

ABC-CLIO, the independent history reference publisher, announces the launch of its e-book program. Over 150 titles were released in the fall of 2002, all with unlimited, simultaneous access for library patrons. All titles published from 2000 forward were made available as part of the fall release, and each forthcoming title published after January 2003 will be available simultaneously in both print and e-book formats.

The e-book publications may be previewed at ebooks.abc-clio.com. For more information, contact ABC-CLIO, 130 Cremona Dr., P.O. Box 1911, Santa Barbara, CA 93116-1911; phone: (800) 368-6868.

The Barahona Center for the Study of Books in Spanish for Children and Adolescents at California State University San Marcos announces three workshops scheduled for summer 2003.

On June 23 and 24 the Barahona Center will hold "Books and Reading Strategies for Bilingual Students in Grades K-8." This workshop will focus on reading, selecting, and using appropriate literature to teach reading strategies to bilingual students. Among the topics considered are selecting appropriate literature for language proficiency, cultural learning style, and reading ability; and reading strategies such as reader's theater, reciprocal teaching, SQ3R, and the directed reading thinking activity. The two-day workshop, conducted in English, costs \$75.

"Literature in Spanish for Children and Adolescents/La literatura en español dirigida a los lectores infantiles y juveniles" is a three-day introductory workshop conducted in Spanish and scheduled for July 14-16. Topics covered include selection criteria and reading promotion strategies. The workshop costs \$115.

"Traditional Literature from Latin America for Children and Adolescents/Literatura tradicional de Latino América para niños y jóvenes" is scheduled for July 28-30. This workshop is also conducted in Spanish and costs \$115. It will introduce pre-Hispanic and colonial myths and legends that are geared to children and teenagers.

All workshop sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and students are free to use the resources of the Barahona Center in the afternoons. Enrollment is limited, and early registration is recommended. For more information, contact the Barahona Center for the Study of Books in Spanish for Children and Adolescents, California State University San Marcos, San Marcos, CA 92096-0001; phone: (760) 750-4070.

The Center for Research on Education, Diversity

& Excellence (CREDE) has released a new report, *Educating Hispanic Students: Obstacles and Avenues to Improved Academic Achievement*, by Yolanda N. Padrón, Hersh C. Waxman, and Héctor H. Rivera. The 20-page report examines factors to be considered in the development of effective educational programs that serve Hispanic students. It provides a synthesis of the research, summarizing the problems and suggesting possible practices and solutions. The report is divided into five sections: Factors in the Education of Hispanics, Educational Status of Hispanic Students in the United States, Factors Associated with the Underachievement of Hispanic Students, Factors Associated with the Educational Success of Hispanic Students, and Implications for Policy and Practice.

The report is available for \$5.00 plus shipping and sales tax from CREDE and the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL). To order, visit www.cal.org/store/crede or call (800) 551-3709.

CREDE and the Zuni Public School District have also released a professional development video entitled *Studies in Native American Education: Improving Education for Zuni Children*. The 41-minute video presents effective strategies for improving classroom instruction for Zuni and other Native American students. It features master teachers using CREDE's Standards for Effective Pedagogy, which stress fundamental approaches vital for the education of culturally and linguistically diverse students, including Teaching through Conversation, Developing Language and Literacy Across the Curriculum, Teaching Complex Thinking, Making Meaning, Modeling, and Student-Directed Activities.

The video sells for \$20.00 plus shipping and sales tax and is also available through the CAL online store, www.cal.org/store/crede, or by calling (800) 551-3709.

The Children's Book Guild of Washington, D.C., has honored children's author/photographer George Ancona as part of its Fiftieth Anniversary Nonfiction Award luncheon. Ancona was honored for his many books that explore diverse cultures in the United States and around the world. At the luncheon, held at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C., on November 16, 2002, Ancona shared the podium with Newbery-winning author Sharon Creech and acclaimed illustrator E. B. Lewis. For more information about the Nonfiction Award, background on member authors and illustrators, or other Children's Book Guild projects and events, visit the new web site: www.childrensbookguild.org; or e-mail: theguild@childrensbookguild.org.

In May 2003 the **City Museum of Washington, D.C.**, will open its doors for the first time. This is the only museum

dedicated to the history of the capital city and its people. Located in the heart of the downtown, across the street from the Convention Center, the museum will operate under the auspices of the Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

This new museum focuses on the "neighborhoods beyond the Mall,...telling the stories of Washington's vivid past and colorful personalities in fresh and innovative ways." At the heart of the exhibits is a multimedia show that introduces the city, its history, and its diverse population. The 60,000-square-foot museum includes eight permanent and changing exhibit galleries, an education center, an archaeology lab, a public research library and reading room, and a café and store. Among the culturally diverse neighborhoods highlighted are Chinatown, Adams-Morgan, Shaw, and Anacostia.

