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The staff of the State Publications Library, Colorado State Library, is pleased to publish this list for educators, librarians and students. The Internet is a valuable resource in education. The State Publications Library tracks computerized reports, statistics, and other educational information from state agencies as part of its many services. While the sites listed below are all available via the Internet, the State Publications Library can help you find publications in printed format, too, deliverable to you via interlibrary loan or your closest depository library.

Web site URLs may have changed since the printing of this list. If a web address does not connect, go to www.colorado.gov and search by subject keyword. As with any use of the Internet by minors under the age of 18, educators and parents may want to monitor children's use.

This guide is available online: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpschbib.htm>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Blog on State Information / Colorado State Publications Library

Weekly entries with research tips on current topics under health, history, outdoors, politics, etc.
<http://cospl.blogspot.com/>

Colorado Data Book / Office of Economic Development and International Trade

Includes text and statistics for population, technology, education, quality of life, recreation & tourism, transportation, natural resources, etc.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/OEDIT/OEDIT/1178305420531>

Colorado Information and History / Colorado State Archives

Site includes links to 1876 State Constitution, Geography, Governors, historical facts, and much more.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives>

Colorado State Agency Databases / Government Documents Roundtable, American Library Association

An annotated list of free databases produced by Colorado state agencies.

<http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Colorado>

Colorado Talking Book Library / Colorado State Library

Provides free recorded cassettes, Braille, and large-print library materials to eligible readers.

<http://www.myctbl.org>

Colorado Virtual Library / Colorado State Library

Links to library catalogs statewide as well as digital photographic collections; kids, parents, and teachers web sites by subjects; and best websites for health, business, etc.

<http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/>

Demographic Information Services / Department of Local Affairs

Statistics on current, historic, and projected state population plus economic data and race/ethnicity data for counties.

<http://dola.colorado.gov/demog/demog.cfm>

Focus on Children and Youth: Resources from Colorado State Government Agencies / Colorado State Publications Library

A list of print and Internet information on issues such as, adoption, child welfare, early childhood, health, education, parenting, reading, safety/violence, etc.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpfocusbiblio.htm>

Maps of Colorado / Colorado State Archives

Describes the geography of the state and links to current and historical maps of cities, counties, and various districts plus historical boundary and exploration maps.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/geography.htm>

Quick Guide to Colorado Government Statistical Information / Colorado State Publications Library

Web links to state data on topics such as business, crime, health, education, revenue, traffic, etc.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/QGGovtStatistics.htm>

CORRECTIONS

Capital Punishment in Colorado / Department of Corrections

History and current information on death row procedures including inmates currently on death row.

https://exdoc.state.co.us/secure/combo2.0.0/ajax/ajax_nodes_contentPreview.php?id=476

Correctional Populations / Department of Public Safety, Office of Research and Statistics

Quarterly reports on populations in the department of corrections, youthful offender system, parole, probation and community corrections 1999 to present.

http://dcj.state.co.us/ors/correction_pop.htm

General Statistics / Department of Corrections

Statistics statewide on inmate populations, admissions & releases, commitments, youth offenders, and inmate gender, age, and ethnicity.

https://exdoc.state.co.us/secure/combo2.0.0/ajax/ajax_nodes_contentPreview.php?id=5026

State Penitentiary Records and History / Colorado State Archives

Includes summary of State Archives holdings in the area of corrections from the 1870's on. Features hot links to prisoner index, prison records, history of the State Penitentiary, and mug shots.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/pen/history.htm>

Youth Corrections Population Reports / Division of Youth Corrections

Summary of statewide and regional statistics on juvenile offenders plus reports on commitment and detention programs.

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/dyc/Research.htm>

CRIME AND COURTS

Community Corrections / Colorado Division Of Criminal Justice

Annual statistics on this program

<http://dcj.state.co.us/occ/reports.htm>

Crime in Colorado / Colorado Bureau of Investigation

Yearly statistics on major crimes and arrests reported by law enforcement agencies, including hate crimes.

<http://cbi.state.co.us/dr/cic2k8/>

Crime Statistics / Division of Criminal Justice

Facts on violent crimes, incarceration, offenses, adult and juvenile arrest rates.

<http://dcj.state.co.us/ors/statistics.htm>

Educational Resources / Colorado Supreme Court

Provides a general overview of the courts, jury duty, judges' appointments, historical background, and more.

<http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Education/Index.cfm>

Juror Information / Colorado Supreme Court

Provides general information on the jury system and a map of the 22 judicial districts.

