming Chair

Happy new year - century -millennium to you all! I hope you're enjoying 2001 so far and have recovered from any over-extensions during the holiday season. January is traditionally a time to recuperate and plan ahead, and that's what the CoALL group has been doing to give you a variety of opportunities to learn about our organization, our profession, and the situation of libraries in our region.

As you read this, several of you will have participated in the Archives Review project coordinated by Martha Campbell and Patty Wellinger over the weekend of January 20-21. Thank you! It provides a great opportunity to learn more about CoALL and its history, and to brainstorm about our future. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

Our February activities will be focussed on the Annual CoALL Institute, to be held at the University of Denver Law School on Saturday February 24th. The program will run from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. Our keynote speaker is Justice Gregory Hobbs of the Colorado Supreme Court. As you may remember, Justice Hobbs was our VIP guest at last summer's AALL convention and also heads up the Supreme Court Library Review Committee, and will give us the perspective of a patron (in both senses of the word) who has been recently educated on modern special library issues. Please take a look at his bio at the Supreme Court website at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/gjh.htm>. The second session will bring us up-to-date with resource sharing opportunities in Colorado. Staff from the Colorado State Library will give us an overview of products and programs of which we may wish to take advantage. Finally, colleagues who have left "law library land" and gone on to other venues will recap their new experiences, and how their skills as law librarians have helped them. I'll hope to see you for registration at 8:30! Cost is \$15 for regular members and guests, and \$5 for students.

In March, we will host author and Professor Marianne "Mimi" Wesson at the University of Colorado Law School. Professor Wesson's novels of legal suspense [A Suggestion of Death](#) and [Render Up the Body](#) are recommended reading before our gathering. Professor Wesson was also a teacher of

author Stephanie Kane who spoke to us in October. Although I'm no Sherlock Holmes, I do see a pattern here!

April brings our traditional visit by an AALL dignitary. This year our guest will be Sarah (aka Sally) Holterhoff from the Valparaiso University School of Law Library where she is the Government Information/Reference Librarian. Sally is currently a member of the AALL Executive Board, and has a great deal of experience in government relations and chapter involvement. See her bio information at <http://aallhq.org/members/profile.asp?code=15420> (have your AALL password ready! as it is a "members only" section of the website). Sally will speak to us about current issues at AALL, and about our chapter's situation of changing tax status, the implementation and implications of such a transition. She would also like to visit some of our libraries while she is here, so if you would care to give her a tour of your shop, please let me know.

I'll look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming year. Don't let 2001 go by without taking advantage of these great professional opportunities! If you have any specific questions for any of our speakers, please forward them to me at druet.klugh@colorado.edu or call me at 303-735-1867.§



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- **Al Dong** gave a presentation on CO Legislative History to a group of attorneys, paralegals and librarians at Davis, Graham & Stubbs on Friday, Oct. 6th as part of their continuing education program.
- On Friday, January 12th **Jessica Hogan** participated in a presentation to a distinguished group of State Legislators concerning the Colorado Institute for Technology. CIT was launched last spring as an remedy to the state's threatening high-tech worker deficiency and to turn Colorado into "Silicon Mountain." **Jessica** truly keeps us on the cutting edge! §

How UCITA Could Affect Us and Our Patrons: Report on UCITA Teleconference, December 13, 2000

Rob Richards

What proposed law could make it illegal for libraries to lend a printed book containing a CD-ROM? What proposed law would permit a vendor to change the terms of a database contract without the library-licensee having seen the change? What proposed law could make it illegal for library personnel to criticize a licensed database? What proposed law would make non-negotiated, shrink-wrap, and clickable licenses enforceable? What proposed law would permit a software manufacturer to avoid liability for damage to library computers caused by known defects? What proposed law would permit the terms of license agreements to trump copyright protections, such as libraries' fair use and first sale rights? UCITA!

Library associations across the country identify the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) as librarians' top policy priority. A model law created by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, UCITA would govern contracts for electronic information products, such as databases, electronic journals and books, CDs, and DVDs. UCITA has been approved by the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, was defeated in the Delaware legislature, and will likely be introduced to more than twenty state legislatures in 2001.

