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Letter from the President

Dear SCASL Members,

I am very proud of the work our Board of Directors has initiated this year. Major accomplishments include: our legislative committee's campaign addressing the proposed changes in SDE Reg. 43-205, implementing our new website, accepting a proposal from Dr. Keith Curry Lance to conduct an impact study for our state, and beginning the SCASL Mini-grants program.

It will take the work of the entire membership for these initiatives to be successful. I hope you will participate by volunteering for one of our committees. Contact information for committee chairs are included in the newsletter.

We have awarded 2 of the 5 mini-grants.

Dr. Linda Waskow for her presentation, Media Production Programming @ your School--Yes You Can, at The South Carolina Association of Educational Technology (SCAET) in October held in Greenville,

Ms. Betsy Long for her presentation, Classrooms Without Borders at The South Carolina International Reading Association (SCIRA) in February held in Myrtle Beach.

This grant program was created to help sponsor members' presenting at conferences other than SCASL. This advocacy tool will help spread the good news of school librarians and how they impact student learning. More details can be found on pages 24-25.

Our Information Technology Committee has been very busy working on getting our new website up and running. Our new provider is Memberclicks, and we look forward to having a content-rich website to assist SCASL members. The website gives us the ability to conduct the business of the association and serve our members more efficiently. Thank you Jennifer Tazerouti and her implementation team for working so diligently to create a dynamic website for our members.

The board also voted to contract with Dr. Keith Curry Lance to conduct an Impact Study here in SC. As many of you know, he has conducted such studies in Colorado, Pennsylvania, and several other states. The two phase study will provide us with an informative advocacy tool and will require assistance from our membership. I would like to thank you in advance for your active participation in this important work. Thank you to Ida Thompson for heading up the task force that helped to make this a reality and thank you to Kathy Sutusky for agreeing to be the primary contact person for SCASL. Read more on page six.

We are a year away from an important election, and I encourage each of you to take an active political role in our state. Historically, educators are not as politically involved as we should be and tend to be more reactive than proactive. We should be among the strongest advocates for a quality education for all of our state's children. Learn about the candidates and their stands on the issues and encourage other educators to do likewise. Always remember it is inappropriate to campaign during school hours or using school resources.



Anne C. Lemieux

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SCASL President 2013-2014

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News from the State Department of Education

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Greetings!

It is said, “For every ending, there is a new beginning.” It is with that notion in mind that I embrace my new journey with the South Carolina State Department of Education Office of Leader Effectiveness. As the Education Associate for School Library Media and Guidance and Counseling, I am honored and humbled for the opportunity to work with such an exemplary group of professionals. With Common Core moving swiftly down the educational pipelines and the uncertainty of proposed amendments to Regulations, there is much to consider.

As I reflect on my educational journey over the past 20 years working with students, parents, and the community, I fully understand that it is that **shared purpose of service** and commitment to the people we serve that matters most. As educational leaders, it is our responsibility to continue to grow, empower, impact, and prepare the students and schools we serve

for academic growth—thus future success. I believe we must

Mission: To provide leadership, support and resources to foster effective collaborative leadership development to increase academic growth

Vision: To promote creative collaborative adventures for continuous growth and improvement.

continue to examine or reexamine our choices and expectations as leaders. What keeps us in this business or the role we serve with positioning our schools to thrive are just a few points to ponder.

I am aware of the tremendous responsibility and challenges encountered on our quest to provide quality services. Collectively, we will move through this process together providing opportunities for technologically integrated learning as we prepare every child to become college and career ready.

Overall, my goal is to support you in your role as leaders as you

continue to build, influence, and contribute towards strengthening your schools. I support and promote a relationship that is mutually beneficial for all involved. I understand that success requires building bridges. Let us move forward together with purpose and determination!

Sincerely,

Regina H. Thurmond



Regina H. Thurmond, M.S.W., B.S. over the past twenty years has served as Program Director of Project REAP, a gender-based transition program for first-time ninth grade students and Project GOAL, a comprehensive dropout prevention program with Richland One School District. She also served as the Academic and Intervention Coordinator at Gordon Odyssey Academy with the Fairfield County School District. Her educational journey first began with the Saginaw County Buena Vista School District in Saginaw, Michigan, as a School Social Worker.

SCASL Commissions School Library Impact Study

Kathy Sutusky

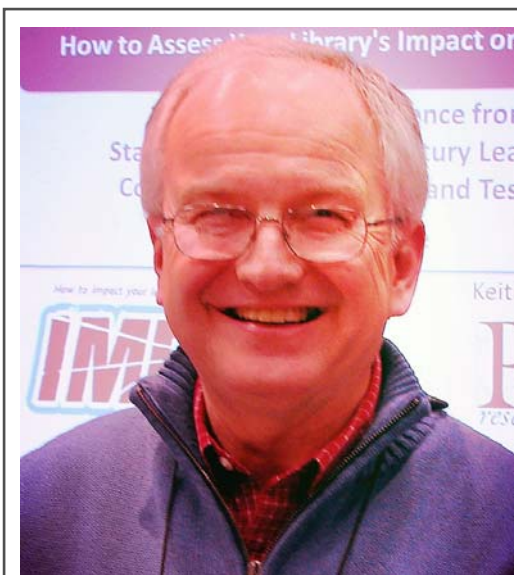
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The South Carolina Association of School Librarians has contracted with RSL Research Group to conduct a two phase project to study school library programs, staffing and collections in South Carolina. Dr. Keith Curry Lance, well known for his research in several other states, will be the principal investigator.

During Phase 1, the study will assess the impact of staffing and other aspects of school library programs on student achievement using the results of the 2012-2013 South Carolina Library Media Survey and test results from the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) and the High School Assessment Program (HSAP). Phase 2 will investigate educator assessments (school librarians, administrators and classroom teachers) to determine the relationship between school library programming and student test scores. The two phases will be conducted concurrently.

SCASL President Anne Lemieux said, “the SCASL

Board of Directors is very excited to have the opportunity



Dr. Keith Curry Lance presents at the 2013 SCASL Conference in Columbia, S.C.

to work with Dr. Lance and to provide our school librarians and other stakeholders with empirical evidence of the important role of school librarians and library programming on student achievement.”

Dr. Lance, who has conducted similar studies in several other states, is expected to begin work immediately, and he said, “Bill Schwarz, Marcia Rodney, and I (the RSL Research Group) are looking forward to conducting the 2014 South Carolina school library impact study. This study will explore in greater depth than ever the relationships between student success at

meeting selected state standards, the resources and services available to students via their school libraries, and educators' perceptions of what and how well librarians teach. Also, for the first time, this study will assess the relative impact of the presence of school librarians and selected other types of specialists and instructional coaches.”

The study will be conducted during the 2013-2014 school year with the final report expected in October 2014. An advisory committee composed of Ms. Ida Thompson, Dr. Donna Shannon, Ms. Karen Gavigan, Ms. Betsy Long, Ms. Kitt Lisenby, Ms. Martha Taylor and Ms. Cindy Symonds will assist the RSL Research Group. Ms. Kathy Sutusky will serve as liaison between SCASL and the RSL Research Group.



YA'LL Come to YALLFest, November 9th in Charleston

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Forty-six YA authors, over half who have appeared on a *New York Times* best selling list, will be in Charleston on Saturday, November 9, for YALLFest 2013. YallFest, Charleston's Young Adult book festival, starts at 10:00 a.m. with a keynote address by Veronica Roth and Rae Carlson and ends at 7:00 p.m. following the Smackdown Finale (all authors on stage at once in a story competition). Throughout the day are panel discussions, presentations, signings, and yes, the only all YA author band Tiger Beat will be performing.

Keynote Conversation

Veronica Roth (*Divergent* trilogy) and Rae Carson (*The Girl of Fire & Thorns* trilogy) kick off the event at 10 a.m., at the Charleston Music Hall. A ticket is required (\$7) and, unfortunately,

is currently sold out. **However**, after the talk Veronica Roth will sign books in the upstairs mezzanine of the Music Hall and Rae Carson will sign in the big tent at Blue Bicycle Books. The signing is first-come, first serve. Tickets to the Keynote Conversation **are not** connected to the signing.

Author Events

A full schedule of panel discussions, presentations and book signings take place on three stages on Upper King Street and all are free of charge. The schedule will be available closer to the event and accessible at yallfest.org.

