

Diversity Connects Attendee Information
July 17-18, 2008

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/DiversitySummit>

If you are receiving this via email, you're confirmed as attending Diversity Connects July 17-18 at Colorado Mountain College south of Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Getting There

Please scroll to the bottom of <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/DiversitySummit> to find maps, directions, workshop descriptions and agenda. Once you turn off from Highway 82, you'll travel up a small road about 3 miles; watch for the CMC signs.

Take the first right to enter campus and park by the Residence Hall, where registration will be.

The campus is eight miles south of Glenwood and a few miles from Carbondale. See our website for links to local information. There is a small market and Nepalese restaurant at the turnoff for CMC.

Getting Settled

Registration is Thursday, July 17, from 11AM-12:30PM in the Residence Hall. CMC will provide room/building access keys and volunteers from the Special Populations Committee will check in attendees in the 'J3' lounge. *Diversity Connects* begins at 1PM following an optional 11:30AM library tour and lunch from 12PM-1PM. Remember we'll be at high altitude, so be sure to drink lots of water.

Rooms

All have a private bath, and linens, towels and soap are provided. There is Ethernet access in each room but you must provide your own cable. There is a centrally located elevator. If you would like an accessible room, please contact heidibaker@lifetimeofservice.org ASAP. Check out by noon on Friday.

Phones

As the CMC campus is in the mountains and off the highway, cell reception is limited. There are not phones in rooms, but there is a 'phone room' on the first floor of the residence hall where you can make outgoing calls with your own calling card.

Emergency contact numbers:

CMC: 970-947-8200

Residence Hall (staffed 6-11PM): 970-947-8012

Conference contact Heidi Baker to be in Residence Hall Room 330.

Getting Oriented on Campus

- The Residence Hall, Calaway Academic Building, Quigley Library and Student Center are centrally located around the campus green. Each building has elevators. Colorado Mountain College policy prohibits the possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs. Student staff can provide information on nearby activities.
- The Academic Building has open access wireless. Library is open 8AM-6PM Thursday (with extended hours for our evening activities) and until 4PM on Friday.

There are computer labs in the library and academic building and a computer station in the Residence Hall.

- The Student Center is open until 10PM with pool table, VCR, piano and karaoke setup. A very nice fitness center is available there for your use--just go to the basement and sign in. A small bookstore is open from 9AM-4PM, and the business center offers copies (\$.10) and faxing from 8AM-5PM.
- Vending machines including coffee drinks (said to be quite decent) are available in both the dorm and the student center. There are TVs in the residence hall and student center lounges.
- The Special Populations Committee will host a hospitality station in the 'J3' lounge with tea, coffee, and snacks. There is a shared refrigerator that has limited space.
- What else? Thursday evening activities including a Living Library, cultural entertainment, computer lab, library tours and refreshments will be in the Quigley Library starting at 7PM. And, Warren Taylor will lead a Friday morning hike, departing from the Residence Hall desk at 7AM.

Activities

Three general sessions with national speakers, planning time and featured workshops will provide amazing learning opportunities that will be enhanced by a Thursday reception in the Quigley Library from 7-9PM.

Workshops will be in the Calaway Academic Building theater and upstairs classrooms 222, 225 and 226. All classrooms are 'smart' with laptop (Office 2003), projector, sound, and screen. See a full schedule and workshop descriptions at our website.

Meals

Full registration includes 4 meals as well as snack breaks during workshops. Meals are in the cafeteria at the Student Center during designated meal times. There is also a *tai chi* conference on campus and meal times are staggered. Please wear name tags for admittance to meals.

Thursday

Lunch	12:00 - 1:00PM
Dinner	5:45 - 6:45PM

Friday

Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30AM
Lunch	11:30AM - 12:15PM

Meals are cafeteria-style, including the requisite college 'ice cream and cereal always available' with a soup/salad/sandwich bar as an alternative to the buffet line choices. Vegetarian options are always available; if you have food allergies or other needs, please email heidibaker@lifetimeofservice.org. You are welcome to take food outside; we all will return dishes to the wash station.

Please note: *If you have booked a room for Wednesday and/or Friday nights, we have not arranged for meal service and you will need to make your own plans off-campus.*

Participating in Diversity Connects

- Many of your libraries publish ethnic reading lists or diversity resource handouts; bring copies to share at the materials exchange table in the Calaway Atrium.
- Have a display or poster on your diversity efforts? Reserve a table in the Atrium hall with jschopf@ald.lib.co.us by July 10.
- Graduate credit (.5 hour) from UCD is available. Information available on site and forms will be posted to our website.
- **If you'd enjoy volunteering as a participant in Thursday evening's cultural entertainment or Living Library, contact Padma Polepeddi at ppolepeddi@ald.lib.co.us**

Diversity Plans

Diversity Connects builds on the long-range work of the Special Populations Committee, whose extensive resources may be found at www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/diversity/Resources-Info.htm. The goal of the summit is to prepare Colorado library staff to be better prepared to appeal to varied cultural backgrounds, to communicate more effectively to engage diverse populations, to plan effective programs and services, and to serve all their constituents through increased accessibility.

Summit attendees will be the future leaders of library diversity and the Special Populations Committee strives to be the source of continued dialogue and assistance in these efforts. The committee hopes to provide a learning experience that will help you throughout the year. To this end, here are some of the activities at *Diversity Connects*:

- **As a summit participant, we want you to share your activities with us so we can determine what changes are taking place across the state.** You can do this by sharing copies of your action plan forms at the summit; submitting a practice online before, during or after the conference; and participating in our online forum.
- Activity planning forms will be provided on-site for your ideas large and small.
- Promising Practices website collects your plans and existing practices, <http://www.cde.state.co.us/scripts/cdelibSpecPops/practicemenu.asp> (Username: **SP7769**, Password: **PT94R8**)
- Minigrants for selected Promising Practices entered by August 15!
- Keep in touch with other *Diversity Connects* attendees and seek and share ideas at our new Ning, <http://librarydiversity.ning.com/>
- Juana Bordas' closing session will lead us in finalizing plans and preparing to implement *Diversity Connects* ideas.
- Evaluation forms collected on-site and via an electronic follow-up survey

This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity brought to you with the support from the Institute for Museum and Library Services and other benefactors including Colorado Library Consortium. We ask that you please stay through the end for your own benefit.

We're looking forward to this experience!

If you have questions, please contact Heidi at heidibaker@lifetimeofservice.org or 303-292-5434.