

Colorado Association of Special Libraries

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 15 August, 2012

2 p.m.

PRESENT: Julie Carmen, Christine Kreger (Colorado State Library), Lisa Priebe (CLiC), Sara Katsh, Tiffany, and Jenna Obee.

President Julie Carmen opened the meeting at 2 p.m.

Announcements: Julie announced that this may be the last virtual meeting during her tenure, as she has not gotten a presenter lined up for next month. She will send out an email if she does find a presenter, but if not, we will be meeting face to face at CAL, which takes place October 18-20, 2012, in Keystone, Colorado!

She also put out a call for anyone interested in being president-elect, as Leif Madsen will be moving into the President's position in October.

She then turned the time over to this month's presenters, who shared information concerning resources available from CLiC (Colorado Libraries Consortium) and the Colorado State Library.

Lisa Priebe, CLiC resources.

- CLiC Courier service. Currently used by 366 Colorado libraries. Not only is this service available within Colorado, but there are also services which go to Kansas and Missouri, at low cost.
- No Store. This service will pick up a library's discard and/or unwanted donated books, at a library's normal pick-up time. The books will be reused, resold or recycled—they will not end up in a landfill.
- AspenCat. This is a union catalog. It currently serves 31 libraries, including academic, public, school and special libraries. It offers resource sharing, and access to ebooks and audio books.
- CLiC offers continuing education through webinars, in person classes, and workshops offered every spring in Pueblo. These courses are low cost. You may find out more about them at www.clicweb.org
- Discount databases. CLiC and the State Library work together on this. Unfortunately, special libraries do not have access at this time, but these organizations are working on this issue. Look out for updates.
- Library vendor discounts. There are 466 member libraries. You can connect to CLiC by
 - Their listserv, CLiC-L. They only send out information, limiting email traffic.
 - Facebook & LinkedIn

--Their website, of course. Again, the URL is www.clicweb.org

Christine Kreger, Colorado State Library resources.

- The Colorado State Library operates under the Department of Education.
- Plinkit. Essentially, library website made easy. It is template-based.
- OpenSesame. This is an EZ proxy service, expediting off-campus access to library materials. It is new.
- CVL sites. These are websites for outside library organizations, such as for book clubs or Friends of the Library organizations. They are built on WordPress.
- AskColorado/AskAcademic. These are the virtual reference entities. They operate nearly 24/7 (excluding some night-time hours and federal holidays). The AskAcademic network even serves four Texas university libraries! **These organizations serve 76 libraries, utilizing 200+ librarians (Julie, double-check me on this fact!)**
- SWIFT. The acronym stands for “State-Wide Interlibrary Loan Fast Track”. This group expedites ILLs across the state.
- Colorado Virtual Library. This is available to everyone; the URL is www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org . It includes such services as Colorado history (especially valuable when elementary students are researching famous Coloradoans), Tools for Tough Times (especially pertinent in these economic times) and Tech Help.
- All of these resources are available through the Networking & Resource Sharing department at the Colorado State Library. If you see a need and need support, please contact the State Library

Note: These notes are a brief synopsis of the meeting; please go to the recording for the entire meeting. The presentations were very interesting!

President Julie Carmen thanked the presenters, and as there were no questions, she closed the meeting at 2:45 p.m. She again reminded listeners that she will send out an email if she finds a presenter for next month, and if nothing materializes, then we will meet at CAL in October.

Minutes prepared by Debbie Worthington, CoASL secretary