YA Smackdown

Festivities conclude in the evening with the Smackdown Finale at 6:00 p.m. in the Charleston Music Hall. This is a ticketed event (\$6) and is nothing short of an "all-star jam" with all featured authors on stage at once! Get to know the personalities of

the different writers as Team Dystopian, Team Reality, Team Mystery, and more compete in storytelling games, for the chance to win the coveted Golden Pie trophy. Purchase your tickets online at yallfest.org.

New This YALLFest

According to Jonathan Sanchez, owner of Blue Bicycle Books and organizer of the event, selling out the 900 seats for the keynote address was a first. And he is excited about Tiger Beat, the only all YA author band, performing before the YA Smackdown. Lead vocalist is Libba Bray (*The Diviners*) and other band members have included Natalie Standiford (*The Boy on the Bridge*), Barnabas Miller (*7 Souls*), and Daniel Ehrenhaft (*Americapedia*).

YALLFest is a gathering of trending YA writers who enjoy promoting their craft. For more information about YALLFest, visit <http://yallfest.org/>.



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Discus is Ever Changing



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Last year at this time, South Carolina media specialists were a few months into the school year with a new mix of exciting resources in the Discus collection. While the current school year hasn't begun in quite such a dramatic way, there are important and notable updates to your virtual library.

- The **Discus website** at scdiscus.org now adapts and responds to devices of different sizes. And have you noticed that DISCUS has officially become Discus? The strong commitment to providing quality electronic resources for K-12 education in South Carolina, however, remains the same as always.
- ***Bloom's Literature*** is the new name for *Bloom's Literary Reference Online*, the comprehensive literary resource for middle and high school students and teachers. Full-length performance videos of classic Broadway productions are provided in *Bloom's*, including *Death of a Salesman*, *Hamlet*, *The Glass Menagerie* and many others. The content of *Bloom's* is also correlated to Common Core and state curriculum standards.
- ***Britannica School*** sports a new design as well. You'll find authentic content aligned to the Common Core and state standards here as well, presented on three differentiated reading levels. The *My Britannica* feature is your personal storage space. It allows both teachers and students to favorite and save articles, photos, and videos found in *Britannica School* to access later! When creating your account as an educator, enter *discus7* as your school code. Entering a school code identifies you as an educator and gives you access to Britannica's Lesson Plan Builder. The school code is not meant to be shared with students.
- ***CultureGrams***, the Discus resource that provides country reports and snapshots of the world's cultures, has an exciting new enhancement. It now includes a read-aloud feature! This feature is available in all four *CultureGrams* editions: World, Kids, States, and Provinces. Just use the *Listen* link near the top of the *CultureGrams* pages to hear the text read aloud.
- ***Kids InfoBits*** now includes Lexile reading levels for the magazine and newspaper results! By using the Advanced Search, you can find magazine and newspaper articles within a Lexile reading level range or with a specific Lexile score.



- **Points of View Reference Center**, the resource that presents multiple sides of current issues for secondary school research, released updates in August. The changes, especially the category browse on the homepage, make it easier than ever to use *Points of View* as a guide to debating, developing arguments, writing position papers, and developing critical thinking skills.
- **LearningExpress Library** will launch a major design change for Discus users in late October 2013. Those who use the tutorials, practice tests, and ebooks will have even more to love. For example, the new version will be touch enabled and tablet ready! Watch for additional information as we approach the launch date.



Pictured at left is the new homepage for Discus.

In addition to the impressive news above about enhancements to the amazing resources in Discus, there is one final bit of news to share. Amy Duernberger, who capably led Discus as the program director since mid-2005, left the State Library in early August to pursue another career opportunity. Discus experienced tremendous growth under her guidance and she was a staunch supporter of media services in South Carolina schools. Although we miss Amy's skilled leadership and friendly outlook, staff at the State Library remain available to assist with any concerns related to the use of Discus resources with your students. We appreciate your continued support.

News from the Book Awards Chair



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Over 80 media specialist, teachers, students, parents, and public librarians on our four committees are hard at work selecting the best books for our 2014-15 Nominee Lists. We have met three times and will finalize the lists at our December meeting. Being a member of a book award committee requires commitment and lots of reading, but the rewards are unlimited. NOW is the time to apply to be on next year's committees. That application is available at www.scasl.net. We will notify new members by the end of January 2014 and will also have an orientation session at conference for new members.

The deadline for voting for this year's nominees will be February 14, 2014. Banners should be mailed to Pat Wilcox, 571 Pringle Drive, Sumter, SC 29150, no later than March 5, 2014. If you have any questions concerning the SC Book Award Program, please feel free to contact me at klisenby@chesterfieldschools.org.

A graphic with a blue background. On the left, a yellow starburst shape contains the text "Save the Date!" in black. To the right, the text "State Read-In" is in a large, bold, yellow font. Below it, "Thursday, April 10, 2014" is in a slightly smaller yellow font. At the bottom, "Meet us at the Statehouse!" is in a large, bold, yellow font.



Banned Books Week in South Carolina School Libraries

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School librarians across the state celebrated Banned Books Week (September 22-28, 2013) as did countless other libraries and book stores across the nation. To celebrate our freedom to read, we invited school librarians from SC to share pictures of their Banned Books Week displays. The images were shared on SCASL's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SCASL>) and Pinterest board (<http://www.pinterest.com/scasl/banned-books-week/>).



Students at Powdersville High were busted for reading Banned Books! – Submitted by Jen Chesney, Library Media Specialist

Banned Books Week is the national book community's annual celebration of the freedom to read. Hundreds of libraries and bookstores around the country draw attention to the problem of censorship by mounting displays of challenged books and hosting a variety of events. The 2013 celebration of Banned Books Week will be held from September 22-28. Banned Books Week 2014 will be held September 21-27.

From <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/about>



Students at Greenville High School Academy scanned QR codes to learn why individual books had been banned and used that new knowledge to participate in contests. Faculty and students caught reading banned books had their mug shots taken. – Submitted by Janet Allen, Library Media Specialist

Students at Spartanburg High School participated in an essay contest using Edmodo and a matching game where students had to guess why various titles were banned. – Submitted by Susan Myers, Head LMS at Spartanburg H.S.



Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. More than 11,300 books have been challenged since 1982. For more information on Banned Books Week, visit <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek>.

According to the American Library Association, there were 464 challenges reported to the Office of Intellectual Freedom in 2012, and many more go unreported. The 10 most challenged titles of 2012 were:

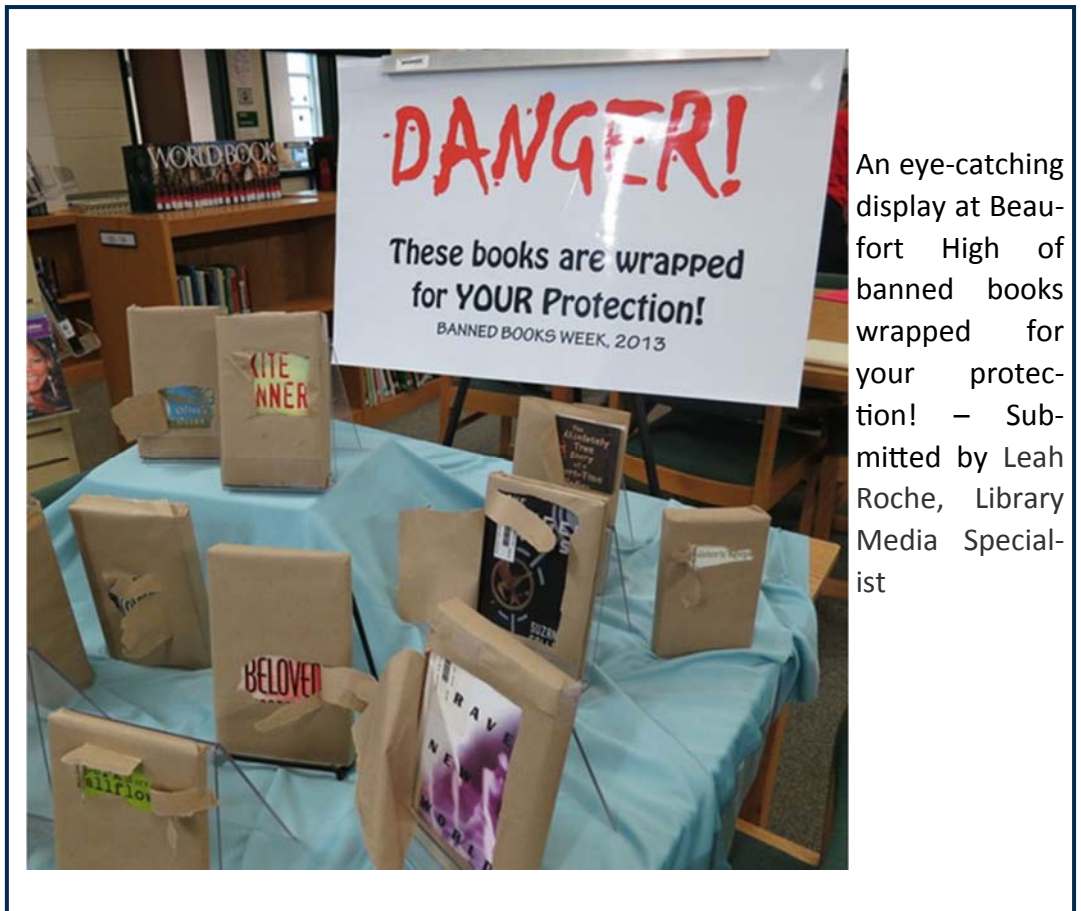
- 1.) *Captain Underpants (series), by Dav Pilkey*
Reasons: Offensive language, unsuited for age group
- 2.) *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie*
Reasons: Offensive language, racism, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group
- 3.) *Thirteen Reasons Why, by Jay Asher*
Reasons: Drugs/alcohol/smoking, sexually explicit, suicide, unsuited for age group
- 4.) *Fifty Shades of Grey, by E. L. James.*
Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit
- 5.) *And Tango Makes Three, by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson.*
Reasons: Homosexuality, unsuited for age group
- 6.) *The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini.*
Reasons: Homosexuality, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit
- 7.) *Looking for Alaska, by John Green.*
Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group
- 8.) *Scary Stories (series), by Alvin Schwartz*
Reasons: Unsuited for age group, violence
- 9.) *The Glass Castle, by Jeanette Walls*
Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit
- 10.) *Beloved, by Toni Morrison*
Reasons: Sexually explicit, religious viewpoint, violence

From <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/about>

Students at Travelers Rest High celebrated their FREADOM to read! – Submitted by Ashley Gordon, Library Media Specialist



Follow the Intellectual Freedom Scoop.it to keep up with information about challenged books and censorship in libraries.



An eye-catching display at Beaufort High of banned books wrapped for your protection! – Submitted by Leah Roche, Library Media Specialist

(<http://www.scoop.it/t/intellectual-freedom-by-lswet>)



Students at the Cairo American College Middle and High School Library enjoyed creative displays and activities. – Submitted by Amy Coquillard, Library Media Specialist

Library Services . . . 6,000 Miles Away

Amy Coquillard

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Cairo, Egypt

“What do you want to do about the donated books an evacuating family just dropped off?” “Do you think we should leave the Egypt collection on its own or integrate it into the Fiction collection?” “Should we get more U.S. dollars just in case we have to go to the airport and fly out on a moment’s notice?” “What about packing an emergency suitcase?” These and many other questions awaited me as I began a new position as the Head Librarian at Cairo American College in Cairo, Egypt in August. The school is a K-12 school of 1200 students (as of last spring) with both AP and IB classes in the high school, and I am in charge of the combined Middle and High School library (MHS). Last school year, I was an elementary school librarian in Richland One.

The start of school got off to a slightly rocky start. Political unrest in Egypt this summer dictated a number of unanticipated events, including closing the U.S. embassy and enforcing a citywide 7 pm curfew for a couple of weeks. We played a lot of Clue, often by candle-



The picture above is me and a display and check-out I set up in our courtyard on a Sunday morning for any student or teacher who needed an SSR book. Our school week runs Sunday through Thursday.

light, as we sometimes had power outages along with the curfews. The school delayed opening for one week due to safety concerns for students traveling to and from school - a week I much appreciated because it gave me time to become more acquainted with collection, staff and faculty. Though we have felt extremely safe (I am here with my husband, who is the curriculum coordinator, and our two children, a 6th grade son and a 9th grade daughter) the entire time we have been

here, our student population is currently about 800 because some overseas families have not yet returned.

Our new MHS library has been open only one year and is a very well designed space with a classroom, study rooms, computers, a large selection of magazines and newspapers, and a mini-amphitheater for the kids to sit in and read. We also serve as a community library, and the parents and staff are invited to visit anytime and may check out books using their ID.

There is much to learn about the library, the students, and the school as a whole. There is a library staff of five who keep the place running on a daily basis, often conversing in Arabic. I have no idea what is being said most of the time, but if I need to know, they switch to English and fill me in. I am still asking lots of questions in order to understand why and how things work. I am laying groundwork for creating book clubs, pathfinders, and collaborating with teachers.

If anyone is interested in an international book club in which we could Skype, please e-mail me at acoquillard@g-cacegypt.org.

Digital Vertical File Using OneNote

Vashti Summerfield

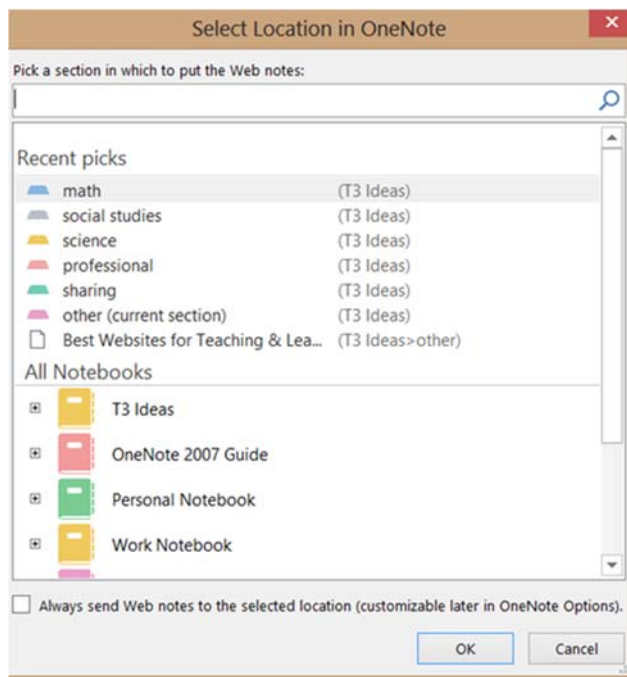
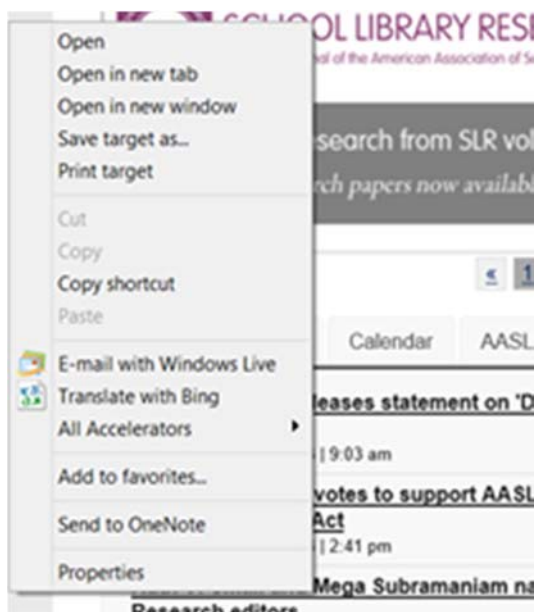
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When I was first introduced to Microsoft's OneNote, I thought about

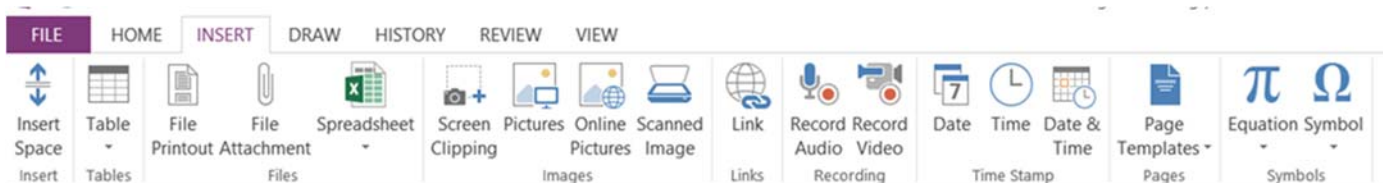
vertical files. If you don't know what a vertical file is, find someone at least ten years older than you and ask that person to explain it. I love vertical files because they contain information in lots of different formats (newspaper clippings, interviews, pamphlets, brochures). I must confess that I do not have a vertical file in my library; however, I am creating a "digital" vertical file using OneNote. OneNote is a tool that allows the user to store information in any format and organize the information by topic, similar to a vertical file.