On December 13, 2000, AALL joined the other national library associations in sponsoring a teleconference to educate librarians about UCITA, and train librarians to take political action about the controversial model law. CoALL teamed with Front Range Community College (FRCC) and the Central Colorado Library System to host the teleconference. Many thanks to **Ann-Marie Wills**, **Druet Klugh**, **Bev Agnew**, and **Tom Seward** for making this teleconference possible. More than fifty librarians, library administrators, and library support staff attended the UCITA teleconference held at FRCC's College Hill Library. The teleconference, entitled "UCITA: A Guide to Understanding and Action," featured four speakers - among them AALL's **Sally Wiant** -- who described the model law, its policy implications for libraries, and how librarians can fight it.

Sally Wiant of Washington and Lee University Law Library began by describing the model law and its history. She identified the key concerns about UCITA, including its threat to copyright privileges, ban on reverse engineering, and lack of adequate warranties. Wiant noted the growing ranks of UCITA's opponents, such as the AFFECT/4CITE Coalition in which the library associations participate, and the Federal Trade Commission's concerns about UCITA. **Rodney Peterson** of the University of Maryland then predicted how UCITA is likely to be received by state legislatures. **James Neal**, University Librarian at Johns Hopkins University, discussed in detail the UCITA provisions librarians oppose: and end to copyright and fair use privileges, self-help, restrictions on mixed media materials, validation of mass-market licenses, inadequate warranties, slanted choice of law/forum language, a ban on reverse engineering, compromised privacy and free speech rights, loss of negotiability, increased costs to libraries, and exacerbation of the digital divide. Neal underlined the effectiveness of the digital divide appeal: librarians' complaints about UCITA's adverse impact on low-income persons moved many Maryland legislators to reconsider the model law.

Peterson then offered advice about how to lobby effectively for changes to UCITA. He recommended contacting legislators and their staff very early in the process. **Carol Wojewodzki** of the University of Delaware next proposed legislative strategies and tactics for opposing/reforming UCITA. She and all the panelists shared their experiences of lobbying against UCITA at the state level. In particular, Wojewodzki urged librarians to focus their education and advocacy on no more than 3 aspects of the issue, and to use concrete examples to illustrate these aspects. In Delaware librarians' successful anti-UCITA campaign, the three aspects highlighted were fair use/copyright, mixed media, and shrink wrap/clickable licenses.

The teleconference attendees then held a discussion of UCITA as it impacts libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. **Gail Dow**, Chair of the Colorado Library Association's Legislative Committee (CLALC), told of her committee's role in coordinating library UCITA activity in the state. She reported that UCITA would likely not be introduced into the Colorado legislature in 2001, nor is the Colorado Governor's Office on Information Technology currently looking at UCITA. She said that **Nancy Bolt**, Colorado State Librarian and leader

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of CLALC's UCITA efforts, would soon meet with Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar, to urge him to join 29 other U.S. state attorneys general in opposing UCITA. Dow said that CLALC was currently asking librarians not to contact their state legislators about UCITA. **Kathy Carlson**, Wyoming State Law Librarian, likewise reported that UCITA did not appear to be on the Wyoming legislature's agenda in 2001.

The attendees then engaged in a lively discussion of how UCITA could impact library services in Colorado and Wyoming. Advantages of UCITA mentioned included uniformity, enforceability of boilerplate licenses for libraries that market their own electronic products, and the fostering of a stable legal and business environment. Speakers observed that acknowledging these merits of UCITA could foster good relations between, and could aid future negotiations about amending the model law.

Many disadvantages of UCITA were mentioned. Participants expressed particular concerns about UCITA's provisions regarding copyright/fair use, free speech, privacy, mixed media, product defects, and unilateral changes in contract language. UCITA was seen as a potential barrier to information flow. Participants reflected on the shift from the federal regime of copyright - a system that carefully balances the interests of copyright holders and those of libraries and educational institutions - to the state-based regime of contract, in which, under UCITA, the interests of information providers are dramatically privileged over those of libraries and schools. Speakers also observed that the copyright regime especially helps persons with limited economic resources secure access to information - and thus access to education and to the political process. Low income users, and libraries and school media centers in resource-limited areas, are more likely to use shrink-wrap licenses, are less likely to be able to afford counsel to negotiate licenses, and are more likely to be subject to UCITA's inequitable terms. Those with limited resources have the most to lose under UCITA.

