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July 2018

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summerreading
JUNE 1-AUG. 11

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

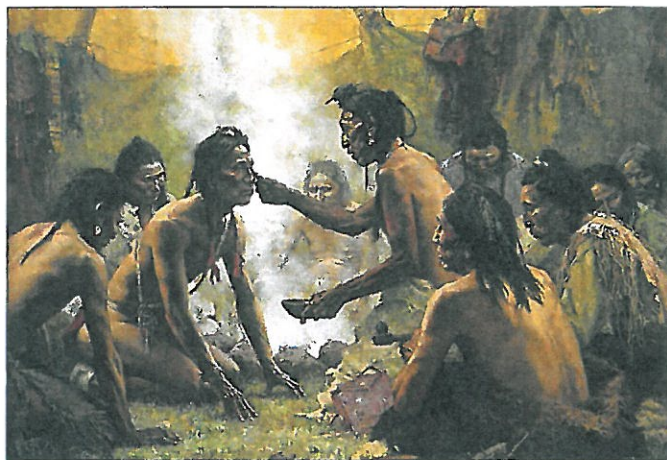
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Exhibit examines native health, wellness

Native Voices

July 20-Aug. 20, RA,
InfoZone Museum-4th floor

An interactive exhibition from the National Library of Medicine that examines concepts of health and medicine among contemporary American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians and features interviews with more than one hundred tribal leaders, healers, physicians, educators, and others.



*Blessing from the Medicine Man, Howard Terpning®, 2011
Courtesy of The Greenwich Workshop, Inc.*

Warfare to Welfare and the Indigenous Food Movement presented by Chef M. Karlos Baca

Saturday, July 28, 6-8 p.m., RA,
Ryals Room-4th floor

Join us in hosting Chef M. Karlos Baca as he presents a demonstration on the Indigenous Food Movement. M. Karlos Baca (Tewa/Diné/Nuche) is an Indigenous Foods Activist and the founder of Taste of Native Cuisine, an Indigenous food cooperative based out of Southern Ute in Southwestern Colorado focusing on pre-colonial Indigenous Foodways, along with being a co-founder of the I-Collective.



Chef M. Karlos Baca



Michael Heralda

Aztec Stories with Michael Heralda

Tuesday, July 10, 6 p.m., RA,
Ryals Room-4th floor

Experience the beauty and sophistication of the ancient Mexico/Aztec people through music, stories, narratives and poetry.

Theresa Vigil: Curandera

Friday, July 20, 2-4 p.m., RA,
InfoZone Theater-4th floor

Theresa Vigil is a rural herbal practitioner who is familiar with natural healing methods that are traditional to Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

Book Signing: Judith A. Stone

Saturday, July 21, 4-6 p.m., RA,
InfoZone Theater-4th floor
Judith A. Stone, author of the book, *Russell Box Senior, The Physical & Spiritual Journey of a Southern Ute Elder*, will accompany Mr. Box Senior for the book signing.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) developed and produced *Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness*. The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, in partnership with NLM, tours the exhibition to America's libraries.

ALA American Library Association

NIH U.S. National Library of Medicine

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.

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Locations:

Barkman Library

1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Greenhorn Valley Library

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

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1315 E. 7th St.

Pueblo West Library

298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Rawlings Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

