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Dear SCASL Friends,

The 40th Annual SCASL Conference is over, and I hope that if you attended you found it to be a very productive professional development filled with opportunities to learn and network. I would like to thank Jennifer Tazerouti and the steering committee for a great job of providing us with this opportunity. We had some very special keynote speakers who provided us with inspiration and information. Thanks to Gwyneth Jones and Alice Ozma. If you missed them you missed a treat. A highlight of the conference was certainly our Project Connect session on Wednesday afternoon. We were able to join administrators, legislators and teachers to hear a panel of experts talk about the importance and future of school library programs. Thank you, Ida Thompson and Follett for putting this together.

As I reflect on the past year, SCASL is continuing to serve as a strong advocate for our profession. The Impact Study by the RSL research group was released at conference. This study confirmed the fact that certified school librarians and well-funded school libraries EMPOWER students, INCREASE reading scores, IMPROVE standardized test results and LEAD student to develop 21st Century Learning skills. We are planning a press conference with the SC State Department of Education during School Library Month in April to share this with our stakeholders. Go to scasl.net for the complete results, to view a promotional video and to obtain an info graphic to share with your community.

Next year is our 41st annual conference to be held at Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, SC, March 2-4, 2016. Cindy Symonds is the Program Chair and I cannot wait to see what she has in store for us at the beach. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

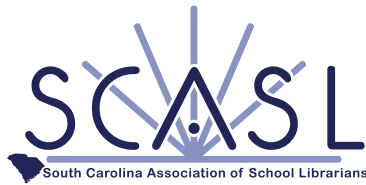
Another professional development opportunity will be our SCASL Summer Institute at Seawells in Columbia, SC June 16, 2015. Our topic is [MakerSpaces@your library](http://MakerSpaces@yourlibrary) and should provide you with some practical ways to make your media centers more engaging.

I hope you will also consider volunteering your time and talents to SCASL. All our committees need your ideas and energy, and by serving you have an opportunity to impact the direction of our organization and to make SCASL a more productive organization that makes a difference in our state and for our communities. Through volunteering, you will also increase your leadership skills and your professional learning network. Between standing and conference committees, there is a place for everyone! To volunteer please fill out the Volunteer Form.

It has been my honor to serve as President this year, I am proud to have been able to work with all of the professionals on our board and committees who have put in so much time and effort to make our association great. I have also certainly enjoyed the perks of this job, being able to travel to our national conferences. Thank you so much for this opportunity. You will want to remember this if and when you are asked to serve. It is truly worth it. As always thank you for your support,

Diana T. Carr
2014-2015 SCASL President

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The Awards Committee would like to congratulate the following award winners. The winners were recognized during the SCASL Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 5, 2015. The School Librarian of the year received a monetary award of \$500, and the Paraprofessional of the Year received a monetary award of \$250. All recipients received a plaque.



**Distinguished Service Award Winner -
Dr. Donna Shannon**

SCASL's highest award is the Distinguished Service Award. It recognizes an individual or an organization for contributions to SCASL and school media programs throughout the state of South Carolina. Dr. Shannon has contributed greatly to librarianship through her leadership, instruction, and continuous research in the advancement of the profession. Dr. Shannon has furthered the growth of librarianship by serving as a mentor and advisor to countless up-and-coming school librarians. In addition, Dr. Shannon has provided leadership through the sharing of information in library courses she has taught over the years and through publications such as *School Libraries Worldwide* and *School Library Media Research*. Her published works include book chapters and journal articles. Dr. Shannon's devotion to and support of school librarianship makes her a worthy recipient of this honor.