The discussion also considered potential allies in UCITA advocacy, including associations of state legislators and state attorneys general, members of the American Law Institute, and consumer advocates. The group identified specific examples of UCITA's impact on libraries that could be effective in educating legislators about the issue, including the inability to lend a textbook containing a CD-ROM, a

change in contract language imposed by the vendor, impunity regarding the sale of defective software, librarians' being sued for criticizing a software product, and elementary school students unable to copy and paste -- or even quote - small portions of digital information for a research paper.

Many attendees signed up to engage in advocacy on UCITA if and when it is introduced in our state legislatures; they will be kept informed of UCITA developments via e-mail and via the CLALC's website at: <http://www.cla-web.org/committe.htm>. The teleconference participant handout, and other rich UCITA resources, can be found on the Association of Research Libraries' website, <http://www.arl.org/ucita.html>. To learn more about UCITA activities in Colorado, please contact CoALL Government Relations Committee members **Ann-Marie Wills** (awills@ojrn.com, 303-575-7592) or **Tom Seward** (TSeward@sah.com, 303-299-8231).§



Colorado Library Community
Shares Resources, Directions
For Immediate Release: November
27, 2000

The Colorado Library Resource Sharing and Information Access Board (CLRSIAB) moved into an innovative period of service with its recent statewide meeting. Charged with ensuring that state residents are provided with the information they want, when and where they want it, the group is emphasizing a marketing approach in its activities. Outreach, two-way communications, and customer needs-assessments are high priorities.

The recent one-day, online database fair in conjunction with CLRSIAB's school and special libraries as well as other organizations had the opportunity to meet and hear vendors with services for the library community.

Participating vendors included bigchalk.com, SilverPlatter Information, Gale Group, JonesKnowledge.com, SIRS, Charleston Advisor, EBSCO, Facts On File, BCR, HW Wilson, NewsBank, World Book, INET Library, Grolier, OCLC, Follett, ProQuest and Follett Library Resources. George Machovec, managing editor of

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Charleston Advisor,
spoke on "How to Select a Database and a Provider."

The annual meeting dealt with future directions in Colorado's information community. A panel of database vendors discussed trends in services, followed by a discussion of online database needs in the state.

Keynote speaker Robin Murray, Managing Director of Fretwell-Downing, Inc., addressed "Is a Horseless Carriage Still a Carriage?", an insightful talk on the relationships between traditional libraries and the design of virtual libraries. Small groups met to provide opinions and guidance for future directions in state initiatives. The afternoon ended with an opportunity to exchange ideas on other resource sharing programs, such as the Colorado Library Card, the Colorado Digitization Project, and delivery of information.

The Colorado State Library, through its Networking and Resource Sharing Unit, recently launched the Colorado Virtual Library, a major revamping of its online services. The Colorado Virtual Library is a search interface that allows the user to search multiple Colorado library catalogs, digitized image collections in Colorado, and quality Internet websites simultaneously.

The Unit recently released the Colorado Virtual Library for Kids, and is in the process of implementing a statewide online interlibrary loan system, including patron-initiated loans.

The Networking and Resource Sharing Unit also assists with coordination of statewide electronic database subscriptions. An LSTA grant this year provides on-site training at libraries for OCLC FirstSearch and GaleNet, along with free access to libraries that are new to the services or cannot afford the standard fee.

Information on the Colorado State Library may be accessed at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/>. The Colorado Virtual Library is available at <http://www.aclin.org.> §

In Case You Missed It ... Web Links Martha Keister

Happy New Year everyone! When I come across some splendid website I wonder where I have been that I didn't see this before! I hope some of these items may be of interest to you all. By-the-way, if you read this article online the links will be active and save you typing in the URLs.

