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and tickle the imagination...**

Come to the **Colorado State Library** Booth at CAL 2009 and tell us how libraries have transformed your life!
We can attest as to how they have transformed our lives!



From the first page, I was hooked. My third-grade school librarian introduced me to my first chapter book, *James and the Giant Peach*. This book was really a stretch for me because I struggled with reading. This was the first time I experienced that sensation of loving a story so much, I couldn't stop. And at the same time, dreading, that at some point the story would end and so would that joyful feeling. – Sharon, Director, Library Development

In fifth grade I needed to find a book to read for a book report. Being dyslexic, I, of course said, "Short with big print." She proceeded to find every book that fit that category. My school librarian was wonderful. I started to volunteer in the library processing new books. That was my first library job. – Debbi, Director, Colorado Talking Book Library



My mother was a librarian, and since I love to read so much everyone always assumed I would end up in libraries. I fought it for a while, studying history and psychology, but I took a part time job in a library 20 years ago...and have never left. – Christine, Technology & Digital Initiatives Consultant

My love affair with libraries began the moment I set foot in one. I remember being able to sit down and devour book after book; my concentration wasn't always great in other areas, but books brought me to a magical place that I never wanted to leave (still don't!). – Michelle, Administrative Assistant



Growing up on a farm my mother paid an annual fee for library cards for our family. We went to the library regularly to stock up on books and always checked out the maximum number allowed! I remember loving the smell of that library and I still get a thrill out of checking out books! – Mary, Reader's Advisor, Colorado Talking Book Library

Libraries a Place of Endless Possibilities

