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March 2018

## Locations Key:

AV Avondale Satellite  
BK Barkman

BS Beulah Satellite  
GI Giodone  
LU Lucero

LB Lamb  
LY Library @ the Y  
GV Greenhorn Valley

PW Pueblo West  
RA Rawlings

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More Women's History Month programs, Page 11

## Celebrate Women's History Month

### Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon

Friday, March 9, Noon, RA-2<sup>nd</sup> floor

These awards honor women who have made important contributions to our community and celebrate the important roles that women play in Pueblo's history. These awards provide an opportunity for any individual or organization to honor a special woman who has made an impact. **Note:** Sections of materials on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Rawlings Library will be closed for the program.

### Women's History Month Films

Dolores (NR)

Wednesday, March 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., RA, InfoZone Theater -4<sup>th</sup> floor

Dolores tells the story of Dolores Huerta, among the most important, yet least-known, activists in American history.



Elsa Wolff

### Maria von Trapp: The Story Behind and Beyond *The Sound of Music*

Monday, March 26, 7 p.m., RA, InfoZone Theater-4<sup>th</sup> floor

Matriarch of the Trapp Family Singers, Maria von Trapp (1905-1987) is a woman of passionate faith and uncompromising determination. From orphan to Baroness, she leads her family from being refugees to an internationally known singing group. Sharing memories from pre-WWII Austria to the 1965 release of *The Sound of Music*, learn the story of the Trapp Family and their journey to a new home in America.

Portrayed by storyteller, singer and speaker for 16 years, Elsa Wolff.

### Women in the Pueblo Workforce display



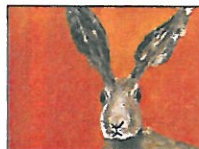
March 1-31, All locations  
View historical photos of Pueblo women in the workforce from Pueblo City-County Library District's Special Collections Department.

### A Woman's Love of Animals

March 1-31

RA, Hispanic Resource Gallery-2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Mo Keenan-Mason will showcase her paintings of animals.



Marilyn Antenucci and Jane Milne

### Skirts and Stethoscopes

Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m., RA, Ryals Room-4<sup>th</sup> floor

Saturday, March 17, 2-4 p.m., LU

Hear stories of women doctors who overcame hardships and bias on the Colorado Frontier. Learn why there was prejudice against female physicians and the advantages for them to practice in the West. Co-sponsored by Southeastern Colorado Heritage Center.

## Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Greenhorn, Giodone and Lucero only)

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 4 to 8 p.m. (Library @ the Y only)

Friday & Saturday

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Greenhorn, Giodone and Lucero only)

Saturday

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Library @ the Y only)

Sunday (Rawlings only)

1 - 5 p.m.

Phone: 562-5600

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4801 Cibola Dr.  
Colorado City, Colo.  
Giodone Library  
24655 U.S. Hwy 50 E.  
Lamb Library  
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.  
Library @ the Y  
3200 Spaulding

Lucero Library

1315 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Pueblo West Library

298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Rawlings Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

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213 Hwy. 50 E.

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## [CAL-Legislative] You don't need to be an ALA member to sign up for the Legislation Action Center

1 message

Elena Rosenfeld <ERosenfeld@highplains.us>

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 3:14 PM

To: "cal-legislative@cvl-lists.org" <cal-legislative@cvl-lists.org>, "libnet@cvl-lists.org" <libnet@cvl-lists.org>, "Colorado School Library Leaders (COSLL@cvl-lists.org)" <COSLL@cvl-lists.org>

Hi there –

The American Library Association (ALA) has the "Washington Office" where they monitor federal legislation and speak-up on behalf of libraries.

Colorado has the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) Legislative Committee and lobbyists.

However, the best way to help our Congressional Representatives know about how their actions impact our communities is through our talking with them and their aides. AND, the best way for us to stay alert is to have a way to learn about what's coming down the pike.

If you are willing to add yet a few more emails into your inbox, you might want to consider subscribing to the ALA Action Center.