**Administrator of the Year -
Virginia "Ginger" Catoe**

The Administrator of the Year award recognizes and thanks an exemplary administrator for their support of the library media program. Ms. Catoe is the principal at Doby's Mill Elementary School in Lugoff. She has been in this position for 7 years and has worked as an administrator for a total of 14 years. Ms. Long, the librarian at Doby's Mill, describes Ms. Catoe as her professional partner. Ms. Catoe is a strong advocate for school libraries and school librarians. Ms. Catoe sees the "whole picture" and understands the importance of fostering a thriving school library. Ms. Catoe said, "I am completely humbled and honored to receive this recognition. As a school administrator and a mommy who loves to read to my own children, I know the importance of teaching children to read. Moreover, I want children to love to read so they can be lifelong readers. I want them to be ravenous when they choose and read books!"



Media Paraprofessional of the Year - Suzette Cornish

The Media Paraprofessional Award recognizes the exemplary performance of a paraprofessional who directly supports the media profession either in the building or at the district level. Ms. Cornish has been the media clerk at Ralph Chandler Middle School in Simpsonville for 6 ½ years. Ms. Cornish has over 12 years' experience working in school libraries in New York and South Carolina. Ms. Cornish is a leader in her school and demonstrates that by providing technology support, managing the school's Website, and attending professional development sessions. As a member of the school's Technology Committee, Ms. Cornish has been invaluable at offering advice regarding procuring new technology to support instruction. Ms. Cornish's outgoing personality and friendly attitude make her an asset to the library, the faculty, staff and student body at Ralph Chandler Middle School. To quote from the nomination letter from Candace Walton, "I can safely say that Ms. Cornish is one of the most indispensable members of our staff." After receiving the recognition, Ms. Cornish said, "Thank you to my Librarian, Candace Walton and my Principal, Rita Mantooth for nominating me. I'm honored to have been presented with the Paraprofessional of the

Year award. It's exciting to be in the school's largest classroom sharing the joy of books, technology and learning with the students and the faculty."



School Librarian of the Year - Dr. Charlene Zehner

The School Librarian of the Year award honors a full-time librarian on the basis of exemplary programs as well as active participation and service to SCASL and other related organizations. Dr. Zehner has been the librarian at Hanahan High School in the Berkeley County School District for 9 years. In 2012, Dr. Zehner was named Hanahan High School's Teacher of the Year. She has served as the secretary of SCASL and has served as the president and vice president of the Berkeley County Association of School Librarians. Dr. Zehner has achieved National Board certification and has acted as a National Board Mentor. Dr. Zehner has been described as innovative and inspiring, a beacon and a positive force for good. To quote from the nomination letter from Dr. Zehner's principal, "She is truly the most outstanding school librarian I have had the honor to know." After receiving the award, Dr. Zehner said, "I feel humbled and honored to receive this award recognizing my efforts to serve the students, faculty and staff of Hanahan High School."



2015 Annual Conference Review

by Jennifer Tazerouti

The fortieth annual SCASL conference offered nearly 600 attendees a plethora of opportunities to learn, grow, re-charge and re-connect with their professional learning network, in a festive, high energy atmosphere. Six pre-conference sessions, 46 concurrent sessions and twelve exhibit hall classroom sessions were offered on an array of topics. We are grateful to everyone who attended the conference this year. Thank you for coming! We hope you had a rewarding experience.

Authors and Speakers

Fifteen authors joined us this year for the exhibit hall grand opening, authors in the round, a book signing session, and the Author Celebration Luncheon. Attendees enjoyed hearing from State Superintendent of Education: Molly Spearman, The Daring Librarian: Gwyneth Jones, author Alice Ozma and others.

Prizes, Local Arrangements and Technology

Thanks to Diane Geddings we were able to give away a set of Michelin tires and many other awesome prizes at conference. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes. Many Thanks to Local Arrangements Chair Cindy Symonds and her committee for all of their hard work in making this conference run smoothly. Thank you to Joe Myers, Chuck Baker and Bill Fort for setting up technology for the conference and to Heather Thore for her work on the SCHED app, Edmodo and her helpful presence during the conference.