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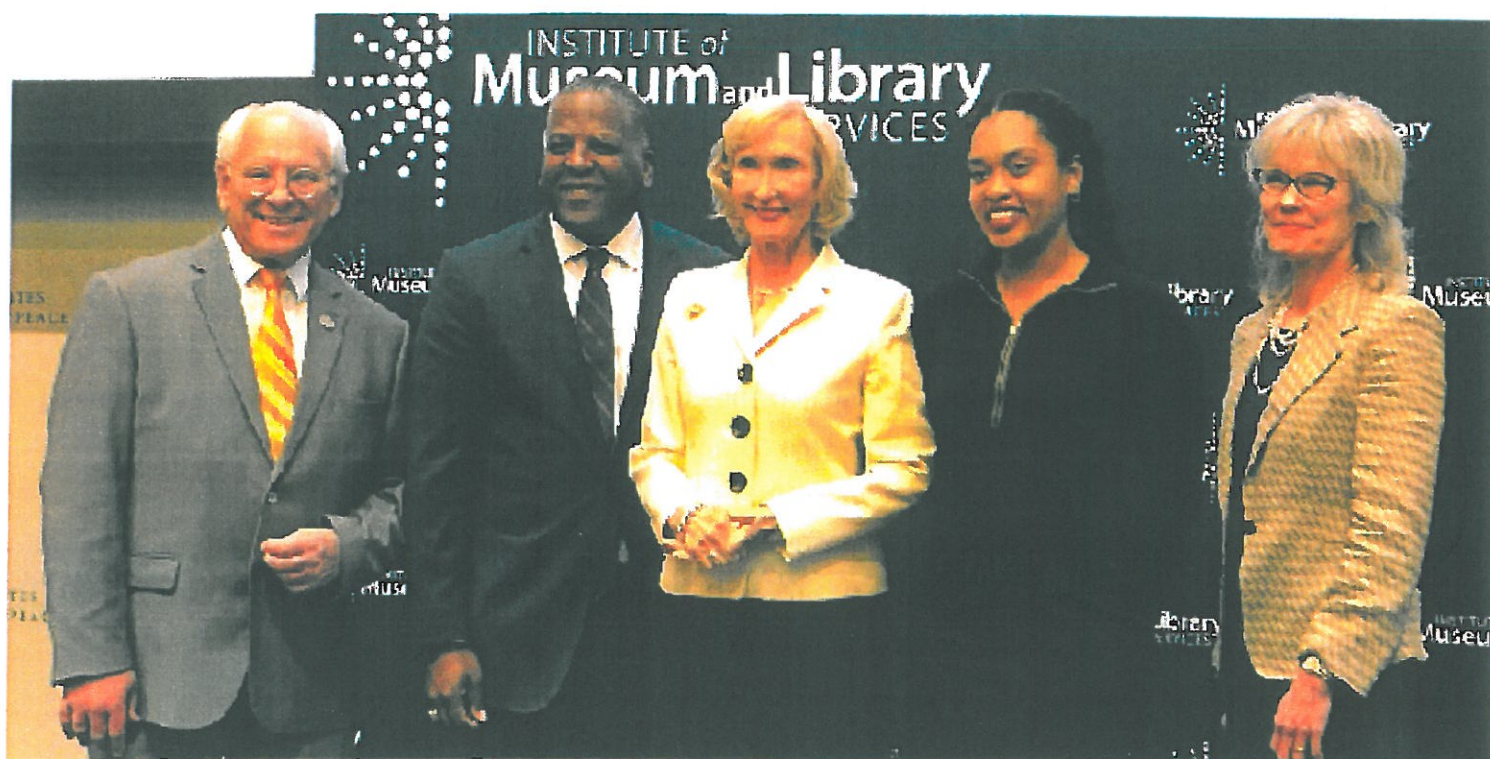
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Library policy news from the American Library Association's Washington Office.



2018 IMLS National Medals ceremony showcases how libraries transform

Published May 25, 2018 by Shawnda Hines

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One of the best things about working in ALA's Washington Office is the opportunity to attend celebratory events like the presentation of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Medals, the nation's highest honor for libraries and museums

in service to their communities. Over the award's 24 years, 182 museums and libraries have received the honor. This was my first year to attend the annual ceremony, which was held at the U.S. Institute for Peace. The five library honorees for 2018 are Orange County (Fla.) Library System; Pueblo (Colo.) City-County Library District; Reading (Pa.) Public Library; Rochester (Minn.) Public Library; and Georgetown (Texas) Public Library.

The distinguished speakers at the ceremony expressed sincere appreciation for the role that libraries and museums play in society. It was especially gratifying to hear U.S. Representative Paul Tonko (D-NY-20) call libraries and museums "critical infrastructure" and recognize the services to underserved students who wouldn't have access to such enriching extracurricular opportunities otherwise. The charismatic president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Mayor Stephen Benjamin of Columbia, S.C., boasted about the two IMLS medals won by Columbia's Richland Library and the Columbia Museum of Art as his city's pride and joy. Mayor Benjamin also praised libraries and museums for "building cities for all people" and "opening up the halls of the past to inclusion for all."

