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Nancy Bolt named the recipient of the Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award

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CHICAGO – Nancy Bolt, of Nancy Bolt & Associates and retired Colorado State Librarian, is the 2016 recipient of the American Library Association (ALA) Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award. This award is given biennially to an individual for making positive changes in the profession of librarianship and consists of a 24K gold-framed citation and \$1,000 contributed by the Elizabeth Futas Memorial Fund of the American Library Association.



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Nancy Bolt, 2016 recipient of the Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award

“The jury that selected Nancy Bolt as the recipient of the 2016 Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award was highly impressed with her wide range of accomplishments and contributions to the profession, all of which underscore her keen ability to bring about innovation and positive change in our field,” said Kevin Reynolds, award jury chair. “She challenges and inspires, and she repeatedly shepherds into reality programs that some might think difficult, if not impossible, to achieve.”

Throughout her distinguished career, she has been a thoughtful and effective leader whose work has been infused with creativity, calculated risk-taking and skilled strategic planning. Woven through all this are her natural talents for mentoring and collaboration. Among the vast array of truly groundbreaking efforts that Bolt has led is the co-

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First Annual ILCE-IG Grant Applications Due

The Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) International Library and Cultural Exchange Interest Group (ILCE-IG) is offering two grants of \$1500 each to promote international librarianship and cultural understanding. The deadline for the grant proposals is May 15, 2016 with the award announced in July, 2015.

There are two overarching purposes of the grants: Support individual and library partnerships and activities that enhance cultural understanding and support cultural programming and activities that celebrate ethnic and immigrant cultures in Colorado.

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Save the dates:

- PLA, Denver: April 5-9, 2016.
- ALA Annual, Orlando, FL: June 23-28, 2016
- IFLA. Columbus, OH August 13-19, 2016
- Colorado Association of Libraries (CALCON) October 20-22, 2016

Nancy Bolt Catalyst for Change Award

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Nancy Bolt speaking at the National Library in Bulgaria

creation of the ALA-APA Library Support Staff Certification Program, which provides a practical curriculum that has allowed numerous library support staff to advance in the workplace. Bolt also made significant contributions to the success of the E-Rate program when she chaired the first ALA E-Rate Task Force. Additionally, work that Bolt carried out ultimately contributed to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funding the Broadband Technology Opportunities Projects, which had a profound effect on libraries across the country.

As Colorado State Librarian, Bolt reorganized and improved the regional library system in the face of significant budget cuts. She also championed the Colorado Library Card, which centered on collaboration between public, academic and school libraries throughout the state. Knowing there would be great benefit to libraries and library users in Colorado, she succeeded in establishing the program despite initial hurdles. These examples, as with all her work, illustrate how she keeps the needs of library users in focus while bringing about change to improve their experiences and access to information.



Nancy Bolt with Nadja Grueva, Director of the Stara Zagora Library, Bulgaria

"Thanks to her tireless efforts, Nancy's reach truly has been global," Reynolds reported. "Her extensive work with libraries in Bulgaria is a significant example. For almost a decade, she has helped librarians there improve services and resources for the public after the dissolution of the Soviet Union left them in dire need." Reynolds added, "As one letter of support noted, in Bulgaria, 'Nancy is a national hero.'"

She has held numerous prominent leadership positions in state, national, and international organizations. These include several roles in the Colorado Library Association, as well as president of PLA, president of ASCLA, service as an ALA Executive Board member, ALA Council service, and numerous roles in IFLA, including as a member of the IFLA Governing Board. She has also authored a large number of influential publications. In all her work, we see her signature tireless effort to guide positive change thoughtfully and carefully.

The Futas Award will be presented on Sunday, June 26, at the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

IFLA Updates Columbus, OH 2016



Rita Puig and Jimena Sagas

Rita Aurora Puig and Jimena Sagas have both been awarded the IFLA National Committee Fellowship Grant. They will each receive \$1000 to assist with costs incurred by attending the IFLA 2016 Congress in Columbus, OH. Rita Aurora Puig is currently working as Research & Instruction Librarian at the Regis University Library and is Director of the Learning Resources Library at the Thornton (Regis) Campus. Jimena Sagas is a College Liaison Librarian/Assistant Professor at Colorado State University.

The ILCE-IG poster, *From Local to Global: How a Local Library Organization Can Impact International Librarianship*, submitted by Janet Lee and Nancy Bolt has been accepted for presentation at the IFLA Conference in Columbus.

Patrick Arnold Lucero Library, Pueblo, CO/Ba Long Vietnam

By Diann Logie, Manager, Patrick Arnold Lucero Library, Pueblo City-County Library District

Patrick Arnold Lucero grew up in the lower East Side of Pueblo Colorado, attended Spann Elementary and Risley Middle school and graduated from East High school in 1966. He joined the U.S. Army in 1967 and was sent to Vietnam where he joined his unit the 173rd Airborne Brigade, known as the “Sky Soldiers.” Patrick was killed in action on March 14, 1968 while on patrol in the Kon Tum Province. Two of Patrick’s childhood friends who grew up with him on the East Side, Jim Lewis and Bill Bailey, wanted to honor their friend and raised money to build a library near where Patrick took his last breath. They did this through an organization called PeaceTrees Vietnam.