Cathy Jo Nelson @cathyjo 3/11/15
 #SCASL15 #ProjectConnect advocate for what you accomplished-put it in terms of students and how they are benefitting



Project Connect: In Memory of John Bach

Ida Thompson, Diana Carr and Follett made sure that Wednesday's Project Connect panel discussion was a conference highlight leaving the audience inspired and invigorated. The idea for bringing a Project Connect panel discussion to the SCASL Conference came from Follett's John Bach, who passed away on March 18, 2015. When asked if Follett would be willing to be a conference sponsor by bringing in an author, John Bach said, "We want to do more than that." We are thankful to John Bach and Follett for the powerful conversation that happened at Project Connect.



Lorena Swetnam @lswet 3/11/15
 @vincentsheheen advice to librarians: "BE LOUD about what you do in the library."
 #SCASL15 #ProjectConnect



Michal Hope Brandon @Michal_H... 3/11/15
 "@cathyjo: #SCASL15 #ProjectConnect advocate for what you accomplished-put it in terms of students and how they are benefitting" #r2lms



cybrarianliz @cybrarianliz 3/11/15
 It costs more to house a prisoner than to teach a child to read--Samantha Hastings
 #ProjectConnect #SCASL15



Caitlin Stalker
 @CESpgh



I was feeling burnt out and was brainstorming new professions by Wed. Thankful for #SCASL15 and new ideas and rejuvenated passion!

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Lorena Swetnam @lswet 3/11/15
 @jenniferlagarde "its about the kids and NOT the stuff" that's what the focus should be #projectconnect #SCASL15



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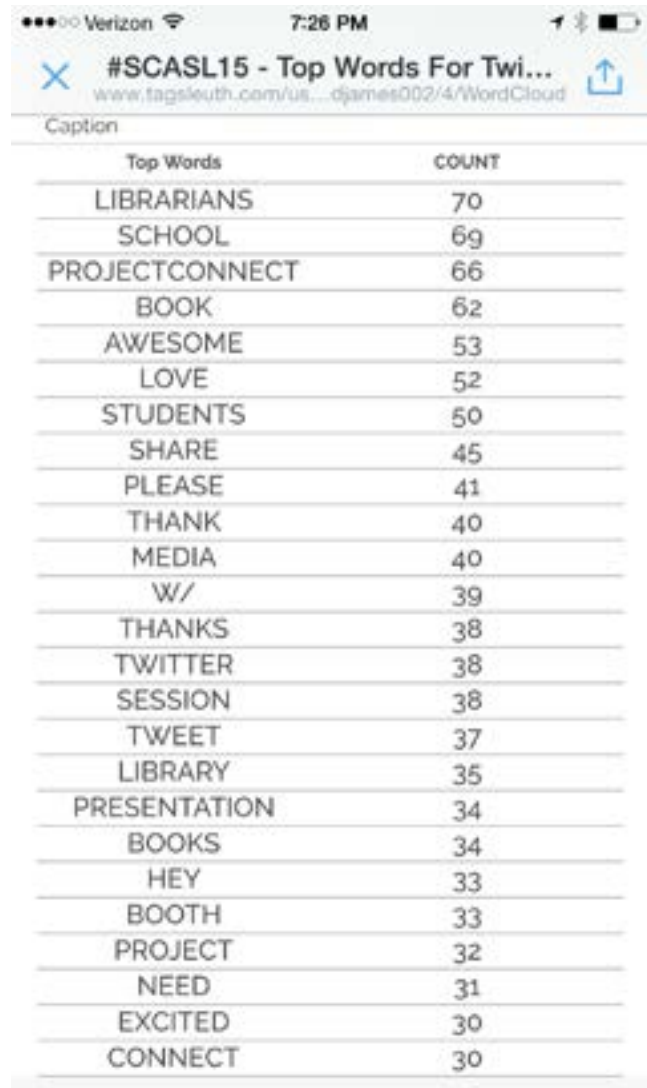
Exhibit Hall

The exhibit hall layout was a big hit with conference goers, who enjoyed 46 exhibitors, a magic show from Chad Crews, an exhibit hall classroom, a Photo Booth from Perma-Bound, and the exhibit hall grand opening reception. Ljubicia Arceneaux, exhibits chair, and her enthusiastic crew did a fantastic job.



