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News Release

Updated: National Library Week Celebrations

All public, school, academic and special libraries across the country are celebrating National Library Week April 12 – April 18.

The theme for the week is "Worlds Connect @ your library" and this year's spokesperson is the children's author and actress, Jamie Lee Curtis. More information can be found at the American Library Association's Web site, http://www.ala.org

Libraries across Colorado will sponsor special events and invite legislators and VIPS to visit libraries. The Colorado State Library and the Denver Public Library have collaborated on several events in the Denver area.

Monday, April 13
Location: Denver Public Library (10 W. 14th Ave.) community technology center, Level 4.
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Activity: Job seekers are invited to bring in their resumes for a thorough critique by a library volunteer. (This is an on-going activity every Monday night.)

Tuesday, April 14 - National Library Worker Appreciation Day
Location: All Denver Public Library Locations
Activity: Mayor John Hickenlooper and other elected officials have been asked to stop by any Denver branch location to thank staff for their hard work.

Location: Longmont Public Library, 409 4th Ave.

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Activity: Dr. Angelika Schroeder, member of the Colorado State Board of Education, will read to children at the library.

Wednesday, April 15
Location: Barrett Elementary School (2900 Richard Allen Court), Denver
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event: Elaine Berman, member of the Colorado State Board of Education, will read to first-grade students in the school library. Students will receive the new "READ" poster featuring Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones.

Location: Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, 2401 Welton St., Denver
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Event: In collaboration with Volunteers of America, two celebrity readers, Ervin Johnson (former basketball player with The Denver Nuggets and the Milwaukee Bucks), Rick Crandall, KEZW 1430 radio personality and Bill Porter (Denver Post reporter) will participate in a reading event including DJ Kitty, the library's adorable mascot, to act out all of the readings. Each child will receive a book and the new "READ" poster.

Thursday, April 16
Location: Yale Elementary School, 16001 E. Yale, Aurora
Time 1:30 p.m.
Event: Jane Goff, member of the Colorado State Board of Education will read at Yale Elementary School. The new "Read" poster will be distributed.

Location: Oxford Hotel, 1600 17th St., Denver
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Event: The "Evil Companions" Literary Award will be presented. Joyce Meskis, owner of the Tattered Cover Book Store, Dana Crawford, owner of The Oxford Hotel, and Colorado State University Professor of English, David Milofsky created the literary award and its accompanying event to promote and build upon Denver's deserved reputation as a center for writing and literature. The Evil Companions Literary Award is presented annually to a poet or writer who embodies the spirit of the West. The award pays homage to a group of Denver writers who met in the 1950s and '60s to drink and discuss writing. Mayor John Hickenlooper will attend this event.

Friday, April 17
Location: Capitol Hill Complex, 1525 Sherman St., Denver
Time: 11:00—2:00 p.m.
Event: The "Reading Rocket" Bookmobile will visit the Capitol on the west side. The new "READ" poster will be distributed to attendees.

Libraries are playing an important role in helping citizens during the recession. Stop by your library to see the broad array of resources available to you.

For more information, contact Shelley Walchak, 303-866-6891, at the Colorado State Library. To sign up for the CDE e-mail news service, please visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/index.html.

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