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State Library offers mini-grants for summer reading programs

Sixty mini-grants of \$150 will be awarded to public libraries to “support and promote the 2006 “Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales” and/or “Creature Feature” Summer Reading Program in their local communities,” according to the state library website. Those libraries below 10,000 Legal Service Area (LSA) population and in rural areas are given priority for these grants.

Governor announces real-time assistance at state website

According to a press release, the state of Colorado now offers “Real-time online service” on its website, Colorado.gov. This “instant customer assistance” is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, (except on major holidays) in conjunction with AskColorado, the very successful statewide virtual reference service staffed by Colorado librarians. This form of real-time help is uncommon, with just over ten state websites across the nation offering such support.

Respectfully submitted,
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