- You do not need to be an ALA member to subscribe;
- As they send political 'calls to action' you might want this on your personal email rather than work email;
- While there haven't been many 'calls to action' from CAL, the Action Center also handles our state-wide alerts.

The link to sign-up is below.

Meanwhile, got questions or concerns? Please ask!

And, many thanks for your time,

Elena

Elena Rosenfeld

[erosenfeld@highplains.us](mailto:erosenfeld@highplains.us)

**From:** Don Wood

**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 1:31 PM

**Subject:** Sign Up for the ALA Action Center

Good afternoon!

Please sign up for the ALA Action Center to receive updates and calls to action from the Washington Office. Not only will you be able to stay informed, but you will also be prompted to send emails and make calls to your own Members of Congress in the coming months to help ensure libraries are funded!

To subscribe, visit the ALA Action Center page <http://cqrceengage.com/ala/subscribe>. Additional resources can be found on <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/fund-libraries>

Also subscribe to District Dispatch, the ALA Washington Office blog: <http://www.districtdispatch.org/>

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"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing."—Albert Schweitzer

"One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen, can change the world."—Malala Yousafzai

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."—Anne Frank

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**[CAL-Legislative] Feb. 2 Meeting**

1 message

David Sanger via CAL-Legislative &lt;cal-legislative@cvl-lists.org&gt;

Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 10:21 PM

Reply-To: David Sanger &lt;dsanger401@aol.com&gt;

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To: cal-legislative@cvl-lists.org

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Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2018 00:20:18 -0500

Subject: Feb. 2 Meeting

Hi Legislative types

Attached are the agenda for or February Meeting and the minutes for January for your consideration.

If you have trouble with the attachments, the agenda is repeated below.

See you Friday.

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Library Educator  
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Phone: 303-929-5116

**Colorado Association of Libraries, Legislative Committee Minutes****Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at 10:00 am****Commissioner's Room, Denver Public Library****Call to Order****ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Jan. 2018****Report from CAL Board:****Calendar of Activity updates for 2018 (10 minutes)**

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**LEGISLATIVE WEBPAGE****NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

Time allocated: 5 minutes

**BUDGET AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

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**PAC Fundraising Report****Assignments follow-up and next steps**

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**CAL\_Legislative Meeting Agenda\_2018-2.docx**  
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**Colorado Association of Libraries, Legislative Committee Minutes**  
**Friday, Jan 5, 2018 at 10:00 am**  
**Commissioner's Room, Denver Public Library**

**Call to Order**

**ATTENDING:** Jerry Braden, Ray Coffey, Jim Duncan (online), Robin Filipczak, Eugene Hainer, Megan Hartline, Diane Lapierre, Jacqueline Murphy, Brittany Raines, Elena Rosenfeld, Dave Sanger, Amber Valdez, Ruben Valdez, Shelley Walchak (online), John Wilkinson, Rebecca Winning (online)

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** December minutes were accepted as presented

**Report from CAL Board:**

- The Board was made aware of what is happening with EBSCO. There is no call for action at this time.
- Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair, Jay Ballenberger, Colorado Mesa University, is working to reinstate CAL as an active member of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition (<http://coloradofoic.org>).
- CAL's 2018 budget is looking very tight. While there was intent to use some of the CAL Reserves Funds, it looks like the amount needed is double the amount anticipated.
- The CAL Board asked that the Legislative Committee heighten our visibility and value to the Membership – especially the support we receive thanks to our lobbyists. Suggestions shared included ways to give our lobbyists a larger 'face presence' through an introduction during Lobby Day and/or a video update on the legislative session from our lobbyists that can be posted.
- Braden and Valdez have agreed to continue their services with CAL. Carol Smith, the new CAL President has signed the 2018 contract and has forwarded it for their signatures.

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**Legislative Committee Award Presentation**

The CAL Award will be presented to Representative Leslie Herod on Saturday February 3, 2018 at 1:30p as part of the 2018 - Juanita Gray Community Service Award and biennial Blacks in Colorado Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The event is being held at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library.