<http://www.courts.state.co.us/Jury/Index.cfm>

Juvenile Justice System / Office Of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance, Division Of Criminal Justice

Links to information and plans for the implementation of improvements and solutions to problems with delinquency and youth.

<http://dcj.state.co.us/oajja/index.html>

State Patrol Statistical Information / Colorado State Patrol

Links to traffic crash statistics statewide and by county with numbers and causes.

<http://csp.state.co.us/trafficsafety.html>

DRIVING INFORMATION

Auto Industry Division & Motor Vehicle Dealer Board / Department of Revenue

Auto related consumer information on topics such as leasing, lemon law, and buying tips.

<http://www.revenue.state.co.us/dlr/wrap.asp?incl=consumerinfo>

Driver Handbooks / Motor Vehicle Division

Provides Motorcycle Operator's Handbook, and Colorado Driver Handbook in English and in Spanish plus School Bus Driver and Commercial Driver Handbooks.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1212657832969&pagename=Revenue-MV%2FRMVLayout>

The Driver's Seat/ Department of Transportation

Information for teens and parents on driving permits, the Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) laws, driving tips, approved drivers education organizations, etc.

<http://www.coloradodrivetime.com/>

Impaired Driving Program / Department of Transportation

Information on LEAF, sobriety testing, arrest data and traffic safety statistics;

http://www.dot.state.co.us/Safety/impaired_driving.asp

EDUCATION

At-Risk Students/Prevention Initiatives / Colorado Department of Education

Links to resources for migrant education, Indian education, homeless children, child abuse, service learning, HIV/AIDS, refugees, school violence, etc.

http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_atrisk.htm

Closing the Achievement Gap / Colorado Department of Education

Library and education resources to help the educational achievement of at-risk students.

http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_c-tag.htm

College in Colorado / Colorado Department of Higher Education

Online resource to help students and their families select a college, apply for admission, and plan for financing.

<http://www.collegeincolorado.org/>

Education Statistics / Colorado Department of Education

Facts for the state and for school districts on attendance, home schooling, charter schools, graduation rates, dropout rates, staff statistics and more.

http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_stats.htm

Higher Education Enrollment and Degrees Database / Commission on Higher Education

<http://highered.colorado.gov/Data/Search/default.html>

K12 Student Achievement Resources / Colorado State Publications Library

List of selected Internet sites and print publications related to CSAP, No Child Left Behind, Model Content Standards, School Accountability, etc.

http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slst_k12_student_Resources.htm

Model Content Standards for Grades K-12 / Colorado Department of Education

Links to standards and suggested grade level expectations by subjects.

http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/OSA/k12_standards.html

School Accountability Reports / Colorado Department of Education

Information about individual schools across Colorado including academic performance, CSAP results, safety and discipline incidents, teacher data, etc.

<http://reportcard.cde.state.co.us/reportcard/CommandHandler.jsp>

SchoolVIEW / Colorado Department of Education

Interactive portal for the Colorado Growth Model, and school performance data.

<http://www.schoolview.org/>

Student Assessment / Colorado Department of Education

Data on CSAP results, schedules, rubrics, and more.

http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/index_assess.html

Technology in PreK-12 Education / Colorado Department of Education

Reports and resources on access to technology and the impact of technology on student achievement.

http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_technology.htm

ENVIRONMENT / ENERGY

Colorado Oil and Gas Facts / Colorado Geological Society

Facts, maps and background information on oil in Colorado.

<http://geosurvey.state.co.us/Default.aspx?tabid=103>

Colorado Water Knowledge / Colorado Water Resources Research Institute

Basic information on Colorado water. A good starting place for water information.

<http://waterknowledge.colostate.edu/>

Environment Topics A-Z / Department of Public Health and Environment

Alphabetical listing of links to pages on air quality, drinking water, hazardous materials, etc.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/environmentatoz/index.html>

Mineral and Energy Resources / Colorado Geological Survey

Background information on coal, oil, natural gas and other energy sources.

<http://geosurvey.state.co.us/Default.aspx?tabid=61>

Natural Areas Program / Colorado State Parks

Lists native/rare plants, animals, geology, and paleontology located/preserved in the state's natural areas.

<http://parks.state.co.us/NaturalResources/CNAP/>

Natural Diversity Information Source / Colorado State University

Mapping, data, information, and related links concerning hunting, fishing, wildlife, habitat, and conservation planning issues, by county and regions, for differing needs and levels of subject expertise.