Let's say that you teach a unit on volcanoes, and you have videos, Word documents, a Power Point, Websites, photographs and maps that you use when you teach this unit. You can create a file or "notebook" in OneNote called "Volcanoes" and add all this information to the notebook. Each separate document is added as a page in your notebook. You can also add notes to your pages in OneNote. For example, when you add a Website to a notebook, you can add a note with your username and password for the Website. All OneNote notebooks are searchable and can be shared with others.

To add a Webpage, right click on the Webpage and look for the "Send to OneNote" option. Next, choose the OneNote location for the Webpage.



For other types of information, you can copy and paste or use the Insert menu in OneNote to insert documents, audio, links, etc.



2014 Summer Reading Program Slogan: Fizz Boom Read!

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The South Carolina State Library as a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), which includes representation from all 50 states, coordinates summer reading programs at public libraries throughout South Carolina. The slogan for the youth program for 2014, voted on by all the state members at the annual meeting in April, is “Fizz Boom Read.” Celebrating the general theme of science, there are four age based programs using different themes to appeal to the different aged participants. The slogan for youth and early literacy is the same (“Fizz Boom Read”) with art by award-winning artist Dan Santat while teens will “Spark a Reaction” with the vivid art of Tim O’Brien. Many libraries will host adult summer reading programs so that the whole family can participate, captured in the clever illustration of the adult slogan “Literary Elements.”

Each year, SCSL officially kicks off summer reading programs statewide on the first Saturday in June at the State Museum with StoryfestSC. This year on June 1st, over 1200 families and library lovers came to enjoy a day filled with storytelling, crafts, and visits from award winning authors Peter Brown and Will Hillenbrand. The authors shared their personal stories and being both writer-

illustrators, demonstrated how they create the art with the story. Nearly thirty counties were represented and every child received their own bag with the South Carolina Day by Day Family Literacy Activity Calendar and a book from each author which they could have signed. The event is free of charge and nearly 100 volunteers assist at the event many traveling from different parts of the state.

The State Library has long supported summer reading programs as a way to promote the joy of reading for fun, connect communities, assist with summer learning loss, and to encourage lifelong library users. Research has shown that summer learning loss is more pronounced in chil-



Guests at StoryfestSC 2013

dren from families and communities that have a lower socioeconomic status—and access to books is lacking in those same communities. The State Library has provided support of summer reading programs through membership in CSLP for all public libraries which includes access to materials in print and online,



grants to public libraries, provision of materials to run and operate the program, online data collection tool services, and training and programming opportunities. For two years, the State Library has fostered a public library-public school partnership by providing posters and bookmarks for public librarians to deliver to elementary and middle schools. This year, a printed version of the School/Partner catalog from Upstart is available if schools would like to order additional supplies in support of the program. Your public library or Upstart (855-255-2757) can assist in getting you the materials. Details on the State Library website will come soon.

South Carolina’s summer reading programs have a long history in the state. The State Library is committed to helping communities support reading and out-of-learning learning opportunities in the summer through coordinated efforts but also fostering partnerships that encourage reading and learning year round. More information about the SC State Library can be found at www.statelibrary.sc.gov.

News from Independent Schools



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Ashley Hall kindergartners attended a workshop in October with local author Kathleen Fox. Kathleen is a high-energy presenter incorporating student participation, music, and games. Her newest book, *A Book Is Just Like You!*, introduces the parts of a book by describing how they are similar to a person. Upper School students are looking forward to a visit in November by YALLFEST attendee Rae Carson, author of *The Fire and Thorns Trilogy*.

Porter-Gaud School had media literacy expert Frank Baker do a presentation on “Applying Critical Thinking to the 21st Century Classroom” to the entire faculty on Aug 15. “He also did a breakout session for the History Department specifically” says Susan Easter, Lower School Librarian and coordinator of the event.

Nancy Reeder from *Heathwood Hall Episcopal School* reports hosting the Newbery winning author Clare Vanderpool in September. She spoke to grades 5 – 8 and led a writing workshop for a small group of students from those grades. They are looking forward to having Eric Litwin, the author of the first four *Pete the Cat* books, with them in November to present his program of reading and music to the preschool – 2nd grade.



HHES Students pictured with Clare Vanderpool.



Heathwood Hall students listen to Newberry Award winning author Clare Vanderpool.

One School, One Book: *Is The program effective?*

Submitted by Kimberly C. Nees, MLIS

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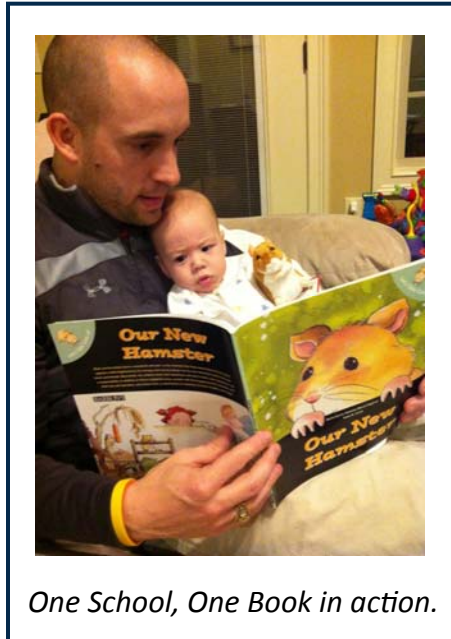
In March 2013, Sugar Creek Elementary (Fort Mill, S.C.), and Alma Elementary (Gaffney, S.C.), collaborated in a partnership with Winthrop University to research the following questions:

1.) Does the One School, One Book program increase the frequency of reading aloud to students?

2.) Does the One School, One Book program increase student excitement about reading?

One School, One Book is a program designed by the Read to Them Foundation in which each school family receives a copy of the same children's novel and is asked to read-aloud one chapter per night. During the course of three weeks, program leaders implement a variety of activities to educate parents, promote reading-aloud and excite students. While Sugar Creek had implemented this program for the first time in 2012, the question remained: Is the program effective? Thanks to a Winthrop NetScope Research and Inquiry Grant, Alma Elementary, Sugar Creek Elementary, and faculty in residence, Dr. Diana Murdock and Lisa Hudson-Lucas, worked together to design the research, as well as collect data. The results of our research show that

the One School, One Book program increases reading-aloud in the home during the program, however does not increase positive feelings about reading.



One School, One Book in action.

Our surveys were conducted three times during the school year on approximately 1100 students (K-5). The questions were:

2.) Did someone read aloud to you yesterday?

1.) How do you feel about reading?