Conference Evaluation and Volunteering

Every year that we hold a conference we try to make it just a little bit better than the last one by trying something new or making a change here or there. We already have a list of items that need to be addressed for next year's conference. Internet access is one of the top items. One of the tools we use to guide us is the data from the conference evaluation form. Please fill out a conference evaluation form if you have not done so already. You can find them at scasl.net under the conference menu. We need volunteers! You can help make SCASL great! Fill out the volunteer form at scasl.net and let us know how you can help.



The image shows a mobile phone screen displaying a word cloud analysis for the hashtag #SCASL15. The title is '#SCASL15 - Top Words For Twi...' and the source is 'www.tagsleuth.com/us...dames002/4/WordCloud'. Below the title is a table with two columns: 'Top Words' and 'COUNT'. The table lists 25 words and their respective counts, sorted in descending order.

Top Words	COUNT
LIBRARIANS	70
SCHOOL	69
PROJECTCONNECT	66
BOOK	62
AWESOME	53
LOVE	52
STUDENTS	50
SHARE	45
PLEASE	41
THANK	40
MEDIA	40
W/	39
THANKS	38
TWITTER	38
SESSION	38
TWEET	37
LIBRARY	35
PRESENTATION	34
BOOKS	34
HEY	33
BOOTH	33
PROJECT	32
NEED	31
EXCITED	30
CONNECT	30

Conference Winners

Dr. Tammy Pawloski, Conference Presenter of Why Poverty Matters - Received the most WOW's of any presenter. Award: \$25.00 BAM gift certificate

Mica Brakefield, Clover High School - One of many WOW nominators for conference presenter

Dr. Tammy Pawloski - Award: \$25.00 BAM gift certificate

Roxanne Spray, Ware Shoals High School - Award: a year's subscription to Library Media Connection

Stella Carmody, Forestbrook Elementary - Award: a year's subscription to School Library Monthly