ALA members are striving to ensure that libraries are inclusive spaces, and that was demonstrated throughout the program by individual community members who accepted the medals alongside their librarians and whose personal impact stories earned the honor for their library:

- A young man whose fascination with comics in high school led his library to create programming around the genre as a way to keep children engaged. The library helped him craft his first resume and provided him valuable work experience that later earned him a pay increase at his first full-time job.
- A teenager whose library provided him with a safe space when he first identified as transgender. He now spends a majority of his time at the library working as a youth services associate and developing programming that provides a welcoming and respectful community for underserved populations.
- A woman whose library provided the support she needed to get her life back on track after escaping domestic violence. She is now enrolled in a nursing program at a local community college and has plans to rejoin the workforce, with the help of her library's services. "The greatest thing you get at the library is hope," she said.

The five libraries and five museums were honored, said IMLS Director Kit Matthew, because they "ensured that their organizations have evolved into catalysts for change for a better future." And the library users who stood alongside their local library directors are living testimony to the fact that libraries do transform their communities.

The stories of these library patrons, people whose lives have been changed by their libraries, are what inspires me and other ALA staff to serve the libraries and librarians who enable transformation. And it is these stories, told by the people who live them, that can inspire elected leaders at the federal and local level to support libraries by shaping policies and providing funding needed to fuel that change for the people they serve.

Visit ALA's legislative [action center](#) to show your support for IMLS by urging your U.S. senators to cosponsor the Museum and Library Services Act (S. 2271), the legislation which authorizes IMLS.

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Gallagher Amendment a detriment to local services

Gallagher Amendment a detriment to local services

April 16, 2018

by Chris Romer

Tax increases throughout Colorado typically result in a knee jerk reaction of "NO!" causing special districts to go the voters to mitigate future service cuts. Colorado Mountain College last year attempted a localized version of this that would have automatically increased its mill levy when the assessment rate went down, but voters said no. Some other voters in districts such as Vail Recreation District, Eagle River Fire Protection and Gypsum Fire were more pragmatic and voted yes.

What's impacting these special districts? Why do they continually face declining revenues even though property values increase?

Booming home values along the Front Range are triggering cascading statewide property tax cuts, providing relief to urban homeowners but squeezing government agencies in rural areas where property values weren't growing in the first place.

The reason: a little-known property tax-limiting provision of Colorado's state constitution: the Gallagher Amendment.

Enacted in 1982 the Gallagher Amendment to the Colorado Constitution was designed to maintain a constant ratio between the property tax revenue that comes from residential property and from business property. To simplify a set of complex formulas, the effect of Gallagher was to reduce the assessment rate (the percent of property value that is subject to taxation) whenever statewide total residential property values increased faster than business property values.

As a result of the Gallagher Amendment, the assessment rate for residential property has declined by more than two-thirds over the years because of Colorado's population growth and because of increases in residential real estate values. The net effect has been a marked decline in revenues collected from property tax.

In layman's terms, when home values grow faster than business values, homeowners pay proportionately less and commercial property owners pay proportionately more.

Sounds great on the surface. Yeah, less tax! But the flip side of paying lower residential property tax rates is reduced services from local metro districts and special districts.

Since 1982, residential property values in Colorado have grown faster than nonresidential properties, causing the assessment rate on residential properties to drop from 21 percent in 1982 to 7.2% today. The assessment rate on Colorado businesses is 29%.

Established in 1982 — a time that saw taxpayer revolts across the country — the Gallagher amendment set a limit on how much of the statewide property-tax load could fall on homeowners. Residential properties under the Gallagher formula could make up no more than 45 percent of the state's property-tax base. Other properties make up the remaining 55 percent.

That means whenever home values rise faster than those of commercial, industrial and agricultural properties, the residential assessment rate — the formula that determines a property's assessed value — must drop. Which reduces the ability for local special districts to fulfill their services (fire, school, recreation, metro district, etc.).