Robin Filipczak will work with Amanda Rewerts to get the award to present to Representative Herod.

**Expectations of this Legislative Session**

- Be ready for a session that is going to be very partisan. Politics will be impacted by the hard feelings over the October Special Session and the focus on the upcoming November elections.
- The State will be looking at ways to resolve the statewide teacher shortage. Colorado is now 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation when it comes to teacher wage competitiveness. Pay is so low that housing and transportation are unaffordable. Colorado's Amendment 23 which was passed in 2000 to refund schools stipulated that K-12 funding to be "cost of living" plus 1%. However, the economic downturn in 2009 led to the legislature's creation of a "negative factor" work-around which lowered the budget increases and allowed Colorado to further lag in educational support when compared to other states.
- The Legislature will be focusing on opioid overdose issues. There are already six bills put forward however all need funding. It is likely that the bills will either be killed in Appropriations or left unfunded. Part of the pressure is due to the decrease in Federal Funding despite Federal recognition of the opioid crisis. The undetermined status of Federal support of Medicaid will also impact what happens this year.

- The CAL Lobbyists will alert others in the Capitol about Representative Susan Beckman's support of removing EBSCO database services from libraries.
- Expect to see more actions connected to broadband service this session.
- There will likely be discussion about the impact of U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' rescinding of a more lenient stance on marijuana. At this time, Colorado's Attorney General and Governor Hickenlooper agree that there are no plans to change current processes.
- The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) repeal of Net Neutrality Rules may lead House Democrats to propose a bill for net neutrality within the State. Republicans have already promised to kill it.

### **Budget Information**

The Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) has reported greater than forecasted revenues. This will increase the General Fund to support the top priorities of Transportation, K-12 Education, and rebuilding reserves. Details about the impact of TABOR limits are yet to be determined. The official report will be released on March 20, 2018, one-week before Long Bill.

The 2017 deal that kept Hospital Provider Fees separate from the General Fund should allow the State to keep revenues growing for two years before TABOR limits are reached.

### **Upcoming Elections**

It's expected that this year's elections will have the most dollars spent than all previous elections. Money is being raised by the individual and national fundraising efforts.

- Both National politics and the ability of unaffiliated voters participating in primary elections will impact the 2018 election cycle. The CAL lobbyists speculate that it is unlikely that House will change leadership; however, there might be a change in the Senate.
- Colorado seems to be part of a National trend of legislators choosing to leave their party and participate as unaffiliated. Senator Cheri Jahn from Jefferson County has left the Democratic Party to continue her tenure as an unaffiliated legislator. While this might be a decision based on the increasing popularity of being unaffiliated, her decision means that she won't get a seat from the Governor, will no longer be invited to go to caucus, and will need to leave the Legislative Audit Committee which must have an equal number of Republican and Democratic members.
- Democrat Faith Winter will be running against incumbent Senator Beth Martinez Humenik (R).
- Former Representative Tom Tancredo's campaign has raised a lot of money. The rumor is that White House chief strategist, Steve Bannon, is connected with his campaign.

### **2018 Legislative Agenda**

The Lobbyists will quietly sound out the possibility of increasing the funds to meet our \$1 per person goal. They will also highlight how libraries support education, literacy, career growth, and workforce development in addition to providing materials and broadband access. They should be able to determine if there is enough support to try for another half-million-dollar increase.

Representative Bob Rankin, who is on the Joint Budget Committee, is husband to Joyce Rankin, a member of the Colorado Board of Education who participated in the Aspen Institute dialogs. As Joyce Rankin is still asking Gene Hainer questions about Colorado libraries, this might impact Representative Rankin's level of support.

Jacqueline Murphy is working on the report of the Aspen Institute convening and will give copies of the finished report to the lobbyists who can get the document into the legislators' mailboxes.