CREATING a LEARNING COMMONS

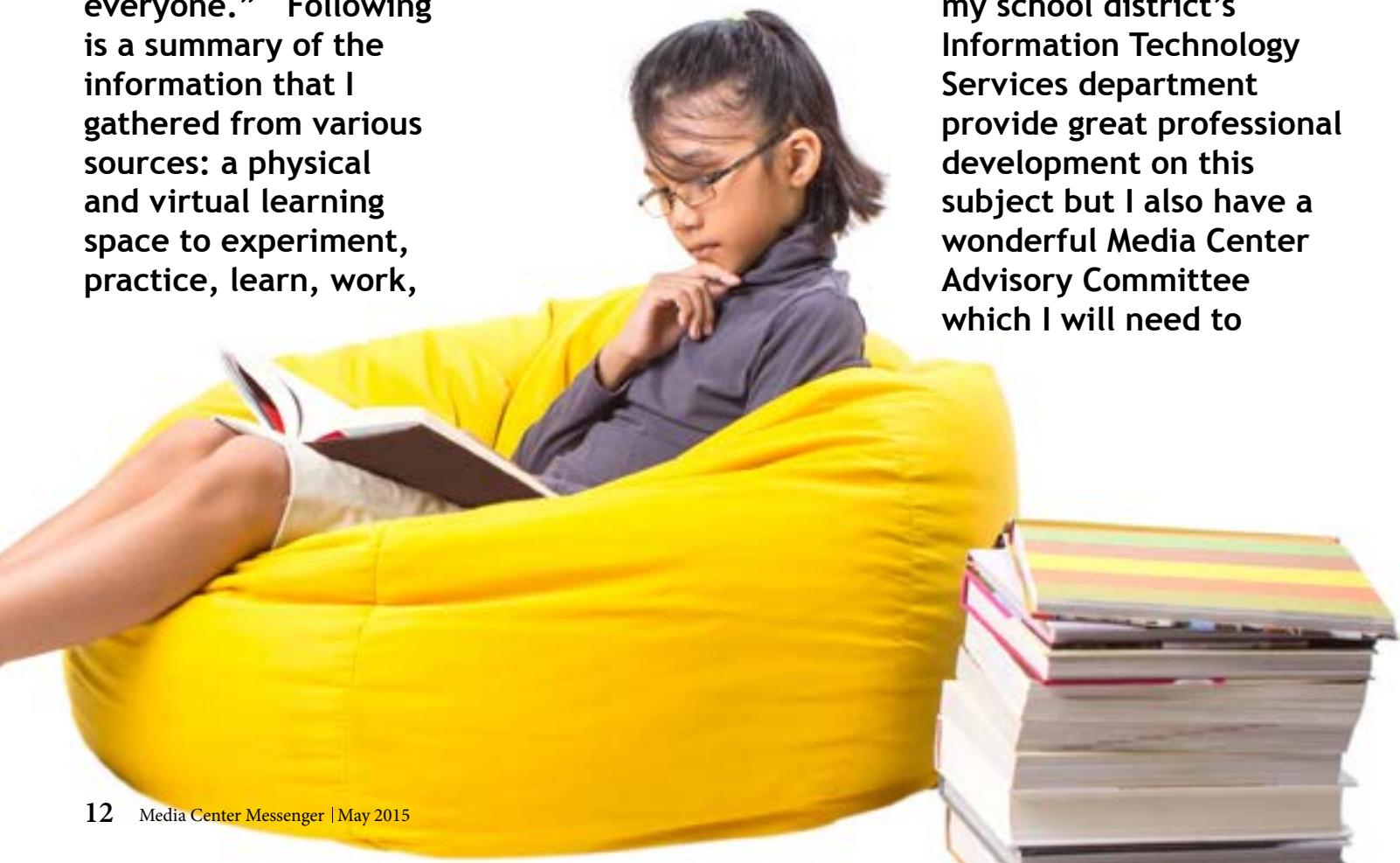
Suzanne Rhoten, Media Specialist
Heyward Career and Technology Center
Richland School District One

Richland One District media centers have been transforming themselves into learning commons this year. What is a Learning Commons? After reading everything that I could find to help me in my year-long endeavor, I have narrowed the definition down to “something for everyone.” Following is a summary of the information that I gathered from various sources: a physical and virtual learning space to experiment, practice, learn, work,

and play; a full-service learning, research, and project space; a flexible environment built to promote active, engaged learning; an area to accommodate multiple learning activities providing areas for group meetings, tools to support creative efforts, and on-staff

specialists to provide help as needed; the library world’s answer to the changing informational and technological needs of today’s learners. Are your eyes glazing over yet?

Luckily, I did not need to tackle this challenge alone. Not only did my school district’s Information Technology Services department provide great professional development on this subject but I also have a wonderful Media Center Advisory Committee which I will need to



rename next year to reflect our changed environment, perhaps Learning Commons Advisory Committee. See how creative I am. This is a group of five dedicated teachers and support staff who were willing to help their media specialist, moi, for an entire school year so that I did not have to come up with all of the creative ideas for the learning commons by myself.

The new learning commons area is comprised of the former media center and the attached computer lab. There is a connecting door and lots of windows between the two and I decided that any ideas concerning physical changes, such as tearing down the wall, would probably be frowned upon so less drastic measures would be needed. I ordered a mobile divider consisting of seven panels. (Remember that mobility is one of the keys to a learning commons). These panels can be used to divide areas in the former computer lab or to set up a quiet area for students who need less

noise. The student in the quiet area can configure this space however they desire, making it more or less open to view. Because of this, it is limited to one student at a time. (It helps to have someone from special education on your committee).