1. Web-Based Sources of Subject Compilations of Laws <http://www.state-laws.com/weblinks.html>

Here is a list, collected by Cheryl Nyberg identifying documents and websites that contain summaries of state laws. These are active sites on a variety of subjects from abortion to lemon laws to workers' compensation.

Cheryl Nyberg has previously done us the great favor of publishing an annual compilation of state laws. Haven't you hoped that she would collect these volumes into a single list? Now you can subscribe to the collected compilation of these annual publication at the same website above.

2. Administrative codes on the web. Apparently ¾ of the states have their administrative codes available online. I found some of the sites to be selective or require a subscription.

National Associations of Secretaries of State, Administrative Codes and Registers Section 36 states (not Colorado or Ohio, some of which can apparently be reached through FindLaw.) <http://www.nass.org/acr/acrdir.htm>

FindLaw 31 states <http://www.findlaw.com>
American Law Sources On-Line 26 states
<http://www.lawsources.com/also>

3. "The Invisible Web". <http://www.invisibleweb.com/>

The "Invisible Web" itself is a directory of 10,000 plus specialized databases including Government, Legal, Reference. Otherwise known as the "Hidden Internet", or, the "Deep Web", these troves of information are stored in databases which "spiders" and "robots" (used in our favorites such as Alta Vista, Google, Yahoo, LawCrawler) cannot enter. An article in [libraryspot](#) explains more about this and will give you some gateways to use. <http://>

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www.librarisspot.com/features/invisibleweb.htm?news

4. FedBuzz and Govwire <http://www.fedbuzz.com/>

Keep up to date with news covering federal government information for the consumer. There are a number of topical areas including business, federal contracting and law enforcement. Links to government sites are the familiar ones from the Federal Web Locator.

5. Legal Bookmarks <http://www.nylj.com/backpage/bookmarks/>

This weekly article from the New York Law Journal's "Backpage" features favorite bookmarks of various legal professionals. There are quite a few law librarian contributions here.

Lawlibrarians <http://www.law.com/professionals/lawlibrarians.html> From law.com <http://www.law.com/>

Also, you might be interested in taking a look at law.coms state specific sites. Here is the one for Colorado: <http://www1.law.com/co/index.shtml>
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Business and Economic News about Colorado

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General and specific resources to assist businesses plus information about economic development in the state are available from various Colorado government agencies. The following are selected Internet sites and print publications in this area. The print publications may be borrowed from the State Publications Library as described in the last paragraph.

Selected Internet Sites:

- Business Information Page – Main index page site that includes links in the following categories: State Government Agencies Concerned with Business, Labor, and Employment; Business, Economic, and Demographic Information; Unofficial Lists of Colorado Business on the Web; Local Chambers of Commerce; and Books About Colorado by Colorado Publishers.
http://www.state.co.us/business_dir/businessmenu.html

- Colorado Virtual Library – Business and Consumer Pages “Best Web Sites. This site, an information guide, links to numerous areas of interest to Coloradoans, all selected by librarians specializing in the field of business.
<http://www.business.aclin.org>

- Demography Information Services and State Data Center – In addition to census data, this site contains base industry analysis, economic projections, personal income, employment by sector at the state, regional, and county levels.
<http://www.dlg.oem2.state.co.us/demog/datalist.htm>

- Department of Labor and Employment – This web site includes links to Workforce Centers, Colorado’s Job Bank, Labor Force Statistics, and wages and working conditions.
<http://cdle.state.co.us/default.asp>

- Office of Economic Development and International Trade – This office works with companies starting, expanding, or relocating in Colorado. Services include small business programs, SBDC’s, International Trade Office and Tourism Office.
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/oed.html

- Secretary of State, Business Center – Index page with links to everything from a searchable database of business records to a new business checklist to business name registration.
<http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/business/main.htm>

- Smart Growth – The Governor’s plan to accommodate population growth while preserving and enhancing the quality of life is divided into four components detailed on this web site.
<http://www.state.co.us/issues/Smartgrowth.html>

- State Tax Information -- Department of Revenue site with links to personal and business tax resources and statistics.
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/revenue_dir/home_rev.html

- Trade Names Via the Internet -- Companies registered as single owner or general partnership register their trade names with the Colorado Department of Revenue. This site enables the user to search and download trade names .
<http://www.businessstax.state.co.us/pgBusTax.htm>

Selected Print Publications:

- Colorado's Agribusiness System : Its Contribution to the State Economy in 1997; by Susan E. Hine, Elizabeth Garner, Dana Hoag. Call Number: UCSU5/2.2/AG8/2000 Publisher: Fort Collins CO. Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University, 2000, 29 pages, also available via the Internet.