### **Informing Library Community of the Role of our Lobbyists and the Legislative Committee**

The Legislative Committee was challenged to make the committee's work and our lobbyists more visible to the library community. The goal is to heighten how Membership dollars help support hiring our lobbyists and the results of our work. Ideas considered include:

- A formal introduction to volunteers before the start of the Lobby Day;
- Our Lobbyists creating a video update about the legislative session;
- Holding a session on top issues impacting libraries at CALCON;
  - Diane Lapierre is willing to move this forward.
- Holding a session about how to host successful Town Hall Meetings at CALCON;
  - Start with a survey to ask libraries about their participation and success.

Elena Rosenfeld will post this question to the Legislative Committee email list to gather more ideas.

### **State Lobby Day – March 27, 2018**

- The Committee is pleased to report that a number of people are willing to help make Lobby Day 2018 a success. Those who will help include: Elizabeth Kelsen Huber who will provide a consulting level of support for the lead person, Joanna Powell, Brittany Raines, Andrea Reveley, and Aspen Walker.

Elena Rosenfeld and Dave Sanger are continuing to look for a new lead person.

- Diane Lapierre contacted David Bondarchuck. He confirmed that he will continue the tradition of having Scratch Catering participate in the event.
- The State Library will provide:
  - A map showing the distribution of grant dollars that also contains highlights of what libraries are doing to connect with their communities.
- Jacqueline Murphy will talk with Trustees about being involved.
- Elena Rosenfeld will send the lobbyists wording for the 2018 proclamation.
- Aspen Walker shared that Douglas County Libraries is in the process of training volunteers to serve as advocates. Lobby Day 2019 would be a good opportunity for these volunteers to take action.

#### **NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

- The American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meetings are being held in Denver February 8-13, 2018. It was recommended that the Legislative Committee confirm that ALA shares information about the legal use of marijuana – which includes the fact that it is not legal to smoke it in public spaces, nor hotel rooms, nor that it is legal to transport marijuana across state lines.
- John Wilkinson is starting the conversations about top issues to cover at National Library Legislative Day in May. He shared ALA's list of top issues on the Legislative Committee email list.
- Grant funds tied to the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) and Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) have not been approved as the Senate and House still need to reconcile their differing versions of the Federal spending budget for 2018. Once the budget has been set and approved, work will then start on gathering support for the grants in 2019 through asking our legislators to sign *Dear Appropriator* letters.

#### **PAC FUNDRAISING – no report**

Dave Sanger will send the PAC's PO Box information to the email list.

Colorado Library Political Committee

P.O. Box 48032

Denver, Colorado 80204

#### **Assignments follow-up and next steps**

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**[CAL-Legislative] Political Action**

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**David Sanger via CAL-Legislative** <cal-legislative@cvl-lists.org>

Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 10:07 PM

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Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2018 00:07:12 -0500

Subject: Political Action

Hi All

The Colorado Library Political Committee is an independent issue committee. It was formed to support issue campaigns that have an impact on libraries of all types in Colorado. It can also offer support to legislative candidates that support libraries. The work of the committee is independent and not coordinated by the Colorado Association of Libraries.

If you would like to make a donation to this important work, checks may be sent to the Committee at the following address. Donations of less than \$20.00 are not reported to the secretary of state. Larger donations will be reported and need to include the employer of the donor.

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**[Cpld] Latest news on Congressional spending bill/IMLS**

1 message

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**Hainer, Gene** <hainer\_g@cde.state.co.us>

Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 3:53 PM

To: "cpld@cpl-libs.org" &lt;cpld@cpl-libs.org&gt;

This is a repeat of a note sent to Libnet for those not on that list curious about Congressional funding of libraries. The association of state librarians [posted a statement](#) about this topic if interested in their take.

As you know, another Congressional budget continuing resolution (CR) was signed Friday to fund gov't until March 23. This supposedly sets the stage to (finally) pass a spending bill for the fiscal year ending Sept 30, 2018. The remainder of this long email outlines the current progress and next steps regarding the Congressional spending and IMLS status in FY18 and FY19.

