TECHNOLOGY KITS

Colorado State Library (CSL) offers digital creation kits to libraries and other cultural heritage organizations that wish to participate in the Plains to Peaks Collective (PPC), and by extension the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), but don’t have the funds to purchase digitization equipment, and/or don’t have a long-term need for it.

Kit contents are designed to make archive creation more accessible and give our communities the resources they need to begin sharing their stories digitally.

Available Digital Creation Kits Include:
- **Digital Creation**: Flatbed scanner, audio recorder, laptop, editing software, external DVD recorder/player, external HD, guidelines.
- **Story Telling**: For oral history/video recordings. iPad, microphone, editing software.
- **Media Conversion**: Tools needed to convert analog audio and video as well as older storage media to current digital formats.

The Colorado State Library also has a large capacity cradle scanner on site to help with the digitization of oversized materials.

For more information or to discuss your project with CSL staff, contact KitSupport@coloradovirtuallibrary.org.

IMMERSIVE KITS

Do you ever wish that you could wear someone else’s shoes for a little while, and see new sights, travel to the moon, dissect a body, defuse a bomb, fly? We are pretty sure you’ve thought about it - as have your patrons.

The Colorado State Library wants to help your patrons do just this, with our Immersive Kits. Immersive Kits use virtual reality, tactile & sensory engagement, and simulation to help your patrons stretch the boundaries of their experience without leaving the library.

Borrow one of our immersive kits for individual patron experiences, family trips down memory lane, group programming activities, or a shared experience.

Available Immersive Kits Include:
- **Virtual Reality Kits**
- **Parole Simulation Kit**

PROGRAM KITS

Program Kits are smaller kits, or Mini-Kits, containing basic information to help libraries get started with simple programming ideas. This could be passive programs or conversation guides to help you engage more with your communities.

Available Program Kits include:
- **Passive Program Kits**
- **Having Conversations @ the Library Kit**

CSL kits are bundled tools and resources that enable library staff and other educators to provide exciting programming - right out of a box! The collection includes dozens of kits and is developed with library staff and their constituents in mind, meaning they are educational and instructive, as well as intriguing to a range of patrons.

- Some kits were developed for school aged audiences and provide a great introduction to some crucial STEAM topics.
- Other kits were developed to help library staff and other cultural heritage workers with technological solutions for bringing their unique collections to a wider public.
- Some were designed to gain awareness of social issues facing our communities and offer guidance and suggestions for navigating them.
- Others are immersive, and many are self-driven, or offer experiences that are just plain fun!

But that really just scratches the surface. There are kits for every age group and covering many fascinating topics, with new kits being developed and added to the collection regularly!

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STEAM KITS

Getting more people involved in the Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) fields can help create a strong and able workforce. STEAM education is crucial to educate and prepare the next generation of the American and global workforce, and to allow this generation to create jobs and grow the economy.

The benefits of STEAM learning include:

- Exposes students to the creative process
- Offers meaningful collaboration
- Increases critical
- Provides a unique way to problem solve
- Gives all students hands-on learning experiences

Available STEAM Kits include:

- Archaeology
- Kitchen Math: Hot Chocolate Kit
- Fossils
- Music (Ukuleles)
- Book Folding
- Fractals
- Egg Drop
- NASA @ Your Library

PRE-K

Have you wanted to offer story-times in your library for babies or toddlers but didn’t know where to start?

If you offer baby and toddler story-times now, are you looking to refresh your programs with some new ideas, titles, CDs, and activities?

The Colorado State Library offers Baby and Toddler Storytime Kits for Colorado libraries to borrow! We hope these kits will allow your library to offer baby- and toddler-specific story times for the first time, refresh your existing programs, or let you explore new titles and fun resources.

The kits are based on Every Child Ready to Read, 2nd edition, and feature books, songs, rhymes, early literacy tips for parents, and hands-on activities that correspond with the critical early literacy activities of reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing.

Available Play and Learn Kits include:

- **Baby Storytime**: Intro; Singing, Movement, and Music; Talking and Reading.
- **Toddler Storytime**: Intro kit; Playing; Writing.

SOCIAL KITS

Social topics kits are a way to authentically engage with members of your community and generate public knowledge that can then be used to:

- inform decision making of all kinds,
- home in on people’s concerns, aspirations, and thought processes about a given issue in relation to your community, and
- inform how you engage the community by welcoming new people and opening the door to new relationships.

Social topics kits are available to library staff all over Colorado with a special focus on small and rural libraries. Available social topics kits include:

- Climate Crisis
- Homelessness
- LGBTQ+
- Re-Entry

UPCOMING KITS

New kit development takes time, but we have plenty of new resources on the way! To stay informed visit the kits site at cslkits.cvlsites.org and coloradovirtuallibrary.org for blog posts on all CSL services.

Here are the topics we will be covering in future:

- Solar Science
- Ecosystems
- Classic Board Games
- Chess Tournament
- Escape Room Adventure
- More VR kits
- Memory/dementia
- Visual Impairment Awareness
- Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion
- Mini collections/displays

CONTACT US

Contact Kit Support at the State Library with any questions or suggestions at our email address: KitSupport@coloradovirtuallibrary.org.

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