<http://ndis.nrel.colostate.edu/index.html>

Publications List / Governor's Energy Office

List of online publications in the categories of general, buildings, renewables, transportation, waste minimization and recycling.

<http://www.colorado.gov/energy/resources/publications.asp>

Renewable Energy / Governor's Energy Office

Basic Information on biomass, biofuels, solar, wind, and geothermal energy.

<http://www.colorado.gov/energy/renewables/>

GOVERNMENT

Colorado Governors Since 1861 / Colorado State Archives

List of the Governors of Colorado with photos, biographies and party affiliation.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/offic/gov.html>

Colorado Legislative Council Research Publications / Westminster Law Library, University of Denver

Reports on a wide variety of topics containing general information and addressing impacts to Colorado.

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/clcsearch.cfm>

Colorado Legislators Past and Present / Colorado Joint Legislative Library

Biographies of legislators appointed or elected to the Colorado territorial or state legislature.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/LegislatorBiography.htm

Colorado Lieutenant Governors' Profiles / Colorado State Archives

List of Lieutenant Governors from 1887-2003 with brief biographies.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/offic/ltgov.html>

Colorado State Capitol / Colorado State Archives

History and description of the Capitol including biographies of men associated with the Capitol, a fact sheet, and a bibliography.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/cap/first.htm>

Colorado State Seal / Secretary of State

Provides a history, description, and use of the seal.

http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/info_center/coloseal.html

Current Legislative Session / Colorado General Assembly

Provides access to current session bills, calendars, journals, legislator directory, Session Laws, Colorado Revised Statutes, and much more.

<http://www.leg.state.co.us/>

Governor's Page / Office of the Governor

Current governor's links to speeches, executive orders, offices, policies, biography, etc.

<http://www.colorado.gov/governor/>

Official State Seal, Flag, Motto, Emblems and Symbols / Colorado State Archives

List of official symbols, and links to interesting, in-depth discussions about each symbol's history.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/history/symbemb.htm#Seal>

HEALTH

Air Pollution Control Division Studies and Reports / Air Quality Control Commission

Looks at air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, oxygenated fuel, and a childhood blood level survey.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/studiesreports.html>

Alcohol and Drug Abuse / Department of Human Services

Reports by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse on prevention and treatment in Colorado including deaths and arrests with drug-related crimes.

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/adad/reports.htm>

Consumer Protection Topics / Consumer Protection Division

Provides information on subjects such as child care facilities, food borne illnesses, bioterrorism, product safety, and more.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/cp/index.html>

Health Information Dataset / Department of Public Health and Environment

Access to neighborhood, community, county, and regional health data including births, deaths, population, and behavioral risk factors.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/cohid/index.html>

Health Topics A to Z / Department of Public Health and Environment

Alphabetical listing of links for diseases, programs, health issues, etc. from adolescent health to medical marijuana to zoonotic diseases.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/healthatoz/index.html>

Programs of HIV/STD / Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division

Includes statistics, facts, and profiles of cases reported yearly.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/HIVandSTD/index.html>

Rocky Flats Program / Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division

Includes facts, status report to the public and a link to superfund information.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hm/rf/index.htm>

Tobacco Information Page / Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Includes facts, statistics, reports and plans, tips on quitting, prevention and more.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/tobacco/index.html>

HISTORY

50th Anniversary of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways /

Department of Transportation

Origins and history of the U.S. Interstate System with a focus on interstate highways in Colorado.

<http://www.dot.state.co.us/50Anniversary/index.cfm>

Alfred Packer Collection / Colorado State Archives

Documents and photographs of Alfred Packer, including confessions, and court documents. Has a warning guaranteed to whet the interest of any grade school child.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/packer.html>

Architects of Colorado / Colorado Historical Society

Biographical series focusing on architects and landscape architects who practiced professionally in Colorado after 1860.

<http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/guides/architects/architectindex.htm>

Builders of Colorado / Colorado Historical Society

Biographical series focusing on engineers, builders, developers, contractors and manufacturers who practiced professionally in Colorado after 1860.

<http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/guides/builders/buildersindex.htm>

Colorado Civilian Conservation Corps Records / Colorado State Archives

History of the Corps in Colorado including photographs and CCC Enrollment Index.