The current FY18 House proposal for IMLS still calls for 2017 funding amounts; the Senate has a \$4M increase (approx \$60k more to CO). The directors of IMLS and the ALA Washington Office were cautiously optimistic (but couldn't promise) this week that the Senate version will prevail if/when the appropriations conference committees finalize a spending bill. Anyone who contacted Congress in 2017 about library funding are the ones to thank for IMLS and other programs remaining intact through the rest of this fiscal year, Sept. 30. Your effort made a difference!

Meanwhile, the FY19 administration budget proposal came out yesterday. It again proposes eliminating 24+ agencies including IMLS, NEA, NEH, plus cuts to Education and others. Like all administration budget proposals this will be DOA, but does mean a new round of calling Congress. Specific actions on FY19 probably won't happen until the current spending bill is completed, around March 23. Once FY19 advocacy work starts, it will probably go something this:

- 1) March/April: Ask your House Rep and Senators to "Sign the Dear Appropriator Letter" signifying support of IMLS and other program funding. 1 Senator and 5 of 7 Reps signed this letter in 2017. All will be needed again.
- 2) April-July Calls to specific Appropriation committee members. Colorado has few on these committees so this will fall largely to other states, but ongoing contacts are important.
- 3) August Congressional recess. Also the last 3 months of campaigning for contested seats in the November mid-terms. Encourage town halls in and visits by elected officials to your libraries to showcase library activities.
- 4) Sept-Oct More calls-to-action on specific bills or appropriation actions in the full House and Senate are possible. Anything (or little) may happen prior to the Nov election.
- 5) Oct-Jan+ Actions depend on Nov. mid-term results, progress of the FY19 spending bill, and whether political gamesmanship is better or worse by then.

One place to keep up: [ALA Washington Office District Dispatch](#). No matter how confusing the effort or uncertain the time line, your ongoing support via calls/emails/visits/contacts will be essential to achieve the results seen this year. Continue reminding elected officials and community leaders about the importance of your library. Remember, libraries matter because Knowledge Doesn't Grow on Tweets.

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**[CAL-Legislative] March 2, Meeting**

1 message

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Hi Legislative types.

Attached are the agenda for March and Feb. minutes for your consideration. (Agenda is repeated below if you are unable to open the attachments.)

See you Friday.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** January minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Report from CAL Board:**

The CAL Board is meeting today. The 2018 Board members are attending a morning training which will be followed by a regular meeting scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

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**Legislative Committee Award Presentation**

The CAL Award will be presented to Representative Leslie Herod on Saturday February 3, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. as part of Juanita Gray Community Service Award and biennial Blacks in Colorado Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The event is being held at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library. Robin Filipczak and Amanda Rewerts have coordinated efforts. Denver Public Library's Commissioner Rosemary Marshall will present the award to Representative Herod.

**Legislative Session Update**

- Much of this Legislative Session will be spent on legislators positioning themselves for the November elections. Expect many bills to be introduced to show that the legislator is attempting to support an issue even as the bill is likely to fail.
- Representative Susan Beckman has not put forward a bill that would impact libraries or the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC). Options she may pursue include getting permission to introduce a late bill, asking contacts in the Senate to take action, or adding an amendment to other legislation. The CAL Lobbyists will continue watch for possible action.
- Six bills have been introduced to address the opioid problems in Colorado. Funding any efforts will be one of the top concerns.
- The future of Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) will likely be a hot issue this year. However, since no bills were introduced, it is unclear what will happen. PERA is in a better position due to the stock market being strong. Expect to hear about some form of compromise as the conversation moves forward.
- Sexual harassment issues continue at the State Capitol. Representative Steve Lebsock, who was accused by Representative Faith Winters of sexual harassment has refused to step down from his position despite encouragement from members of the Democratic party. It is expected that the House will have the 2/3 majority to require his removal if the 3<sup>rd</sup> party organization reviewing the accusations recommend that action. Meanwhile, his committee has refused to move his bill forward for consideration. An accusation against Senator Randy Baumgardner have been found credible. It is likely that an Ethics Committee will be moved forward in March of this year. Meanwhile, a required sexual harassment training was held at the Capitol. Most decided not to attend.

