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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.

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/archives

Colorado State Agency Databases / Government Documents Roundtable, American Library Association  
An annotated list of free databases produced by Colorado state agencies.  
http://wikis.al.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.myc tbl.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/slstpfocusbiblio.htm

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://www.colorado.gov/ccjjdir/ORS2/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 links to prisoner index, prison records, history of the State Penitentiary, and mug shots.
http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/archives/penitentiary-records

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.
http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-ChildYouthFam/CBON/1251581932067
CRIME AND COURTS

Community Corrections / Colorado Division Of Criminal Justice
Annual statistics on this program
https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/dcj-community-corrections/home/reports

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://www.colorado.gov/ccjjdir/ORS2/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

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
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

Dropout Prevention and Student Engagement / 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/dropoutprevention

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/

Content Area 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/contentareas

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

Data Tools / Colorado Department of Higher Education
Historical, institutional, demographic, student enrollment and degree data
http://highered.colorado.gov/Data/Tools.html

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

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/edtech

ENVIRONMENT / ENERGY

Colorado’s Energy Resources / Colorado Geological Survey
Facts, maps and background information on coal, natural gas, oil and renewable energy in Colorado.
http://coloradogeologicalsurvey.org/energy-resources/

Energy Resources / Colorado Energy Office
Publications on renewable energy along with the Colorado Utilities Report.

Environment / Department of Public Health and Environment
Links to information on air quality, drinking water, hazardous materials, etc.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/categories/services-and-information/environment

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

History of Water Rights in Colorado / Colorado Division of Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources.
http://water.state.co.us/SurfaceWater/SWRights/Pages/WRHistory.aspx

Hydraulic Fracturing Resources / Center for Energy and Water Sustainability, Colorado State University
Fact sheets, reports and studies on the use of hydraulic fracturing in Colorado oil and gas exploration.
http://cewc.colostate.edu/resources/

Library / Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Reports, statistics and other information related to oil and gas exploration.
http://cogcc.state.co.us/Library/library.asp

Natural Areas Program / Colorado State Parks
Lists native/rare plants, animals, geology, and paleontology located/preserved in the state's natural areas.
http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/CNAP.aspx
GOVERNMENT

Colorado Governors Since 1861 / Colorado State Archives
List of the Governors of Colorado with photos, biographies and party affiliation.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/archives/governors

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.

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://192.70.175.163/dpa/doit/archives/offic/ltgov.html

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.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/archives/symbols-emblems

HEALTH

Air Quality Control Commission Reports / Air Quality Control Commission
The "Annual Report to the Public" has descriptions on the major pollutants in the state along with information on the actions being taken to improve air quality. The Air Quality Data Report contains in-depth data and analysis of the conditions measured in the state. Main topics include: air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, ozone reduction, and regional haze.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/aqcc-correspondence-documents-and-reports
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.
https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/dehs

Get the Facts - Marijuana in Colorado / Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Current and research-based information for those who want to learn more about marijuana and the laws in Colorado.
https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/marijuana/getthefacts

Health Care in Colorado / Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
Health and Wellness resources and general health insurance information, with FAQs on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Medicaid and other health care initiatives in Colorado.
http://www.cohealthinfo.com/

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 / Department of Public Health and Environment
Links to information on diseases, programs, health issues, etc. from adolescent health to medical marijuana to zoonotic diseases.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/categories/services-and-information/health

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.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/planning-and-preparedness

Rabies in Colorado / Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
General information about rabies, educational materials, and statistics.
https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/rabies

Rocky Flats Program / Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division
Includes facts, status report to the public and a link to superfund information.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/rocky-flats
Sexual Health/ Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division
Includes statistics, facts, and profiles of cases reported yearly.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/categories/services-and-information/health/personal-and-

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.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/archives/alfred-packer

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.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/archives/ccc-records

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.

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://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Kids.aspx

Colorado Reader / Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining Reclamation and Safety
Information for kids about mining, geology, and natural resources.
http://mining.state.co.us/About/Pages/TeacherResources.aspx

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

OUTDOORS AND WILDLIFE

Colorado Avalanche Information Center / Department of Natural Resources
Facts, statistics, and educational information.
http://avalanche.state.co.us/
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://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/ParkMap.aspx

The Cryosphere: Where the World is Frozen / National Snow and Ice Data Center - University of Colorado
http://nsidc.org/cryosphere/

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://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/SOC-ThreatenedEndangeredList.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.
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/planning-and-preparedness

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/Cبون/1251588065040

Kids Count / Annie E. Casey Foundation
Several state agencies contribute to this statistical database tracking the health and welfare of children.
http://datacenter.kidscount.org/
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.
https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/our-members

Suicide Prevention and Intervention / Department of Public Health and Environment
Risk factors, statistics, and program activities including the Community Based Suicide Prevention Plan.

For further information regarding these sites or any state government information, please contact:

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