One of the consistent themes concerning learning centers is that the furniture can be rearranged as needed by students for working on projects, etc. This was not a problem for us as we already had a variety of tables, chairs, and bean bags which most students have no trouble arranging to suit their needs. I have also ordered a pole with attachments to display books and magazines, which has not yet arrived but that I am planning to add to the former computer lab stocked with reading material for students who come with their classmates and teacher but finish their assigned work on the computer before the other class members are done. Can they check these materials out, absolutely!

What other changes were made? We no longer have a Reference book section. Some books still have reference labels on their spines but have been inter-shelved with the other non-fiction books and their status has been changed in Destiny so that the same check-out rules now apply to all books and magazines. An area containing supplies for student use in the media center has been set up including paper, pencils, pens, tape, glue, staplers, scissors, paper towels, etc. Some of this material is consumable and a few things disappear, but student appreciation for these materials is priceless.

So, aside from purchasing a divider and display rack, what did this process cost? A small adjustment in attitude and a vision of creating a space where students are encouraged to engage, collaborate, and explore. You may be able to make this adjustment without any additional cost by utilizing the resources that you already own. See you at the Learning Commons! ▪

News from the Public Awareness Committee

The Public Awareness Committee publicizes the activities of SCASL. During the past year, committee members worked to raise the visibility of SCASL throughout the state of South Carolina and beyond.

Using traditional means of communication as well as social media we succeeded in publicizing the 40th annual conference in various media outlets throughout the state. Award winners were also featured in several state publications. A letter to Governor Haley resulted in her declaration of April as School Library Media Month.

We continue to increase the virtual media presence of our association through the use of social media. Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Flickr allow us to promote activities in our schools with photos, short messages and videos. While promoting activities in our libraries and schools, Facebook and Twitter provide insight and allow followers to converse, share and engage in conversation. At conference, we held a photo contest to promote Facebook and Twitter. With the contest and increased promotion of activities on Facebook and Twitter, we gained over 100 followers through each medium this year.

Currently, we are promoting the South Carolina School Library Impact Study through social media and news outlets. Our goal is to provide news organizations, politicians, parent groups and administrators with up-to-date information on how students and schools benefit from qualified librarians in well-funded libraries. ▪



Heather Loy used her photography and social media skills to win the SCASL gift bag at conference.

News from the USC School of Library and Information Science

Karen Gavigan, Associate Professor

School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina



Dr. Donna Shannon

Dr. Donna Shannon Receives the SCASL Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Donna Shannon was presented the Distinguished Service award at the SCASL Conference for her outstanding contributions to SCASL and South Carolina school librarianship. In addition to teaching 18 years at SLIS, Donna has served on the SCASL Board, as well as numerous committees of the American Association of School Librarians and the American Library Association. She has also published articles about school librarianship, aided in the development of several S.C. Department of Education documents for school librarians, and

conducted research on school library issues. Dr. Shannon was nominated for the award by her former student and graduate assistant, Sharon Martney who wrote, “I have experienced first-hand Dr. Shannon’s knowledge and love of school librarianship. Her expertise, guidance, and expectations for students in her courses have readied them for their own careers in school librarianship.” *Thank-you letter from Dr. Donna Shannon can be found on [page 19](#).*

Donna Shannon SCASL Scholarships

When Dr. Shannon retired from SLIS in May, 2014, the faculty and staff created the Donna Shannon Scholarship Fund in her honor. This fund enabled three current school library students to attend the SCASL conference for the first time. The scholarship recipients were:

Faith Barber, Media Specialist

J.D. Lever Elementary School, Aiken County

Christy James, Teacher Librarian

Northwoods Middle School, Charleston County

Tracy Payne, 5th Grade Teacher

Hunt Meadows Elementary School, Anderson County

SLIS School Library Alumni Focus Group

Alumni from the USC School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) met with SLIS faculty at the SCASL Conference to participate in a focus group. These focus group participants provided valuable feedback about their experiences in the school library program at SLIS. An online Qualtrics survey, using the same focus group questions, is being sent to additional alumni who received their school library certification at SLIS. Data from the focus group and surveys will be used to improve the current program and to prepare for upcoming accreditation visits.



