TECHNOLOGY KITS

CSL offers digital creation kits to libraries and other cultural heritage organizations that wish to participate in the Plains to Peaks Collective (PPC), but don't have the resources 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.
- **Photo Studio:** Digital camera, lights, backdrop for photographing items for online digital collections. (coming soon)
- **Glass Plates:** Specialized scanner for capturing and digitizing glass plate images. (coming soon)

The Colorado State Library also has a large capacity cradle scanner on site to help with the digitization of difficult materials due to size or binding restrictions..

GAMES KITS

There are currently seven types of games kits available in the collection! These simple kits are designed to give library staff and other educators easy access to a wide variety of popular games that make for fun events, displays, or passive programming ideas:

- **Card Games**
- **International Games**
- **Spanish Speakers Games**
- **Summer Outdoor Games**
- **Classic Board Games**
- **Chess Tournament**
- **Bingo**

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 are:

- **Virtual Reality - Quest 2**
- **Virtual Reality - Oculus**
- **Parole Simulation**

PROGRAM KITS

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

The available Program Kits are:

- **Stories and Storytelling for Adult Emerging Readers**
- **Passive Programing for Adults**
- **Having Conversations @ the Library**

CSL KITS
TOOLS FOR LIBRARY STAFF

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!

cslkits.cvlsites.org

CONTACT US

Contact Kit Support at the State Library with any questions regarding the kits via email at KitSupport@coloradovirtuallibrary.org.

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EARLY LITERACY KITS

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?

CSL Early Literacy 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. School Readiness kits encourage early interactive learning through Family, Friends and Neighbor caregiver support.

Available Play and Learn Kits include:

- **Baby Storytime**: Intro; Singing, Movement, and Music; Talking and Reading.
- **Toddler Storytime:** Intro kit; Playing; Writing.
- **School Readiness:** Reimagining School Readiness - Fort Building, Measurement, and Community Helpers. (coming soon)

SOCIAL TOPICS 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,
- hone 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 Resources**

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:

- Exposing students to the creative process
- Offering meaningful collaboration
- Increasing critical thinking skills
- Providing unique ways to problem solves
- Giving all students hands-on learning experiences

Available STEAM Kits include:

- **Archaeology**
- **NASA @ Your Library**

- **Fossils**
- **Music (Ukuleles)**
- **Book Folding**
- **Curiosity Cabinet**

- **Egg Drop**
- **Kitchen Math: Hot Chocolate Kit**
- **Fractals**

Solar Science Kits, donated by STAR net:

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"The STAR Library Network (STAR net) is a hands-on learning network for libraries and their communities across the country. *STAR net* focuses on helping library professionals build their STEM skills by providing "science-technology activities and resources" (STAR) and training to use those resources."

- The Multi-generational Programming Kits include a Coronado Personal Solar Telescope and mount, sunoculars, and accompanying literature.

- The Younger Audience Kits include activities, sunoculars, accompanying literature and a Sunspotter: also known as "The Safer Solar Telescope."

HOW TO BORROW

To borrow a kit, you will need to be enrolled in the CSL Resource Kit Borrowing Program. Your "Kit account" is the same as your CSL Book Club account if you participate in that program. If you already have a CSL Book Club user number and password, skip to step 3 below.

1. Go to https://cslkits.cvlsites.org/enroll/

2. Complete and submit the enrollment form. You will receive an email with a user number and password for your library within a short time.

3. Go to our online resource catalog at https://csl.catalog.aspencat.info/

4. Login into your CSL account using the "Login" button at the top right of the screen.

5. Use the Search bar, or browse for "Resource Kit", to find the Kit you want to borrow.

6. Place a **Hold** on the desired kit.

7. The loan period is 2 months. If the kit is available, it will be sent to you the next business day via the statewide Courier. If it is checked out to another library, your hold will remain in place until the item is available or you cancel the hold.

The kits are not available for loan to out-of-state libraries, or organizations other than libraries, at this time.

Kit reservations cannot be guaranteed for a specific date in the future.