

Continuing Education Committee Annual Report 2010

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- Sheila Clark
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- James Davis
- Beth Harper
- Sue Keefer
- Christine Kreger
- Erica MacCreaigh (former chair)
- Joanna Nelson (chair)
- Emily Pancake
- Becky Russell
- Daryle Schneider
- Clara Sitter
- Michelle Wilkerson

Continuing Education Workshops

In 2010, we put a call for proposals to CAL Associations, Divisions, Committees and Interest Groups. We received 6 responses. With our dedicated team we were able to support 4 workshops:

- In June we hosted the **Music and Creative Arts Reference** at the **University of Denver**. It was very well attended and we discovered that people really like having flexibility concerning fees and full or half days when attending workshops. **Clara Sitter** was essential for making this happen.
- Our **Second Life** workshop was a **free webinar** in July. We had six participants (five from Colorado and one from California). **Michelle Wilkerson** coordinated the logistics for this workshop. We are hoping to host more free webinars that are supported by CAL. This is a specialized topic, so it is difficult to know if the low number of attendees was because of the topic or format.
- Also in July we hosted an **Emotional Intelligence** workshop at the **Douglas County Libraries**. This workshop had more than 30 participants and we have requests for more workshops like this! Many thanks to **Sheila Clark** and **Elizabeth Kelsen Huber** for putting this successful workshop together.
- In September we are hosting a **Building a Brand** workshop in the **High Plains Library District**. As of September 17 we have 11 people registered for this workshop. **Becky Russell** has been an integral part of putting this workshop together.

Other Activities

Workshop fees are a big concern for librarians. James Davis and Joanna Nelson did extensive research concerning comparable state library associations' fees. We discovered that there is a lot of variety with fees. The Board then used that information to make a decision about the CAL workshop fee structure.

We are also starting to represent CAL in the group Reach. "Reach is a continuing education forum for those who plan and provide continue education for Colorado library staff. Reach meets the first Wednesday of every even month to discuss CE resources, create programs, and collaborate on training for library staff." We will have representation at every meeting, but not the same person. We hope that this relationship will help us better serve the CAL community.

Joanna Nelson is worked closely with the CAL Board Training Committee to compile an information resource to help new board members and committee chairs understand their roles and fulfill their duties. Specifically, she created a quiz for board members about CAL.

As we learn what the CAL community needs in terms of CE, we are able to better serve the library community. A goal for 2011 is to send out a User Needs Survey of the CAL Chairs. We want to know what the CAL leadership wants concerning CE.

Workshops for 2011:

We have three workshops that we are going to support and plan. We will be working closely with the Readers' Advisory Interest group to put on a half day workshop. We will also plan a Unconference about Unconferencing. There has also been a request to expand on Lesley Clayton's successful autism programs at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library to other areas of the state. We are looking to plan a workshop in the fall at Douglas County Libraries. The CE Committee is also going to support CoPLA with revitalizing their workshops by helping them plan spring workshops.

CE Membership News

In November, Joanna Nelson will continue as the chair of the Continuing Education Committee. Michelle Wilkerson will work closely with Joanna Nelson over the coming year as she will be the chair for the CE Committee in 2012.

Joanna Nelson