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/ccc/cccscope.html>

Colorado Digitization Program / Colorado State Library

Links to digitized historic materials, including photographs, from "Heritage Colorado", "Historic Newspaper Collection", "Colorado's Main Streets", "Western Trails", plus "Educator Resources"

<http://www.cdpheritage.org/>

Colorado License Plate History / Department of Revenue

Listing of changes in plates from 1913 to 2000 with color and designation history.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Revenue-MV/RMV/1222252742936>

**Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection / Colorado Digitization Program,
Colorado State Library**

Access articles from Colorado newspapers dating from 1859.
<http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>

Colorado Volunteers During the Civil War (1861-1865) / Colorado State Archives

History of the voluntary military regiments including a bibliography.
<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/civwar/civilwar.html>

**Governor's Council of Defense Collection - World War One and World War Two /
Colorado State Archives**

Samples of photographs from special war topics both military and civilian.
<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/wwcod/codhome.htm>

Guide to Colorado's Historic Architecture and Engineering / Colorado Historical Society

Photos and descriptions of 45 styles represented in the state from pioneer log to foursquare to early high rise/commercial.
<http://coloradohistory-oahp.org/guides/architecture/archindex.htm>

KID'S PAGES

Colorado Historical Society - For Kids Only!

Games and illustrated stories about the history of Colorado, along with educational materials for school programs, and a list of activities for kids and families.
<http://www.coloradohistory.org/kids/kidspage.htm>

Colorado Virtual Library for Kids / Colorado State Library

Web guides on a variety of topics selected by librarians.
<http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/kids/>

Discovery Pages / Division of Wildlife

Links to information about animals, kids' fun pages, newsletters, endangered species listings, career information, resources for educators, etc. Explore this site in depth, as it has too many useful sites to list.

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/StudentActivities/KidsPage/>

DRMS's Kids Page / Department of Natural Resources

Information for kids about mining, geology, and environmental responsibility.
<http://mining.state.co.us/kids/dmgkids.htm>

Secretary Of State's Kids Page / Colorado Secretary of State

Learn about the Secretary and the Office plus links to basic state information.
http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/info_center/kids.htm

Severe Weather Kids Page / Colorado Division of Emergency Management

Puzzles and pictures to color with facts about lightning, severe weather and wildfires.

http://www.dola.state.co.us/dem/public_information/light_wild/kids/kidspage.htm

OUTDOORS AND WILDLIFE

Colorado Avalanche Information Center / Department of Natural Resources

Facts, statistics, and educational information.

<http://geosurvey.state.co.us/avalanche/>

Colorado Climate Center / Colorado State University

Weather and water data, drought resources, historical weather events, trains students to be weather observers, etc.

<http://climate.atmos.colostate.edu/index.shtml>

Colorado Scenic Byways / Colorado Department of Transportation

Shows and describes routes through the statewide scenic areas.

<http://www.coloradobyways.org/Main.cfm>

Colorado State Parks Information / Colorado State Parks

Provides maps and detailed information about each state park.

<http://parks.state.co.us/>

The Cryosphere: Where the World is Frozen / National Snow and Ice Data Center - University of Colorado

<http://nsidc.org/cryosphere/>

Hazards In Colorado / Office of Emergency Management

Links to information on counter terrorism, floods, hailstorms, tornados, winter storms, etc.

http://dola.colorado.gov/dem/public_information/public_information.htm

Listing of Endangered, Threatened, and Wildlife Species of Special Concern / Colorado Division of Wildlife

This web site lists the species' common name, scientific name, and status, plus many have links to further description of the species.

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/SpeciesOfConcern/ThreatenedEndangeredList/ListOfThreatenedAndEndangeredSpecies.htm>

Wildlife in Colorado / Colorado State Publications Library

Resource list of Internet sites and print information about wildlife, wildlife protection, and the impacts on wildlife.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpbiwildlife.htm>

SOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health and Housing / Department of Human Services

Links to information on programs for alcohol and drug abuse, supportive housing and the homeless, state psychiatric hospitals, etc.

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/obhh/>

Child Welfare / Department of Human Services

Information from the Division of Child Welfare regarding abuse, foster care, adoption, health, etc.

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/childwelfare/FAQ.htm>

Division of Mental Health / Department of Human Services

Includes system description and services plus directories and a bibliography.

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/dmh/>

Kids Count / Annie E. Casey Foundation

Several state agencies contribute to this statistical database tracking the health and welfare of children.

<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/>

Reference Material / Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Links to information on children's health, Medicaid, and other public health care programs.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1197364127331>

Suicide Prevention and Intervention / Department of Public Health and Environment

Risk factors, statistics, and program activities including the Community Based Suicide Prevention Plan.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/Suicide/index.html>

For further information regarding these sites or any state government information, please contact:



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