Patrick Arnold Lucero Library in Vietnam

The East Side is separated from the city of Pueblo by two bridges. The closest schools are Risley International Academy of Innovation, a middle school, and Bradford and Park View Elementary Schools. The Patrick Lucero Library is located across the street from Risley and one block from Park View, providing more programs and services to youth than adults. The population consists of approximately 14,000 residents of which 80% are Hispanic. Statistics show that in 2015, we had 153,845 visits, 157,153 items were circulated and 15,256 people attended programs. Unfortunately, this community also has a high rate of crime consisting of gang related fights and shootings, theft and disturbances.

PeaceTrees Vietnam, based in Seattle, WA is a humanitarian organization that provides landmine removal and plants trees to encourage healing of the land and hope for the future. This organization has built numerous schools and libraries in Vietnam, including the Patrick Lucero Library, located in Da Krong Province, along the La Bong River, with mountains in the background just like the library in Pueblo. The grand opening of the library took place on September 11, 2010 in Ba Long, Vietnam. Patrick’s older brother Judge William Lucero and his spouse Janie attended the ceremony as did Frank Spinuzzi, spouse Cheryl, his brother Sam Spinuzzi and Jim Lewis. William is the Presiding Disciplinary judge for the Colorado Supreme Court. Jim Lewis and the Spinuzzi brothers served in Vietnam and were in Vietnam when Patrick was killed in action.



Diann Logie in Vietnam with puppets

Another ground breaking ceremony took place 13,000 miles away on the East Side of Pueblo for the second Patrick Lucero Library on September 24th 2013. The grand opening for the library was on December 13, 2014 with City, County and State dignitaries, religious leaders, friends such as the Spinuzzi family, Jim Lewis and Bill Bailey present.



Activities in the Patrick Arnold Lucero Library in Vietnam

The Pueblo City Council made a resolution for the naming of the library that states: “Patrick Arnold Lucero’s life is symbolic of values emblematic of Pueblo, including our community’s connection to veterans, an emphasis on education, particularly involving international relations, compassion and forgiveness, and a hero who gave his life for his country.”

In March of 2014, I went on a citizen diplomatic trip with Peace Trees to Vietnam and toured the country for two weeks. One of the highlights of my trip was visiting the Patrick Lucero library in Ba Long. I was able to tour the small library, meet the librarian and several of her assistants. We planted two trees in front of the library, one in memory of Patrick and one for Joe Rowe, another Vietnam veteran.

Both Patrick Lucero libraries serve as community centers for economically disadvantaged communities, one devastated by the remnants of war and the other a product of poverty and crime. Yet, both libraries serve their respective communities with compassion and empathy distributing hope for the future of their children and communities by providing literacy programs, technology and information. As manager of the Patrick A. Lucero Library in Pueblo, I observe the needs of this community and its struggle to keep up with technology and the world around them. They are all eager to learn and my well trained staff and I are fortunate to be able to provide the most updated technology and information available to a community that might not have this were it not for the library facilities and what it offers.



Patrick Arnold Lucero Library in Pueblo with prototype mural

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Who We Are

The International Library and Cultural Exchange Interest Group (ILCE-IG) grew out of the American-Bulgarian Library Exchange Project (1996-2011), which sought to create connections and cooperation between American and Bulgarian libraries. The ILCE-IG has extended its scope to encourage projects that foster relationships between Colorado Libraries and those of other countries, to help build and maintain libraries in communities overseas, and to celebrate non-dominant cultures across Colorado.

We're on the web:
ilceig.wordpress.com/

ILCE-IG Grants (continued from pg. 1)

Two grants are available for an amount up to \$1,500 per grant. ILCE-IG prefers, but does not require, that one grant be made to support international librarianship and one to support cultural understanding among different groups in a library's service area.

Application instructions and an application form are available at <https://ilceig.wordpress.com/grants-awards/>. Grant applications and any questions should be sent to Kathy Plath at Cal.ilceig@gmail.com. The deadline for grant application is midnight, May 15, 2016. Grants will be awarded on July 1, 2016. Grants may begin on August 1, 2016 and must be completed by September 1, 2017.

Focus on a Project: New Dimensions of Hope

A New Dimension of Hope (NDHope) was founded in 2010 by Ebenezer Norman, a Regis University Masters in Non Profit Management graduate, while traveling in Monrovia Liberia. He found that too many children are missing out simply because they do not have access or the opportunity to go to school. Only 18% of children in Monrovia can read and write. Ebenezer grew up in a similar situation and has a passion to make a difference. His vision is to see less fortunate children around the world have an opportunity to receive an education.

On July 21st, 2015, NDHope opened its first school in Troyah Town, Liberia. The school has a staff of 6 teachers and provides education to children from 5 to 9 years old. Students are given school supplies, two meals, and an environment conducive to productive learning at no cost. Currently there are 102 students enrolled with a staff of 6 full time educators. A New Dimension of Hope (NDHope) is a 501 (c) 3 charity determined by the IRS in 2011, For more information: <http://www.ndhope.org/>



Ebenezer Norman at Troyah Town, Liberia



Nancy Wood with Ebenezer Norman at fundraiser



Nobel Laureate Leymah Gbowee