



# MUG Matters



## Basalt Regional Library District Welcomes New Director

Basalt Regional Library is pleased to welcome Kristen Becker to its staff as the Executive Director. Ms. Becker relocated to Basalt from Hutchinson, Kansas where she worked as the Southwest Regional Sales Director for Tutor.com, a provider of online homework and reference services. Prior to her experience at Tutor.com, she was the Library Director at Liberal Memorial Library in Liberal, Kansas and served as the Director of Library and Information Management at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, KS. Ms. Becker earned a BA degree in History from Kansas Wesleyan University in 2000 and in 2002, received an MLS degree in Library Science from Emporia State University in Emporia Kansas.

Ms. Becker lives in Basalt with her two daughters: Kelsey, a sophomore at Basalt High and Kyleigh, a seventh grader at Basalt Middle School.



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## Bud Werner Memorial Library Celebrates

An enthusiastic group of library patrons and supporters gathered to celebrate the grand opening and dedication of the Bud Werner Memorial Library in Steamboat Springs. From 4–8pm Friday, March 20, volunteers and staff gave tours of both the new building and the renovated former library. At 6:00, the official dedication ceremony took place in the large community room, previously the upper level of the old building, before a standing room only crowd of well-wishers. After months of construction, the staff has moved into their offices in the renovated basement of the former library's children's area. Having been in an office off-site during the construction, the Technical Services department is especially happy that the construction has been completed. Some unique features in the new library include window seats in the loft of the teen area, a large salt-water aquarium in the children's room, cozy groups of easy chairs in the periodicals area, an outdoor reading patio, re-cycled blue jeans in the insulation, and a full component of media technology in the meeting room. When you next visit Steamboat Springs, plan to stop at the library. You'll be glad you did!



Thanks to MCPLD for distributing the newsletter through the courier.



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### **Marmot Territory Restaurant Guide**

Sugah’s Café on North Main Street in Gunnison. Fine dining with a southern flair in a casual atmosphere.

Please submit your favorite dining place to be included in our restaurant guide.

## **Dress Code**

Attire should be not more than slightly soiled and in reasonably good repair. We welcome all styles of footwear, including none.

During the cooler months, powder is only 45 minutes from the office. Enough said. Ski/Board boots are permitted if departing for/arriving from Powderhorn within the hour.

Marmot’s appropriate office attire during warmer months is somewhere between picnic and concert in the park. Miniskirts for women are encouraged, if not expected. Men may wear chaps without underwear only during gay pride week.

Coat racks are art forms, to remain uncluttered with wraps.

Proper Geek attire requires that you wear all electronic devices around the neck. Tuck them into a shirt pocket or not depending upon current weekly trend (ask the youngest staff member). The person with the most devices wins quarterly lunch with the director.

Marmot provides nametags for each staff member. Please wear yours occasionally if for no other reason than to remember where you last stashed it.

Men may wear ties only when en route to/from a funeral. Ties are associated with bankers and lawyers, not Marmots.

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Please use the bathrooms, not your cube, when changing clothes to exercise before, during, or after work. There are no security cameras in the bathrooms. Please bring your own soap and towel to the shower.

If you are dressed more nicely than any library staffer, you are over dressed.

Please feel at liberty to amend or disregard this policy on any given day when the status of your closet, bureau, dirty clothes hamper, or attitude requires it.

Contributed by Joel Robinson

## **Pickens’ Web Picks**

In keeping with the season, Mary has provided several interesting web sites.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April\\_Fools%27\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_Fools%27_Day)

<http://www.april-fools.us/>

<http://www.theonion.com/content/index>

<http://newsbiscuit.com/2009/03/03/libraries-to-start-lending-money/>

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## **MUG Annual Workshop Highlights**

Dates: Wednesday, September 30 and Thursday, October 1, 2009  
Location: Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction  
Reception: Wednesday evening in the Marmot office

The MUG planning committee has been busy sorting through an abundance of ideas for general sessions and for the concurrent sessions. In keeping with the purpose of MUG, about half of the sessions will focus on Millennium and other Marmot services. The others will be of more general library concerns. Ideas for sessions include: PR in libraries, Reader’s advisory, reference services, teens’ and children’s services, and Friends’ groups. State Librarian Gene Hainer has been invited as a keynote speaker.

## The Memorial Bell Tower by Abbott Fay

The bell tower on the campus of Mesa State College is possibly the only structure on a Colorado state college campus that was designed, voluntarily financed, and physically constructed entirely by students. It is a memorial to forty-two former students of Mesa Junior College who were killed in World War II, and a plaque includes their names.

After World War II, the U.S. Navy gave the college a bell from a Navy ship. For several years, it was used to cele-

brate athletic victories. In 1964, the students decided it should have a permanent structure.

Pre-engineering and art students designed the project, which was approved by the college architect. Students who knew how to lay bricks and make concrete forms volunteered their labor. Various clubs and organizations on the campus raised financial donations for the tower. It took several months before the monument was com-

pleted and the bell suspended.

Because occasional miscreants sometimes rang the bell at night, disturbing neighbors near campus, a college official removed the clapper, and it disappeared forever. Still the tower stands as a solemn tribute to the memory of those who died in defense of the nation, and a reminder of student initiative and determination years later.

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"Grand Mesa Country: Stories from Mesa and Delta Counties in Colorado," Western Reflections Publishing Co. 2005

Sadly, Abbott Fay passed away March 12, 2009. Mr. Fay leaves quite a legacy behind through his many years of teaching and his wonderful books.

## Planning Ahead

April 12–19 — National Library Week

April 30–May 1 — Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference, Estes Park, CO

May 14–15 — Marmot Directors' Council meeting, Gateway Canyons

May 17–20 — Innovative Users Group (IUG) Conference, Anaheim, CA

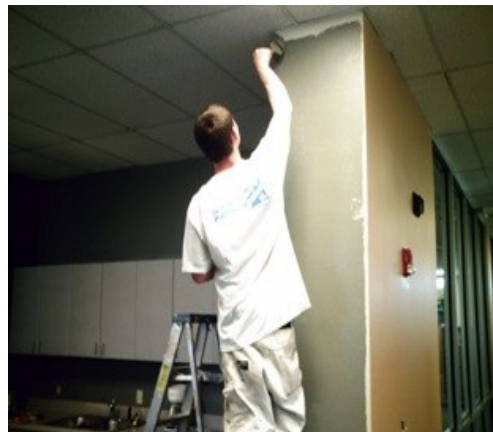
June 23-26 — TIE (Technology in Education) Conference, Copper Mountain, CO

July 9–15 — American Library Association Conference, Chicago, IL

Sept. 30–Oct. 1 — Marmot Users Group (MUG) annual workshop

Nov. 19–21 — CAL conference in Denver

## Working with the smell of fresh paint



Several painters arrived in the Marmot office early Friday morning, 3/13, and again on 3/16. After just 2 days, all of the "big" walls in the Marmot office were covered in either slate blue, dark gray, moss green, or autumn gold. Quite a change.

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