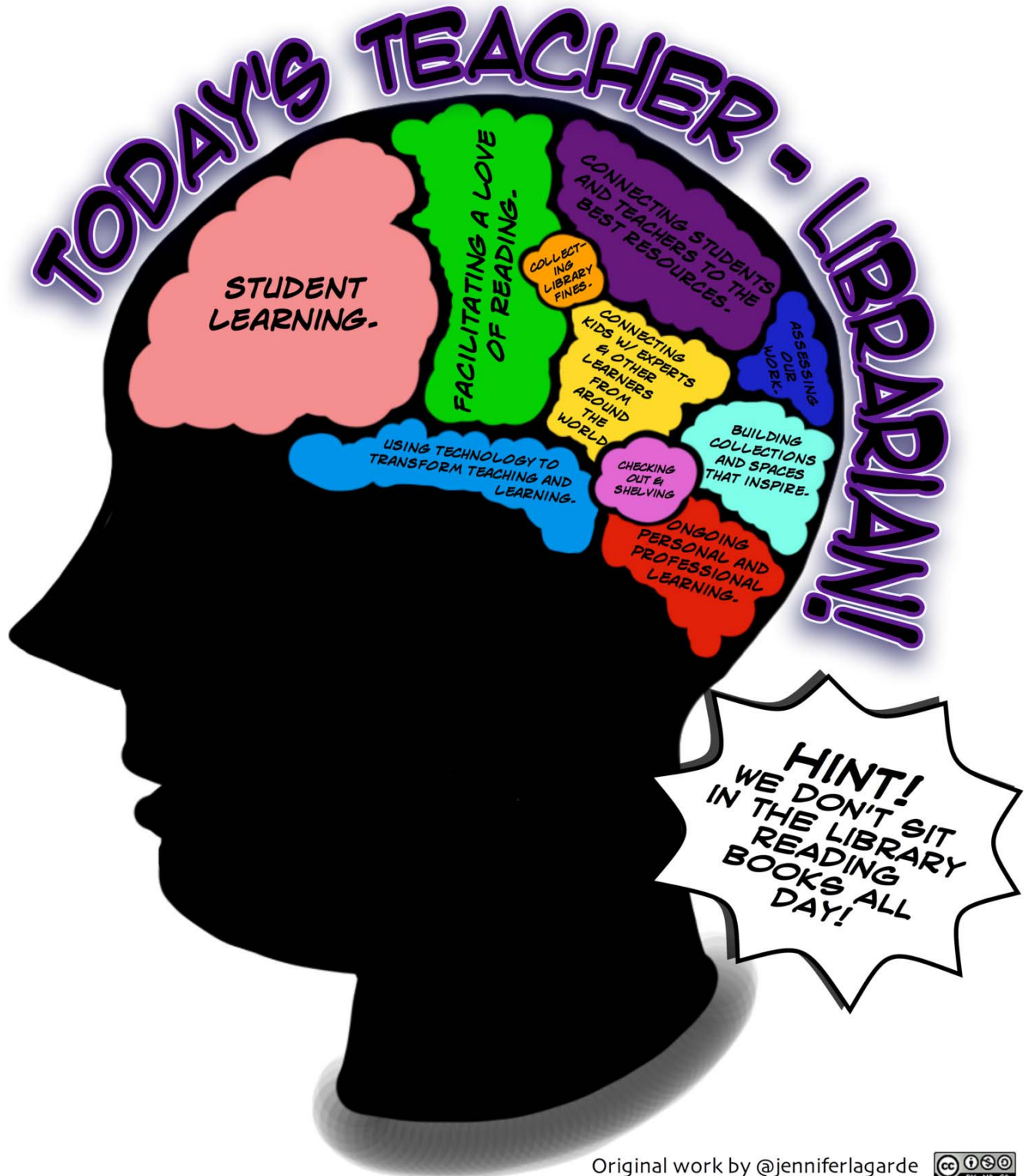
Survey results indicate that before beginning the One School One Book program, 328 students said that someone in their home read to them aloud the previous day. During the program, 632 students said that someone in their home read aloud to them the previous day. This is an increase of 304 students and families reading aloud together. *That's (304 students x 8 pages/*

night) 2432 pages in one night! Furthermore, our results indicate that the program may not excite students about reading. Before beginning the program, 609 students claimed to like reading most of the time. During the program, 608 students say they liked reading most of the time and following the program 546 students liked reading most of the time. This was a decrease in reading enjoyment by 63 students.

While our survey results regarding student excitement about reading were inconclusive, our goal to get families reading together was achieved! One parent approached a program leader and commented, "Last night, I was overwhelmed with the idea that hundreds of other families in our community were all reading the exact same chapter of the same book." Comments like this were heard daily at Sugar Creek and Alma Elementary throughout the course of the program and parents and students are already asking us what the next book selection will be. This spring, Alma Elementary and Sugar Creek Elementary plan to implement the One School One Book program to continue our partnership. Our goal is to develop our programs to meet the needs of our school communities and to continue collect data from our participants. For more information about how you can implement the One School One Book program at your school, visit readtothem.org.

PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?

WHAT'S REALLY ON THE MIND OF...




Original work by @jenniferlagarde



Graphic Courtesy of Jennifer LaGarde, Webmaster and Creator of Adventures of Library Girl (librarygirl.net).

Original Graphic is Available at <http://www.librarygirl.net/2013/09/penny-for-your-thoughts-whats-really-on.html>.



*My principal
nominated me...
What about
you?*

SCASL Awards for 2013-2014

School Library Media Specialist of the Year-Recognizes a certified school library media specialist with at least 5 years of experience and who has made an outstanding contribution to school library media service. (Includes a \$500.00 cash prize)

Distinguished Service Award-Recognizes an individual, group, or business who has made an outstanding contribution to school librarianship, school library media services, and/or SCASL.

Administrator of the Year-Recognizes an administrator at the school, district, or state level whose vision and leadership has contributed substantially to the school library media program in one or a group of SC schools.

Media Paraprofessional Award-Recognizes the exemplary performance of a paraprofessional who directly supports the media professional, building or district level.

Nancy Jane Day Scholarship-Awarded to a SCASL member to reimburse the cost of one successfully completed college course taken to improve job performance or complete a graduate degree in library science.

Margaret Ehrhardt Student Scholarship-Honors a high school senior library media center volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to SC school librarianship or library media services.

Deadline for all applications is 12/1/2013

Nominate yourself or a fellow professional whom you admire today!

For more information about these awards, visit www.scasl.net.



SCASL Membership Application

2013 – 2014

Membership Categories: (check one)

- Professional Membership \$50.00
certified school librarians, retired school librarians on TERI and/or who are working full-time as a professional librarian, students employed as school librarians, and other library professionals (e.g. school librarians and technology specialists in any building level and district level position as well as academic, public and special librarians)
- Student Membership \$20.00
full time students carrying a minimum of nine hours per semester and not employed in a professional position
- Associate Membership \$15.00
state, district, and school administrators (e.g. district superintendents, assistant superintendents, district curriculum coordinators, school level principals, and assistant principals,)legislators, teachers, paraprofessionals, retired school librarians who retired after July 1, 2006, and who were not members for ten or more consecutive years, and other interested persons.
- Institutional Membership \$60.00
institutions, associations and businesses
- Retired Membership \$15.00
retired school librarians who have been active members of SCASL for 10 or more consecutive years.
- Honorary Membership \$FREE
*professionals who retired prior to July 1, 2006 who have been members of SCASL for 10 or more consecutive years; and K-12 students who serve on a book award committee. **Must be renewed yearly.***

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SCASL Pre- Conference Preview

Columbia Convention Center
March 12th – 14th

Diana T. Carr, Conference Program Chair, dianatc@usit.net
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Planning for our SCASL Annual conference is in full swing now! Here are the pre-conference sessions that will be offered:

iLead: Integrating Leadership, Expertise, Action and Dispositions

Gail Dickinson, 2013-2014 President of the American Association of School Librarians and Ann Martin, Past President of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

21st century school librarians are leaders! Using the *AASL Standards for the 21st-Century Learner* as the foundation, two national leaders will share practical ideas, strategies, and techniques to assist you through current educational challenges. Moving from theory to practical applications, participants will leave with an action plan to begin implementation upon returning to their school.

Meeting Common Core Reading Literature Standards: A Picture Book Author/Librarian Shows You How to Lead the Way

Toni Buzzeo, school librarian and best-selling author (Audience - Elementary)

As we scramble to locate excellent nonfiction texts for students and teachers to meet CC Reading Informational Text (RI) standards, many elementary librarians are reluctant to abandon fiction. Happily, we don't have to! The CC Reading Literature (RL) standards offer great opportunities for student learning that require new levels of complex thinking. Using her own books as models, author/librarian Toni Buzzeo will share her approach to creating exciting and challenging discussions and activities to meet the RL standards in your library.

*Note: Bring a relatively new picture book you would like to work with.

The Story of Old Folks

Morgan Lee, Office of Leader Effectiveness, South Carolina Department of Education

Have you ever noticed that adults in the building are sometimes the most challenging to lead? This session will deal with the ways in which we might better build communities of adults to lead together in schools. As the school literacy leader, you are poised to be the leader in your school to pull, push, and gently sway others to learn and grow leadership.

