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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/slstdpschbib.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 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/>

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/slstopfocusbiblio.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>

State Demography Office / Department of Local Affairs

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

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

CORRECTIONS

Capital Punishment in Colorado / Department of Corrections

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

<http://www.doc.state.co.us/death-row>

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.

<http://www.doc.state.co.us/gsr>

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 Resources and Publications / Division of Youth Corrections

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

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://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPS-CBIMain/CBON/1251622200442>

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>

Identity Theft Resources / Colorado Bureau of Investigation

Use the links on the left to access information on types of identity theft, prevention information, and links to recent news articles on identity theft.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPS-CBIInvestigations/CBON/1251621968293>

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>

Office of Research and Statistics / Colorado Department of Public Safety

Crime Statistics, Correctional Population data, maps and research articles.

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

State Patrol Statistical Information / Colorado State Patrol

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

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/StatePatrol-Main/CBON/1251593175702>

DRIVING INFORMATION

Alcohol and Impaired Driving Program / Department of Transportation

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

<http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/alcohol-and-impaired-driving>

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.coloradodot.info/programs/colorado-teen-drivers>

Transportation resources / Colorado Department of Transportation Library

Transportation fact books, statistics, surveys and studies.

<http://www.coloradodot.info/library>

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

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/>

Colorado's Higher Education Data Warehouse / Colorado Department of Higher Education

Historical, institutional, demographic, student enrollment and degree data

<http://highered.colorado.gov/i3/search.aspx>

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

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

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/assessment/CoAssess-DataAndResults.asp>

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's Energy Resources / Colorado Geological Society

Facts, maps and background information on coal, natural gas, oil and renewable energy in Colorado.

<http://geosurvey.state.co.us/energy/Pages/Energy%20Welcome.aspx>

Energy Literacy / Governor's Energy Office

Publications on renewable energy along with the Colorado Utilities Report.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/GovEnergyOffice/CBON/1251597774824>

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>

Ground Water Administration and Well Permitting / Colorado Division of Water Resources

Guides and general information about water issues in Colorado, including: the history of water rights; a guide to well permits, water rights and water administration; Colorado Water Courts; and water rights terminology. <http://water.state.co.us/groundwater/Pages/default.aspx>

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>

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.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CGA-LegislativeCouncil/CLC/1200536136308>

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, ozone reduction, and regional haze.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-Main/CBON/1251625555400>

Colorado Environmental Public Health Tracking / Department of Public Health and Environment

Search environment and health data.

<http://www.coepht.dphe.state.co.us/>

Consumer Protection Topics / Department of Public Health and Environment, Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability

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

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-DEHS/CBON/1251583469766>

Health Care Reform in Colorado / Colorado Interagency Health Reform Implementing Board

Information on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, with FAQs and reports on implementation in Colorado.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HealthCareReform/CBON/1251593687767>

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.chd.dphe.state.co.us/cohid/Default.aspx>

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.cdph.state.co.us/healthatoz/index.html>

Planning and Preparedness / Department of Public Health and Environment, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response

Information about the causes of natural and man-made disasters, what to do in an emergency, and where to seek help in an emergency including biological threats, chemical terrorism, and pandemic influenza.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-EPR/CBON/1251588771754>

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

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

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-DCEED/CBON/1251621400997>

Rabies in Colorado / Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

General information about rabies, educational materials, and statistics.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-DCEED/CBON/1251607766329>

Rocky Flats Program / Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division

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

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-HM/CBON/1251615995394>

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.coloradodot.info/about/50th-anniversary>

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.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/architects-colorado-biographical-series>

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.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/builders-colorado-biographical-series>

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 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 Native American Studies Resource Guide / Colorado Center for Colorado & the West at Auraria Library

A timeline and brief historical overview of Native Americans in Colorado with an in-depth bibliography of resources for further study.

<http://coloradowest.auraria.edu/?q=node/110>

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://www.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/colorados-historic-architecture-engineering-field-guide>

Hispanic History Resources / History Colorado

History of Hispanics in Colorado - from the Ancestral Puebloans through today with biographies, bibliographies and more.

<http://www.historycolorado.org/educators/hispanic-history-resources>

KID'S PAGES

Colorado Historical Society - For Kids and Students

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.historycolorado.org/kids-students/kids-students>

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/KidsActivities/Pages/KidsActivities.aspx>

Doing History Keeping the Past / Colorado Historical Society

An interactive page on Colorado history. Topics include: Colorado Indians, Farmers and Ranchers, Trappers and Traders, Miners and virtual field trips. Also provides a section with resources for teachers. <http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/>

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://ccc.atmos.colostate.edu/>

Colorado Scenic Byways / Colorado Department of Transportation

Shows and describes routes through the statewide scenic areas.

<http://www.coloradodot.info/travel/scenic-byways>

Colorado State Parks Information / Colorado State Parks

Provides maps and detailed information about each state park.

<http://www.parks.state.co.us/Map/Pages/Map.aspx>

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/Pages/ListOfThreatenedAndEndangeredSpecies.aspx>

Planning and Preparedness / Department of Public Health and Environment, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response

Information about the causes of natural and man-made disasters, what to do in an emergency, and where to seek help in an emergency including biological threats, chemical terrorism, and pandemic influenza.

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-EPR/CBON/1251588771754>

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

Child Welfare / Department of Human Services

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

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-ChildYouthFam/CBON/1251588065040>

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/>

Office of Behavioral Health / 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.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-BehavioralHealth/CBON/1251578892077>

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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