## **Bills**

- HB 18-1013 The Colorado Nonprofit Sustainability Act, sponsored by Representative Alec Garnett and Senator Kevin Priola creates a tax credit for those who donate to nonprofit endowments, has passed the Finance Committee. Al Garnett says it will stay in Finance for a while. Speaker not sure if she wants to move it forward. IT will be a fight.
- HB 18-1067 Right to Rest Act, sponsored by Representative Joe Salazar was reintroduced after it failed in 2017. It currently looks like Representative Salazar doesn't have enough support to get the bill out of the Local Government Committee.
- SB 18-001 Transportation Infrastructure Funding, sponsored by Senator Randy Baumgardner, Senator John Cook, and Representative Perry Buck. The bill has been introduced in the Senate Committee on Transportation and referred to Finance. It is anticipated that if the bill gets through the Senate, it will not pass the House. While Representative Faith Winters has suggested referring the question to the people, it doesn't seem likely that it will be added to the ballot. Polling shows that people won't support gas increase but will approve a sales tax increase for roads.
- SB 18-88 Taxation of Retail marijuana Sales, sponsored by Senator Bob Gardner and Representative KC Becker. This Bill generates marijuana funds for special district funding. The Bill has passed the Senate and has gone to the House for review. It's speculated that this same bill failed during the Special Session as punishment for passing SB 17-267 which supported hospital provider fees.

## **Budget Information**

- Governor is asking that some of the funds from the \$256 million general fund revenues go to transportation. There is a possibility of the legislature finding a level of compromise to take that action.
- Many are awaiting the March report from Legislative Finance and the OSBP. Often their reports align although there have been times this has not been the case. The March report is a high priority this year. The current projections are looking positive with \$179 million more than projected.
- The Republicans on the JBC want to defer funding new efforts until there is enough for transportation so action will likely await the March projections. The Republican preference is to take \$300 million from the current budget and allocate those dollars for Transportation.

## **Upcoming Elections**

It's expected that this year's elections will have the most dollars spent than all previous elections. Money is being raised by the individual and national fundraising efforts. This election will also have a significant impact on the leadership of both parties as all of the current leadership is term limited.

- The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) will be losing four of their six members due to term limits. Both Senator Dominick Moreno and Representative Bob Rankin will stay for another term.
- Representative Faith Winter will run for Senator Beth Martinez Humenik's seat. It's expected to be an expensive fight. It's likely that Representative Winter will focus on her stance on transit.
- Former Congressman Tom Tancredo has withdrawn from the Colorado Governor race.

## **2018 Legislative Agenda**

- The CAL Lobbyists are quietly sounding out the possibility of increasing the funding for State Grants to Publicly Funded Libraries.
- There is a separate line item to support resources for the blind that will receive a funding increase.

## **Informing Library Community of the Role of our Lobbyists and the Legislative Committee**

Ideas shared via email were briefly discussed at the Legislative Committee Meeting.

- Diane Lapierre is submitting a CAL program proposal.
- Ideas for how to provide advocacy training at local libraries throughout the state was strongly supported. A challenge is how to fund travel for those providing that training.

More ideas and discussion are pending.

## **State Lobby Day – March 27, 2018**

- The Committee is pleased to report that a number of people are willing to help make Lobby Day 2018 a success. This year we have three co-chairs: Brittni Ehrhart, Erica Martinez, and Lauren Seegmiller.
- They will be working with fourteen volunteers to get the event organized. Their current intention is to provide interactive activities ranging from a board to post why people love their libraries to a craft-making or "maker tools in action" table. Other thoughts and ideas include:
  - Using libnet to get some statements on how libraries use grant funds to make a difference;
  - Hands-on of idea labs such as making puzzles;
  - Showing products;
  - Posting a large sign saying THANK YOU LEGISLATORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES;

- Sharing stories or doing things that demonstrate how libraries connect with workforce, resume assistance, etc. For example, one library is working with members of their homeless population to create crafts from bore beetle wood to sell.
- The Committee was asked to alert participants that parking is increasingly limited and expensive. Also, security is tighter so timing needs to be considered.