- Colorado Business/Economic Outlook Forum (annual publication) Call Number: HED2/20.9/2000 Publisher: Boulder CO, University

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of Colorado, College of Business and Administration.

•Colorado Economic Development Data Book: statistics and comparisons of key indicators to evaluate Colorado's economic climate and to provide information of special interest to the business community; prepared by Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Research and Special Projects Division. Call Number: GOV34/10.2/EC2/2000
Publisher: Denver CO, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade Research and Special Projects Division, 2000, 56 pages, also available via the Internet.

•Colorado Exports by Region and Country, 1999 total US\$ Value Call Number: GOV31.10/1999/2
Publisher: Denver CO, Office of Economic Development and International Trade, 2000, 5 pages.

•Colorado Frontiers: Text and statistics reporting on the economy of the state by regions. Call Number: GOV34.14/year
Publisher: Englewood CO, Wiesner Publishing; and Denver CO, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, 2000, 122 pages, also available via the Internet.

•Directory of Colorado Manufacturers (annual publication) Call Number: HED 2/26.11/1999
Publisher: Boulder CO, Bureau of Business Research, University of Colorado, Boulder, in cooperation with Colorado Development Council.

•Environmental Concerns : the 1999-2000 Directory of the Environmental Industry in Colorado: editors Ginny Sue Hayden, Carol H. Krismann. Call Number: UCB4/1.2/EN9/1999
Publisher: Boulder CO, Business Research Division, University of Colorado at Boulder, 369 pages.

•Fit for Competition: prepared for Colorado Workforce Coordinating Council, by Mary Gershwin, Daniel Pilcher, with help from Shelley L. Parker [et al.]. Report on Colorado's training needs, growing industries, and employer-led solutions to Colorado's skilled workforce shortage. Call Number: GOV23.2/F55/1999
Publisher: Denver

CO, Workforce Coordinating Council, 1999, various pagings, also available via the Internet.

•1999-2000 Colorado Biomedical Directory: editors Ginny Sue Hayden, Carol H. Krismann. Call Number: UCB4/1.2/B52/1999
Publisher: Boulder CO, Business Research Division, College of Business and Administration, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1999, 262 pages.

•Smart Growth : Colorado's Future: Moving forward; creating our transportation future; strong neighborhoods; protecting our way of life; natural landscapes; saving open space, ranches and farms; opportunity Colorado; statewide prosperity. Call Number: GO40/22.2/SM2/2000
Publisher: Denver CO, Smart Growth Initiative, 2000, 4 pages, also available via the Internet.

•Study of Development and Growth in Colorado: Report to the Colorado General Assembly Call Number: GA4.9/460
Publisher: Denver CO, Colorado Legislative Council, 1999, 87 pages, Research Publication no. 460, also available via the Internet.

•2000 Colorado Agricultural Outlook Forum : International Trade, GMOs and Environmental Markets: Agricultural financial outlook; agricultural inputs; livestock outlook; feed-grain outlook; wheat outlook; potato situation and outlook; vegetable crop production outlook; green industries; fruit industry; oilseeds and dry bean outlook; contribution of agribusiness to Colorado's economy; agricultural exports vital to Colorado economy Call Number: UCSU20/6.2/F77/2000
Publisher: Fort Collins CO, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension; Denver CO, Colorado Department of Agriculture, 2000, 33 pages.

To borrow any of these print publications, contact the State Publications Library, 201 E. Colfax Ave., Room 314, Denver CO 80203; 303/866-6725; fax 303/866-6940. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Publications may also be available at depository libraries that carry state government documents, or through interlibrary loan. For further information, access the Web site: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo>.

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