We need to protect our rural communities by addressing the intense, negative impact the Gallagher amendment has had, and will have, in the future. Completely eliminating the complicated interplay between Gallagher and TABOR statewide would require a constitutional change. That's a tall order — and politically fraught.

Until that time comes, it's up to individual districts to make their case for sales taxes, mill levy overrides, and other localized solutions. We encourage voters to avoid the knee jerk reaction to tax increases, and to thoroughly research each ballot initiative. That's not to suggest that every tax increase is worthy — but rather to suggest that the Gallagher Amendment has real impacts on our districts and our commercial property owners, and to understand exactly why these districts require new or different funding.

Chris Romer is president & CEO of Vail Valley Partnership. Learn more at VailValleyPartnership.com

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Library	Library Visits per Capita		
	2017	2013	2009
Arapahoe Library District	7.11	8.27	10.62
Aurora Public Library	3.16	2.77	4.01
Boulder Public Library	9.27	8.83	9.87
Denver Public Library	6.32	6.89	6.57
Douglas County Libraries	6.43	6.5	6.86
High Plains Library District (Weld County)	5.65	5.79	6.3
Jefferson County Public Library	4.6	4.65	5.3
Mesa County Public Library District	5.16	4.93	4.75
Pikes Peak Library District	5.15	6.03	7.02
Poudre River Public Library District	5.09	6.25	5.82
Pueblo City-County Library District	8.26 (2)	7.86 (3)	6.07 (7)
Rangewiew Library District (Adams County)	2.97	3.68	2.94
Westminster Public Library	3.32	4.42	5.27
Average	5.58	5.91	6.26

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Library	Circulation per Capita		
	2017	2013	2009
Arapahoe Library District	16.64	17.45	24.18
Aurora Public Library	2.87	3.04	3.67
Boulder Public Library	14.19	14.38	13.49
Denver Public Library	13.66	15.46	15.83
Douglas County Libraries	20.19	25.28	27.86
High Plains Library District (Weld County)	9.32	11.71	11.42
Jefferson County Public Library	13.94	13.88	13.05
Mesa County Public Library District	8.89	9.44	7.85
Pikes Peak Library District	11.58	14.72	15.12
Poudre River Public Library District	14.37	17.12	17.19
Pueblo City-County Library District	15.66 (3)	10.32 (9)	9.44 (10)
Rangeview Library District (Adams County)	5.87	6.34	3.5
Westminster Public Library	6.66	9.54	14.03
Average	11.83	12.98	13.59

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Public Computer Sessions per Capita

	2017	2013	2009
Arapahoe Library District	1.05	1.30	2.36
Aurora Public Library	1.38	1.14	NA
Boulder Public Library	1.31	1.50	1.92
Denver Public Library	1.17	1.45	1.87
Douglas County Libraries	0.39	0.54	1.02
High Plains Library District (Weld County)	1.25	1.35	1.60
Jefferson County Public Library	0.53	0.87	1.46
Mesa County Public Library District	1.27	0.86	1.27
Pikes Peak Library District	1.81	1.46	0.96
Poudre River Public Library District	0.69	1.72	1.85
Pueblo City-County Library District	2.76 (1)	2.53 (1)	1.82 (5)
Rangewiew Library District (Adams County)	0.75	0.95	0.82
Westminster Public Library	2.26	1.09	0.89

Average

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1.16

1.24

1.30

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Program Attendance per 1,000 Served

	2017	2013	2009
Arapahoe Library District	592.27	513.77	491.28
Aurora Public Library	242.25	119.43	105.06
Boulder Public Library	767.23	513.98	610.93
Denver Public Library	599.32	551.98	325.42
Douglas County Libraries	566.49	811.21	703.64
High Plains Library District (Weld County)	418.07	354.09	357.5
Jefferson County Public Library	444.2	301.5	251.28
Mesa County Public Library District	386.85	249.81	251.72
Pikes Peak Library District	429.83	606.1	446.15
Poudre River Public Library District	294.62	331.82	387.92
Pueblo City-County Library District	1561.96 (1)	737.47 (2)	483.25 (4)
Rangewiew Library District (Adams County)	170.36	160	132.97
Westminster Public Library	285.13	307.74	287.68

Average

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