## LEGISLATIVE WEBPAGE

There was a brief discussion about the Legislative Committee's section of the CAL Website. A committee is now looking at updating the website software and adding more administrators to better manage updates in a timely manner.

## NATIONAL LEGISLATION

- The American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meetings are being held in Denver February 8-13, 2018. It was recommended that the Legislative Committee suggests to ALA that they should alert attendees about legal use of marijuana, highlighting facts such as smoking marijuana in public spaces and hotel rooms is not legal and reminding attendees that they cannot legally transport marijuana across state lines.
- John Wilkinson is starting the conversations about top issues to cover at National Library Legislative Day. He shared ALA's list of top issues on the Legislative Committee email list. Top issues in 2018 include Every Student Succeeds, Cyber-security, copyright issues, and Internet neutrality. It was noted that States are now starting to create their own laws regarding Internet neutrality.,
- Grant funds tied to the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) and Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) have not been approved as the Senate and House still need to reconcile their differing versions of the Federal spending budget for 2018. Once the budget has been set and approved, work will then start on gathering support for the grants in 2019.  
As done in 2017, we will again be asking our legislators to sign *Dear Appropriator* letters.
- Participating in local conversations with our Federal legislators is a strong way to connect without travelling long distances. Jefferson County Public Library held a brown bag lunch with their legislators. Attendees were reminded that many libraries host successful town hall meetings in their library locations.

**COLORADO LIBRARIES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE** is a completely separate organization than CAL that helps support our efforts. 2017 was a good year for the PAC. Both Ray Coffey and Brittany Raines are working with Aspen Walker as of 2018. Aspen shared that, due to the election cycle, the reporting schedule is very tight.

Those interested in sending a check to the PAC can either hand it to Dave Sanger or Aspen Walker during the Legislative Committee meeting or mail it to:

**PAC FUNDRAISING –**  
Colorado Library Political Committee  
P.O. Box 48032  
Denver, Colorado 80204

## Assignments follow-up and next steps

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**[CAL-Legislative] ICYMI: #FundLibraries Update: House Letter Circulating**

1 message

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Tue, Mar 6, 2018 at 4:30 PM

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The work to #Fundlibraries in the 2019 federal budget is underway. It's time to ask Congressional Representatives to sign a Dear Appropriator letter. [Click here](#) to email your Representative today, or [use your zip code here](#) to find social media and phone # contact info. See details below from ALA if you are able and willing to put five minutes toward this contact effort:

I am happy to report that this year's Fund Libraries campaign is off to a strong start. Over the last few weeks, thousands of emails have been sent to the House and the Senate, effectively doubling the activity we saw during this phase of the campaign last year. With over \$210 million in federal library funding at risk, it is encouraging to see the library community rally to raise awareness on Capitol Hill.

Today we move into phase two of the campaign, as two "Dear Appropriator" letters begin circulating in the House. As with last year, one letter asks the House Appropriations Committee to fully fund the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and the second does the same for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be working hard to get as many representatives to sign these letters as we can. The more signatures we have, the more likely it becomes that House appropriators will protect funding for LSTA and IAL. This is particularly important this year as the battle for domestic spending becomes more intense and Members of Congress look for programs to cut. This year, the LSTA support letter is being led by Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ). The IAL support letter is being jointly led by Representatives Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Don Young (R-AK), Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Tom MacArthur (R-NJ).

As with previous years, we'll be asking library supporters to contact their representative and ask them to sign both letters. More often than not, House members won't sign "Dear Appropriator" letters unless their constituents ask them. To facilitate this, templates emails and talking points will be available on the ALA Action Center. We'll also continue to update [District Dispatch](#) and the [Fund Libraries](#) page with new information that can be used throughout this phase of the campaign. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the two Airtables located on the Fund Libraries page. Each will be used to track which Members of Congress have signed one or both of the "Dear Appropriator" letters. We hope that this will help our advocates plan their outreach strategies and messaging.