Common Core State Standards, Math & the School Librarian

Mary Ruzga, Education Associate for STEM, SDE

How media specialists can support classroom teachers in implementing the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics by using library media center collection of print and electronic resources (including computers).

Sharing DISCUS in the Information Age

Ruth Thompson, *Discus Training Coordinator, South Carolina State Library*

With the advent of social media and new technology tools, sharing information and access points to that information has become an important part of the learning process. Creating direct links to specific Discus articles, images, and books and sharing them via a teacher webpage, QR code, Google Earth placemark, or on social media sites creates more opportunities for students to become engaged and learn. It's not as simple as copying and pasting from your browser address bar. This session will show you how to obtain the appropriate persistent URLs from Discus resources and use them to share and connect with others to enhance learning.

Since this will be a hands on session, please bring your charged laptop, tablet, or mobile device.

Connect 21st Century Learners to Digital Resources and Tools

David Wendt, Kari Swift, Jason Smith, *Follett School Solutions*

We invite you to join us and experience why two out of three schools prefer FollettShelf over any other econtent management platform in the marketplace today. Topics of discussion include: mobile apps, CCSS aligned content, 1:1 computing applications, enhanced reporting abilities, school to home connection, and FollettShelf environment options (District FollettShelf, Classroom Connection). This will be a hands on session so bring your laptop or mobile device.



News from the Bylaws Committee

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Have you ever wondered why SCASL does things a certain way? We operate based on our Bylaws, which can be found at scasl.net. Click on Committees at the bottom of the home page, then click Bylaws, at the top of the the Bylaws page, click SCASL Bylaws. Check out the Bylaws, and email me with any suggested changes, questions, or concerns at scmcna@scdjj.net



S.C. Conference Presentation Mini-Grant

SCASL is providing funding for media specialist presentations at SC educational conferences during the 2013-2014 school year to advocate for teacher/librarian collaboration, reading programs, and other benefits of school library programs. The funds available may be used to pay for expenses including registration and one night hotel stay (maximum \$250). Media Specialists may apply for one SC Conference Presentation Mini Grant per SCASL membership year.

Requirements of SC Conference Presentation Mini-Grant:

Must be a current member of SCASL

Submit an application for SC Conference Presentation Mini-Grant


Submit confirmation of presentation proposal acceptance from educational conference presentation


Submit photo evidence of educational conference presentation


Submit a proposal for SCASL conference upon receipt of mini-grant

Five grants will be issued during each year (June-July). One mini-grant will be awarded for each SC education conference on a first come, first serve basis.


The following is a suggested list of upcoming 2013-2014 educational conferences in which SCASL is seeking presenters:

 SC EdTech managed by SC Association for Educational Technology (AET) at the TD Convention Center, October 9-11, 2013, Greenville, SC <<http://edtech.scaet.org/index.html>>


 SC Council of the International Reading Association, February 20-22, 2014 <<http://scira.org/conference/>>


 SC Council for the Social Studies <http://sccss.org/?page_id=14>


 SC Science Council <<http://southcarolinascience.org/>>


 SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics, October 24-25, TD Conference Center, Greenville, SC <<http://www.scctm.org/conferences>>


 SC Foreign Language Teachers Association <http://www.scflta.org/conf_wkshps/conference.html>

 Carolina Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, November 7-9 2013, Myrtle Beach, SC <<http://carolinalesol.shuttlepod.org/>>

 South Carolina Council of Teachers of English, January 31- February 1, 2014, Kiawah Island, SC <<http://www.sccte.org/>>

 SC Association of School Administrators <<http://www.scasa.org/>>

 SC Council for Exceptional Children <<http://www.cec.sped.org>>

 SC Middle School Association, February 28- March 2, 2014, Myrtle Beach Convention Center <http://www.scmsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=5&Itemid=8>



The following will need to be included in your online application available at <http://scasl.net>:

I. Presenters

Library Media Specialist

Name of Library Media Specialist, School District, School Name, School Address,
Email Address, Telephone Number

Classroom Teacher Co-Presenter (if applicable)

Name of Teacher, Subject & Grade, School District, School Name, School Address,
Email Address, Telephone Number

II. Conference

Name of Conference, Date, Location, Cost for Registration, Cost of Housing (if applicable)

III. Session

Title of Session, Brief Description of Session (25-50 words), Grade Level

IV. Session Demographics

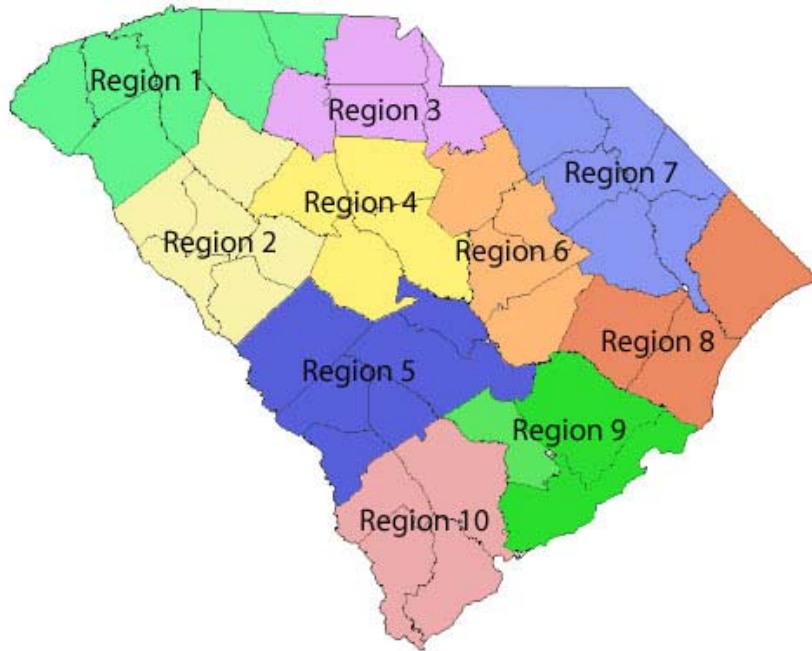
Subject Area, Intended Audience, Standards Addressed (SC State Standards, AASL Learning Standards, Common Core, ISTE NETS, etc)

V. Library Advocacy

Please describe how your presentation fosters learning for students, promotes collaboration between the library media specialist & teacher and advocates for the library program.



Regional News



Guidelines for Regional Network News Submissions:

The following are the guidelines set forth in the SCASL By-laws regarding submission of Regional News pieces to the *Media Center Messenger*. Submissions should be made to the appropriate regional representative. Regional Network guidelines presently state specifically that all information sent in should be properly identified by region, district and county. Information to be published is limited to awards, grants, vital statistics, personnel changes, new LMS's, author/illustrator visits, and new schools/media centers. Members wishing to contribute anything other than this information are encouraged to write separate short articles.

Please remember that submissions may be edited or not included based on the discretion of *Media Center Messenger* editorial staff and as publication space permits. (SCASL Board Policy, Section B8, page 24, number 5)

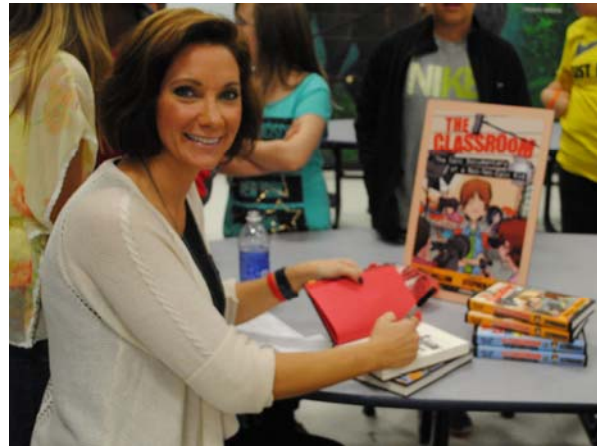
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Region 1A

Anderson 1 – Contact Monique German (Powdersville Middle)

June 17 - 21, The Librarians in the Middle, Tamara Cox (Palmetto Middle), Monique German (Powdersville Middle), and Kristen Hearne (Wren Middle) took a 1,000 mile road trip to the Tennessee Association of School Librarians' Summer Co-op to lead professional development. Tennessee is a very long state geographically, so TASL holds their summer institute in two locations, Gatlinburg in east Tennessee, and Medina, southwest of Nashville. The three Anderson District One librarians presented a keynote session on "The Care and Feeding of Administrators," focusing on building relationships with principals by recognizing what we have in common, communicating, understanding principals' priorities, and avoiding stereotypes and misconceptions. They also presented concurrent sessions on topics such as library sacred cows, PLN's, learning to love nonfiction, PD with a twist, using graphics, and nonfiction text lessons. These same ladies, along with Jen Chesney of Powdersville High School were recently featured on the nationally recognized Nerdy Book Club website for "Pimp my Poster," a blog post about using posters to attract teen readers.

