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## **News Release**

### ***Plinkit Tool Helps Small Libraries Strengthen Web Presence***

Small public libraries now have updated Internet sites with the assistance of the Colorado State Library's new Plinkit Project.

The Colorado State Library—in conjunction with the Oregon State Library, Illinois Regional Systems and Texas State Library—now offers a Web site tool that allows small and rural libraries to create and manage their own Web sites.

The tool is called the Public Library Interface Kit (Plinkit).

The Colorado State Library hosts the software and provides training and support. Once a Web site is created, little effort and no technical expertise are required for library staff to update their Web site. The system allows the public to access such information as an events calendar, a photo gallery, and link to other online resources. In addition, the local library can update its Web content and control library Web information.

Colorado libraries now using Plinkit include Creek County Library District, Conejos County Library District, Kiowa County Library District, Lincoln County Libraries, Manitou Springs Public Library, Norwood Public Library, Park County Public Libraries, Penrose Community Library District, Rampart Library District, Rocky Ford Public Library, Wellington Public Library, West Custer County Public Library, Wetmore Community Library, and Woodruff Memorial Library.

The project is supported by funds from U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. For additional information, visit <http://www.colibraries.org/>.

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