

BCR Welcomes New Executive Director

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BCR (Bibliographical Center for Research) is pleased to announce the Board of Trustees' appointment of Brenda Bailey-Hainer as the new executive director of the multistate, nonprofit library network. She will assume her new position July 17.



“Brenda will bring to her new position an impressive track record of accomplishments working with library networks, nonprofit organizations, state government and library consortia,” said BCR Board President Stephen Rollins, dean of Consortium Library, University of Alaska Anchorage. “Brenda has an excellent understanding of the current operating environment for library networks and an appreciation of emerging information technologies. As a current member of the Board of Trustees, Brenda has a good understanding of BCR, its mission and strategic goals.”

As director of Networking and Resource Sharing at the Colorado State Library since 1999, Bailey-Hainer has been responsible for the Colorado Virtual Library, oversees statewide resource sharing initiatives for Colorado libraries as well as the AskColorado statewide collaborative virtual reference service and serves as program manager for a digital resource called Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. Previously, she served in a variety of positions at OCLC, as well as at the UnCover Company and CARL Corporation, both in Denver; Reed Library, Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.; and Hickman Johnson Furrow Library, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.

Bailey-Hainer was honored with the Mountain Plains Library Association President's Board Choice Award in 2005, named among the 2002 “Movers and Shakers” by *Library Journal* and awarded Librarian of the Year for 2001 by the Colorado Library Association (CLA). She received the CLA Technology Project of the Year Award in 2004 for Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. Active in state and national library associations, Bailey-Hainer currently serves on the ALA ASCLA Board.

Bailey-Hainer is working on a Ph.D. in public affairs at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. She earned her MLS at Kent State University in 1983, an M.M. in music literature from the University of South Dakota and a B.F.A. in creative writing from Bowling Green State University.