For more information about the museum opening and educational programs, contact the Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036; phone: (202) 785-2068; web site: www.hswdc.org.

The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University announces the September 2002 publication of a new study, *Racial Inequality in Special Education*, edited by Daniel J. Losen and Gary Orfield. The 336-page book sells for \$59.95 in hardcover (ISBN 1-891792-05-9) and \$28.95 in paperback (ISBN 1-891792-04-0).

The book explores the inequities experienced by minority schoolchildren in special education and the potential life consequences of such inequities. These issues are examined as systemic and as evidence of persistent racial discrimination in public education. The book covers the overrepresentation of minority children in special education and the underserving of children with serious academic and affective needs. This study examines the possibility of widespread civil rights violations and reviews attempts by legislators, child advocates, and educational and civil rights enforcement agencies to address these problems.

For more information on this and other publications, contact the Civil Rights Project, crp@law.harvard.edu.

CLCD Company, LLC announces that its Children's Literature Comprehensive Database now contains over 100,000 reviews of children's books and media materials. In addition to the most current reviews, CLCD has added backlist reviews from a variety of its sources. *Booklist* reviews for the past 10 years, files from *CCBC Choices* since 1996, and the *Horn Book* Audio reviews from 1998 on are included. More than 1,200 reviews and 1,000 MARC records are added monthly. These reviews cross all publishers' lines and provide information on both trade and series titles focused on the school and library markets.

A free trial is available at the CLCD web site, www.childrenslit.com. A variety of subscription plans are available. For more information, visit the web site or contact CLCD, 7513 Shadywood Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817; phone: (800) 469-2070.

The **Dealing with Difference Summer Institute**, designed for educators in higher education and K-12 schools, will take place at Western Illinois University from Sunday,

May 18 to Wednesday, May 21, 2003. The institute will feature concurrent workshops as well as featured presentations by Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, codirector of the Harvard Immigration Project; Carlos Muñoz, professor emeritus at University of California Berkeley; and Nancy Barceló, vice president of minority affairs at the University of Washington-Seattle. The four-day conference costs \$50; meals and housing are also available. For more information and to register, contact Janice Welsch, (309) 298-2057, jr-welsch@wiu.edu; or J. Q. Adams, (309) 298-3698, jq-adams@wiu.edu.

The Jane Addams Peace Association recently announced the winners of the 2002 Jane Addams Children's Book Awards. The awards acknowledge children's books published during the previous year in the United States that effectively address themes or topics of peace, social justice, world community, and/or equality of the sexes and races. The books so honored must meet conventional standards for literary and artistic excellence.

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport and illustrated by Bryan Collier (Hyperion/Jump at the Sun) was the winner in the Picture Book category. The single Honor Book recognized in this category was *Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart*, written and illustrated by Vera B. Williams and published by Greenwillow.

Beverly Naidoo's novel *The Other Side of Truth* (HarperCollins) won in the category of Books for Older Children. The novel was first published in England, where it also received honors and distinctions. Two Honor Books were cited. Rachna Gilmore's *A Group of One* (Henry Holt) was also first published abroad, in Canada. The other Honor Book recipient was Virginia Euwer Wolff's *True Believer*, published by Atheneum.

The authors received their awards at a reception in New York City on October 18, 2002. For more information on the award, the award event, or how to obtain book seals, please contact Executive Director Theresa Graham, Jane Addams Peace Association, 777 United Nations Plaza, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10017-3521; phone: (212) 682-8830; e-mail: japa@igc.org. A complete list of books honored through the Jane Addams Children's Book Awards process since 1953 is available at www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/public/jaddams.htm.

The Jewish Publication Society is proud to acknowledge its authors who were recently named recipients of the 2001-2002 National Jewish Book Award. The awards were presented on October 30, 2002.

Norman Finkelstein, author of *Forged in Freedom: Shaping the Jewish American Experience*, was selected the winner in the category of Children's Literature. The book traces the journey of Jews in America in the twentieth century. Nehemia Polen, author of *The Rebbe's Daughter: Memoir of a Hasidic Childhood*, won in the category of Autobiography/Memoir. Finally, Emily Rose, author of *Portraits of Our Past*, the story of her journey to discover her heritage in rural Germany, was named a finalist in the category of Sephardic/Ashkenazic Culture.

For more information about these and other titles, contact the Jewish Publication Society, 2100 Arch St., 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103; phone: (800) 234-3151; web site:

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www.jewishpub.org.