Julianne Kaye formerly at Bethel Elementary School in Greenville County is the new librarian at Hunt Meadows Elementary School in Anderson 1.



Author Robin Mellom visits Powdersville Middle School.

On September 10, author Robin Mellom visited Powdersville Middle School's sixth grade students and provided them an excellent look at how an author creates quirky characters. Robin is the author of YA novel, *Ditched*, and the *Classroom* series for elementary and middle school, including *Epic Documentary of a Not Yet Epic Kid* and *Student Council Smackdown*. Robin's visit to Powdersville Middle School was sponsored by the Anderson County Public Library. She also presented to community members at the library that evening.

During the week of September 16 – 20, Wren Elementary School in Anderson District One celebrated reading in many different ways. Beginning the kick-off of the Reading Program, "Growing

Great Readers", author/entertainer Chris Rumble sold his books and performed for the students. Lynne Holcombe is the Media Specialist.

Anderson 4 – Contact LeAnne Gause (LaFrance Elementary)

Judy Mancini is the interim media specialist at Belton Middle School/Anderson 4.

Belton Elementary School kicked off its 4th annual One School One Book program in September. The grade level kickoffs included a student-performed Reader's Theater to introduce the book *Waiting for the Magic* by Patricia

MacLachlan and a talk by Jessica Cwyner, director of the Anderson County Animal Shelter. Each child, teacher, and staff member at BES received a copy of the book to read with their family. In addition to daily trivia questions and art and writing contests, the students collected items in a drive to benefit the Animal Shelter.



Chris Rumble helps help kick-off a reading program at Wren Elementary.

Anderson 5 – Contact Martha Taylor (McLees Academy of Leadership)

New media specialists in Anderson School District Five include Eunice Bardin at Concord Elementary; Katherine Malmquist at Varennes Academy of Communications and Technology, and Kristin Spencer at Southwood Academy of the Arts.

Anderson School District Five transfers include Ann Glenn, formerly at McLees Academy of Leadership, to Homeland Park Primary School; Martha Taylor, formerly at McCants Middle, to McLees; Heather Thore, formerly at Homeland Park, to Lakeside Middle School; and Teresa Madden, formerly at Varennes, to McCants Middle.

Region 1B

Greenville – Contact Kelly Knight (Fork Shoals School)

Susan Dicey, LMS at Hillcrest Middle received a Delta Kappa Gamma Corteret travel grant in the amount of \$1500 to attend the upcoming AASL 16th Annual Conference in Hartford, CT November 13-17, 2013. Susan Dicey is hosting visiting author Tommy Hays, the author of *What I Came to Tell You*, at Hillcrest Middle School on November 20 to discuss the writing process and his new middle grades novel with HMS 8th graders.

This year's officers for the Greenville Council of Media Specialists

(GCMS) are: President - Sandy Brundage (Woodmont High); Vice President - Kelly Knight (Fork Shoals School); Secretary - Charles Kendrick (Blue Ridge Middle); Treasurer - Misty Gosnell (Hillcrest High); RVP Grant Chairs - Rebecca Roper (Beck Academy) and Deanna McCarrell (Travelers Rest High); Elementary News - Gwendolyn Brown (Oakview Elementary); Middle/High News - Holly Hughes (Beck Academy); High School Rep - Jenna Broome (Woodmont High); Middle School Rep - Kathleen Carey (Greenville Middle); District Liaisons - Alice Littlejohn (Stone Academy) and Andi Fansher (Riverside Middle); GCMS Advisor - Mary Ries (Sara Collins Elementary).

Amanda LeBlanc, LMS of AJ Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering (and SCASL past President) traveled to schools in Japan this summer as part of the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program for Sustainability Education.

Spartanburg 1 – Contact Deb Belue (OP Earle Elementary)

Spartanburg District 1 welcomes three new media specialists in our district: Rachel Blakenley at Landrum Middle School; Ashley Paddock at Mabry Middle School; and Lauren Hensley at Holly Springs Motlow Elementary.

Spartanburg 6 – Contact Heather Hembree (Roebuck Elementary)

OfficeMax representatives surprised Heather Hembree, LMS at Roebuck Elementary, October 1 with \$1,000 worth of free school supplies to be used in the classroom. She was chosen as a part of the company's "A Day Made Better" program dedicated to helping teachers receive extra school supplies for their children.

Cathy Nelson and Melanie Dillard, librarians at Dorman High School, recently hosted visiting author Ruta Sepetys, author of 2013-2014 SCYABA nominee *Between Shades of Gray*. Melanie Dillard is teaching a 60-credit recertification course for Spartanburg 6. The course focus is on Google and Google Apps for Education and has over 40 participants. Cathy Nelson presented at the 2013 SC Edtech conference. Her session, titled "Google: Harnessing the Search Engine for Learning" featured how the search engine works and how understanding the algorithms used to rank sites can help students understand the need to evaluate all websites. Cathy Nelson received a State Library LSTA Grant for Professional Conference Attendance to attend AASL's 16th Conference in Hartford, CT November 13-17, 2013. Cathy will be presenting a preconference session as part of a panel representing her AASL Committee, AASL's Best websites for Teaching and Learning.

Spartanburg 7 – Contact Wendy Rollins (EP Todd School)

E.P. Todd School applauds a member of their media and technology support staff, Elizabeth Graham, for earning her MLIS from USC in December. She completed her internship at Dorman High School with Melanie Dillard and Cathy Jo Nelson in November. E. P. Todd School was awarded a scholarship and is receiving the entire collection of Colonial Williamsburg resources and live interactive sessions. Spartanburg County Public Library awarded a pizza party to the students of E. P. Todd School who completed their summer reading program, Dig Into Reading, because they had the greatest number of participants in the county. Todd Tigers were also proud to have 31 students represented for their completion of the Greenville Drive Reading All-Stars. In addition, 17 students at Todd School earned a ticket to Six Flags for their participation in the Read to Succeed program. The children of E. P. Todd School were completely immersed in literacy the week of Spartanburg School District Seven's community literacy celebration, 7Reads! The children were visited by four nationally and locally acclaimed authors and illustrators, Melinda Long, Heather Montgomery, Jonathan Miller, and Martha Axmann. The children also got to celebrate with a grandparents' breakfast during the book fair, and a Family Fun Reading Night celebration with an Egyptian theme, inviting everyone to the reading oasis. Students participated in a Pirate Dress up Day and even prepared a lively pirate

song for author of *How I Became a Pirate*, Melinda Long. Businesses, parents, teachers, community members, and students all came together for a successful week long literacy celebration.

Region 2

Pickens – Contact Valerie Boatwright

East End Elementary School in Easley, SC welcomes Beth Miller as media specialist.

Region 3

Clover – Contact Ann Shearer

Kathy Corbiere, LMS at Oakridge Middle School, reports students celebrated their 13th place finish in the 2013 Scholastic Summer Challenge for reading 2,122,819 minutes, which was nearly twice the school's goal. Beginning in May, OMS students set summer reading goals and started logging minutes read in a global attempt to break the world record. Nearly 4,300 schools, representing all 50 states and 30 countries read and logged an impressive 176,438,473 minutes, smashing last year's world record of 95,859,491 minutes. Oakridge and the other Top 20 schools will be listed in the 2014 Scholastic Book of World Records, which will be available in December. This marks the second consecutive year OMS finished in the top 20.

Monica Roveri, LMS at Bethel Elementary presented an out-

standing session at SC EdTech titled "Making Text Talk: Bringing Literature to Life." Her session featured creating talking text and showed how students can create book trailers, animate poems and stories, publish interactive ebooks, and explore additional digital projects to make literature come to life. It was wildly popular at the conference with teachers and librarians alike.