**This year, the deadline to secure signatures on the "Dear Appropriator" letters is March 19, 2018.** That gives us less than two weeks to cover a lot of ground. I hope we can count on you to help us get the message out. And stay turned – it won't be long before the Senate starts circulating their "Dear Appropriator" letters as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the staff at the Washington Office.

Thank you,

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THE ASK (use any or all of this. Feel free to add personal stories to personalize):

As a constituent, I am writing to ask that the representative sign on to two specific "Dear Appropriator" letters currently being circulated for the FY 2019 budget. LSTA and IAL programs ensure communities in every state and district have access to strong libraries that can help them thrive. Please show your support for your libraries and the communities they serve by signing both "Dear Appropriator" letters - one for LSTA, and one for IAL.

The first letter supports at least \$187 million for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The second letter endorses \$27 million for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program. The LSTA support letter is being led by Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ). The IAL support letter is being jointly led by Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Don Young (R-AK), Jim McGovern (D-MA), and Tom MacArthur (R-NJ).

The funding provided by LSTA is multiplied when it arrives at the local level. States are required, under the rules of LSTA, to match one-third of their federal contribution. In some states, the funds support the development and maintenance of statewide lending, shared databases, or other shared tools that benefit users across the state, whether they live in urban or rural areas. In others, funding is provided for specific programs, from assisting veterans transitioning to civilian life and building high-tech small business service centers, to underwriting summer reading programs or creating coding classes for teaching kids. A cut on the federal level causes a cut in state library funding, endangering many of the vital programs libraries provide for their communities.

IAL grants are the only dedicated source of federal funding for school libraries. This money supports efforts to improve literacy skills and programming for the country's most vulnerable children. Awards typically go to schools for book distribution, literacy-technology tools, and literacy training for teachers and families.

Thank you.

Eugene Hainer  
Assistant Commissioner  
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## A cliffhanger ending

MAR 6, 2018 UPDATED MAR 7, 2018

Whew. For a good portion of last week, it appeared the unthinkable might happen. The Pueblo City-County Library District was in danger of losing in the final round of the Best Public Library in America contest to Williamsburg, Va.

Trailing by more than 1,000 votes through last Thursday, Pueblo's supporters made a late surge on the final day of voting to prevail 19,964 to 14,192. Had our community lost, this editorial would have made allegations about Russian interference and voter fraud. (Actually, we did have a concern about the balloting ending at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time Friday. That seemed to give our competitors two more hours of voting that we were denied simply because of geography.)

No matter. The Pueblo library district won fair and square. The coveted Leslie B. Knope Award, named after actress Amy Poehler's character on the "Parks and Recreation" TV show, belongs to the Steel City.

"This is just an awesome thing for Pueblo and we have really been overwhelmed with all of the support and kind words about our library district and the community," Midori Clark, the district's director of community relations, said Monday. "Pueblo already has so many great things in it. It's nice to know that we will also now be known for having the best public library and it's something that we can all take a lot of pride in."

Indeed. This competition featured 116 libraries from around the country, some of them in communities much larger than ours. Pueblo County residents obviously wanted the award more than the people who live in all of those other places.

There are a lot of people who deserve credit for this award, starting with the library district staff, which campaigned hard for Pueblo on social media and elsewhere. Local lawmakers Sen. Leroy Garcia and Rep. Daneya Esgar did their part to drum up support for Pueblo, as did Gov. John Hickenlooper. Even Miles, the Denver Broncos mascot, got into the act.

Special thanks goes to Laura Savage of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District, who nominated Pueblo's library district for the award back in December. Savage made a wise move by nominating the entire district, rather than focusing on just one library.

And, of course, all the people who took time to vote have our sincere gratitude. It's great that so many people cared enough about our local libraries to make this happen.

That's not the only good news the library district has had recently, either. The district is one of 29 finalists for the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The medal is considered the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries that provide excellent service to their communities.

As the saying goes, it's an honor just to be nominated for such a prestigious award. And after last week's success, it isn't hard to imagine that our library district could emerge victorious again.

Of the many things of which local residents can be proud, our libraries should rank high on the list.