The winners of **The Noma Award for Publishing in Africa** were announced in October 2002. The six-volume set *The Arabic Novel: Bibliography and Critical Introduction, 1865-1995* by Hamdi Sakkut, published by the American University in Cairo Press, won the 23rd award. This is the first time a book published by a university press has won the prize. Special Commendations were given to *Regions of Floristic Endemism in Southern Africa* by Abraham van Wyk and Gideon Smith (Umdaus Press, South Africa) and *Rock Paintings of South Africa: Revealing a Legacy* by Stephen Townley Bassett (David Philip Publishers, South Africa). Three first novels were cited as Honorable Mentions: *Parched Earth* by Elieshi Lema (E&D Ltd., Tanzania), *Slagoffers* by Dine van Zyl (Tafelberg Publishers, South Africa), and *Welcome to Our Hillbrow* by Phaswant Mpe (University of Natal Press, South Africa). In all, 94 titles from 56 African publishers, in 18 countries and six languages, were submitted for the 2002 competition.

For more information about the Noma Award, please contact Mary Jay, P. O. Box 128, Witney, Oxon OX8 5XU, UK; phone: +44 (0) 1993-775235; e-mail: maryljay@aol.com; web site: www.nomaaward.org.

PlayhouseRadio.com, an online source for personalized children's music, allows parents, teachers, and children to create their own playlists and CDs while exploring a wide range of artists and cultures. Users may listen to entire songs without purchase or membership requirements. Visitors to PlayhouseRadio.com locate songs using a simple Radio Station interface where they can scan 12 categories ranging from "education" and "travel" to "dance" and "sleepy time." Songs are also indexed by subject, and all songs and their lyrics can be accessed for free. For less than \$10, users can create a custom CD for home and school use. Since its launch in fall 2001, the site has successfully negotiated permission from more than 100 children's recording artists, with a total of 500 songs currently available. For more information, visit the PlayhouseRadio.com web site, www.playhouseradio.com, or e-mail music@playhouseradio.com.

The Sage Collections is pleased to announce the addition of a new scholarly society publication to its lineup. As of 2003, the official publication of the Joan Shorestein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, *Harvard Journal of Press/Politics*, will be part of the Sage Collections.

The Sage Collections is a web-based service that offers librarians peer-reviewed, full-text collections of academic journals in specific disciplines. For a complete list of the journals in the collection, visit www.sagefulltext.com.

Sedgwick Press, an imprint of Grey House Publishing, announces the publication of the eleventh edition of *The Complete Directory for People with Disabilities*. This directory is a comprehensive resource for individuals, professionals, and organizations, providing access to the latest products and services for persons with disabilities. In addition to the regular updating, the new edition offers additional information on rehabilitation facilities and living centers. A new chapter on sub-acute facilities has been added.

The nearly 10,000 entries in this edition contain detailed contact information including address, phone, fax, e-mail, and web site along with a brief description of the wide range of products and services available. These include periodicals and books, assistive devices, independent living centers, employment and education programs, rehabilitation facilities, state and federal agencies, associations and support groups, camps and travel groups, clothing, conferences and shows, legal information sources, and referral agencies. The volume is indexed according to disability and subject, entry and company, and geographic area.

The paperback edition, with 1,139 pages, sells for \$165.00 (ISBN 1-930956-69-X). The directory is also available as an online database for \$215.00 per year, and a combination print and online version sells for \$300.00. For more information, contact Sedgwick Press, 185 Millerton Rd., P.O. Box 860, Millerton, NY 12546; phone: (518) 789-8700; e-mail: books@greyhouse.com; web site: www.greyhouse.com.

Two Lines: A Journal of Translation has issued a call for submissions of original translations into English of writing from any genre—fiction, poetry, reportage, legal documents, advertising, oral histories, diaries, proverbs, case studies, and essays. The journal is also seeking short articles concerning the translation process. Especially sought are works that bring to the reader's attention new genres and rarer languages.

To be considered, submissions must be previously unpublished and must include a brief introduction with information about the original author; the background of the piece; special problems the translation presented; and for a themed issue, the way translators see the piece in relation to the theme. Please include a copy of the original text with the submission. Submissions may be e-mailed to editors@twolines.com or sent to *Two Lines*, P.O. Box 641978, San Francisco, CA 94164. Additional information and guidelines may be found on the journal's web site, www.twolines.com.

Western Edge Press, a regional nonfiction, art, and trade publisher based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, announces its acquisition of Sherman Asher Publishing, also located in Santa Fe, in fall 2002. Jim Mafchir, the owner and publisher of Western Edge Press, served for five years as president of the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society and has pledged to continue Sherman Asher's focus on publishing books about the Jewish experience, particularly in Latin America and the American Southwest. For more information, contact Fay at Western Edge Press/Sherman Asher Publishing, 126 Candelario St., Santa Fe, NM 87501; phone: (505) 988-7214; e-mail: westernedge@santa-fe.net; web site: www.shermanasher.com.

Witness, a literary journal published at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Michigan, has issued a call for submissions to its upcoming special issue on Ethnic America. Short fiction, poetry, and essays are sought, with a deadline of July 15, 2003. Please send all submissions, along with SASE, to *Witness*, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334-4579. 