Lancaster – Contact Elizabeth Bryant

Indian Land High School Teen Library Advisory Board raised \$250.00 at the IL Rotary Fall Festival on September 28th. LMS Beth Bryant reports that proceeds will be split between the Alice K. Howey Memorial Scholarship fund which benefits one ILHS Senior pursuing library science or who has served on TeenLAB; and the TeenLAB field trip to the YALL Fest in Charleston on November 9th.

AR Rucker Middle School Media Specialist, Leigh Jordan hosted the Olde English Consortium Media Specialist Group on Monday, October 14, 2013. An engaging day of content-specific professional development was enjoyed by Media Specialists from Cherokee, Chester, Clover, Fairfield, Lancaster, and York School Districts.

York 3 – Contact Randy Polk

Samantha McManus, LMS at Sullivan Middle, received a Travel Grant from The State Library to

attend the School Library Journal Leadership Summit in Austin Texas back in late September. While there, not only did Samantha network with (her words) rock-star librarians from all over, she also was able to attend the Austin Teen Book Festival. Sam wrote all about it on her blog Sam's Lit Cafe 2.0, so visit and read about her trip.

Liz Hood, LMS from Saluda Trail Middle presented a session at SC Edtech titled "Virtual Libraries: The end of libraries as you knew it." Liz focused on the paradigm shift in thinking about the physical library versus the virtual library of the 21st century.

Presenting at the SCLA/SELA joint conference on November 14, 2013 with SCLA Legislative Chair Libby Young and other participants in the National Library Legislative Day event held in Washington, DC in March of this year

Region 4A

Fairfield – Contact Suzanne Taylor (Geiger Elementary School)

Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science Media Specialist Debbie Cooper presented a session "Return of the Webquest" at the October 14th Olde English Consortium Media Specialists' Conference.

Lexington 2

Jane Chinault leaves her retirement to be the Media Specialist at Busbee Creative Arts Academy in Lexington 2 School District.

Region 4B

Richland One – Contact Gloria Coleman

Ida W. Thompson, Richland One Instructional Technology director, has been elected Treasurer of the Richland Library Board of Trustees. She is continuing her four-year term on the board.

The A. C. Flora and Richland One Instructional Technology Services families lost a dear friend and colleague, Mary Haddon, who passed away on August 29, 2013. Mary was a true people person, with a loving and giving personality and a keen professional focus. She loved her family, her work, and her school community. Mary was a staunch advocate and supporter of the Walk for Life Campaign, and made many media appearances to encourage support for breast cancer research. We value and honor her life and will always remember her beautiful smile.

Some of the ELA students and the C. A. Johnson book club under the direction of Ms. Gloria Coleman were privileged to participate in a videoconference with up and coming author, Jessica Khoury. Jessica's first book is called *Origin*.

Two of the students from the C.A. Johnson Book Club under the direction of Gloria Coleman recently participated in the Read for the Record Program via videoconference. The book *Otis* by Lauren Long was read to approximately 60 students. The children

who listened to the story came from Carver-Lyon Elementary School, Fran Hipp, librarian and Watkins-Nance Elementary School, Leck Goodnough, librarian.

Richland 2 – Contact Crystal Smith (Blythewood High School)

This year Richland School District Two welcomes media specialists Shannon Fennell to Sandlapper Elementary, Christina Wilson to E. L. Wright Middle School, and Mary Kelly to Windsor Elementary.

On October 14, 2013, the Blythewood High School Library Media Center hosted Chad Crews. He performed his program of Edgar Allan Poe's works. During his performance, "Nevermore: Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe," he wowed students with his recitation of "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Raven," and other Poe works while interspersing magic tricks and audience participation to entertain. Students from various English classes attended the program throughout the day. This is the fifth year that Chad Crews has performed at Blythewood High School. He has also performed his "Authors of Mystery and Horror" Parts 1 and 2 and "Something Wicked Comes this Way: A Shakespearean Experiment." We hope to have Chad come back next year to perform his new show, "Once a Upon a Time: Grimm's Fairy Tales." Chad Crews performances are always an awesome way to bring the classics to life for stu-

dents. For more information, see <http://www.chadcrewsmagic.com>.

Region 5

Aiken County – Contact Heather Loy

Melissa Broadway is the new media specialist at Jefferson Elementary.

Region 7

Dillon 4 – Contact Liz Herlong (Lakeview High School)

Gail Carter has been transferred from South Elementary to Gordon Elementary in Dillon. She is leading a group of students in an after school technology club. Students are working on PhotoStory and PowerPoint projects.

Dillon Middle School's first Lunch Bunch Book Club of the school year is underway. Students who signed up to participate are now reading *The Underdogs* by Mike Lupica, which is one of the S.C. Junior Book Award nominees. First Citizens Bank will bring lunch to book club participants and facilitate a discussion of the book at the end of October..

Region 8

Williamsburg County – Contact Elaine Culick

Elaine Culick, media specialist at Kenneth Gardner Elementary was awarded a TARGET grant in the amount of \$2,000 for her "Traveling Tales" reading program that targets 3rd graders at

her school. Congratulations Elaine!

Region 9A

Remodeling is underway at Belle Hall Elementary. Belle Hall ES (Cindy Stelow) got new carpet with a 3-day pack up notice! Cario Middle School (Joann Jarmon) media center is getting an entire makeover, with carpet, rearrangement and furniture! "Still in disarray," but pictures to follow.

Laura Judson, Emillie Woody, and Donna Whitlock, media specialists at Wando High School have arranged for a virtual author visit by Paul Volponi. Paul Volponi, author of Final Four, Rooftop, Black and White, and other great teen novels will be visiting Wando High School on Oct 23rd --- via SKYPE. During their test SKYPE with him recently, he asked for students to send him some of their writing and he would read it first and talk to individual students! Second block students are coming by invitation, and the librarians are looking for those guys who just don't connect with books and reading.

James Island Elementary celebrated family literacy the week of September 23rd with Reading Prize Patrol! Over 100 JIES students took the pledge to be reading from 5-7pm this week. Twenty pledges were randomly selected and 5 houses were visited each night. Those caught reading received bags of books and other goodies. Other family members were also invited to

choose a book from our "brother-sister basket." This is the 18th Reading Prize Patrol JIES has done since beginning back in spring of 2005. Over 360 families have been visited and countless books have been distributed. Margaret Hale is the media specialist at James Island Elementary.

Region 9B

Dorchester – Contact Jill Beckwith (St. George Middle School)

Oakbrook Middle School welcomes new media specialist Helen Smith. Windsor Hill Arts Infused Elementary School welcomes new media specialist Katherine Williams. Flowertown Elementary School was chosen as a National Blue Ribbon School; Jennifer Edge is the Flowertown Elementary media specialist.

Region 10

Beaufort – Contact Linda Waskow (Beaufort Elementary School)

Dr. Linda Waskow, LMS at Beaufort Elementary, presented a session at SC Edtech titled "Media Production Programming @ Your School – Yes, you can!" Linda talked about how to design and implement a media production program for your school, from the needs assessment to the final product and all the steps between. Participants learned how to design and implement a media production program within the Learning Commons or media center at their school.



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Upcoming Important Events Calendar

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November

November 2, 2013

SCASL Board of Directors Meeting
Christus Victor Lutheran Church

November 9, 2013

Y'all Fest
Charleston Young Adult Book Fest

November 13-15, 2013

SCLA/SELA Joint Conference
"Local Roots"
Greenville, S.C.

November 14-18, 2013

AASL Conference
Hartford, Connecticut

November 16, 2013

International Game Day @ Your
Library

November 18-22, 2013

American Education Week

December

December 1, 2013

SCASL Early Bird Conference
Registration Due

Deadline for SCASL Award
Submissions

Send to csymonds@richland2.org

December 7, 2013

Book Award Committee Meetings

January

January 11, 2014

SCASL Board of Directors Meeting
Christus Victor Lutheran Church

January 24-28, 2014

ALA Midwinter Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February

February 5, 2014

Digital Learning Day

March

March 3, 2014

Read Across America Day

March 9-15, 2014

Teen Tech Week

March 12-14, 2014

SCASL Annual Conference
Columbia, S.C.

March 12-14, 2014

SCIRA Conference
Columbia, S.C.