Cocky's Reading Express (CRE) Celebrates Its 10th Year Anniversary

Cocky's Reading Express, an outreach of the School of Library and Information Science's SC Center for Children's Books and Literacy (SCCCBL), is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. The CRE literacy program features Cocky, the USC mascot, and USC student volunteers who travel the state in the CRE bus, visiting Title 1 elementary schools and reading to students. As part of the program, each student is given a book to take home after making a promise to Cocky that they will read every day. CRE also offers multigenerational family literacy programs in public libraries and community centers.

SINCE COCKY'S READING EXPRESS BEGAN:

More than 82,241 books have been given to school children.

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CRE has visited all of South Carolina's 46 counties at least once

Additional information about Cocky's Reading Express can be found at http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/mcis/library_and_information_science/literacy/cockys_reading_express and on Facebook and twitter @cockyreads

To inquire about having CRE visit your elementary school, or to make a donation to the program, please contact Christine Shelek, Coordinator, Cocky's Reading Express at christineshelek@sc.edu



Future School Librarians

Due to the increasing number of retiring school librarians, the SLIS school library faculty invites the help of SCASL members in recruiting future school library candidates to our program.

Do you know of a teacher/relative/friend/neighbor who you think would be a great school librarian?

If so, please refer them to the following link on the USC School of Library and Information website.

http://www.libsci.sc.edu/slm/certification_seminar.htm

The webinar and FAQ on this site provide information for anyone interested in obtaining school library certification, and an MLIS, at USC- SLIS. Also, our faculty and staff will be happy to come to your school district to speak to classroom teachers interested in learning more about our program. If you would like to schedule a visit to your district, or if you have any questions about the USC SLIS program, please contact Karen Gavigan at kgavigan@mailbox.sc.edu. ▪

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My heartfelt thanks go to the Awards Committee and to SCASL for honoring me with the 2015 Distinguished Service Award. I regret that I was unable to attend this year's conference due to a family medical emergency.

It has been my pleasure to be affiliated with SCASL for the past eighteen years. And, of course, it is an honor to receive this award. But, I also want to share some of the many things that have been "rewards" for me in my job working with prospective school librarians in USC's School of Library and Information Science.

I am rewarded as my former students step up to the plate to assume leadership roles in our profession. They have served as SCASL committee chairs and officers in the association. My former students have served in all SCASL offices and several have served as SCASL president.

My former students have also worked on AASL committees and task forces. Still others exercise their leadership skills by presenting at conferences—not just SCASL conferences but other statewide conferences of teachers and administrators and at conferences beyond SC—at AASL, ALA, and ISTE national conferences. Some are authors of blogs and others lead professional development webinars for school librarians all over the country. All of this is positive visibility for our profession and it is rewarding for me to see my former students engaged in these activities.

Several of my former students have been selected as teacher of the year in their schools and some have even been selected as teacher of the year in their school district. If you are selected as teacher of the year it means that you have put in the long, hard work of developing relationships and gaining credibility with the teachers in your school. I'm especially aware of this just now because I've been participating in the University of Toronto MOOC on library advocacy. A theme that runs through the course is that building relationships is the foundation of library advocacy. So I am rewarded by my former students who are such effective library advocates.

And I expect to continue realizing these rewards for many years to come. Thank you for your leadership. And, thanks for all that you are doing for SC students and for what you are doing to advance our profession.

Donna Shannon, Professor Emerita
University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science

South Carolina Read-In 2015

By Samantha McManus, Legislative Chair

It seems that Read-In days often dawn gray and drizzly. This one promised rain showers and perhaps even a little thunder and lightning. A few of schools that were expected did not venture out for fear of a good drowning, but for the rest of us intrepid bibliophiles, Read-In day was just a little cloudy with an eventual peek at the sun.

Students of all ages, from our tiniest daycare students to high school seniors gathered together and paraded from the State Library to the South Carolina State House steps. Nearly 2,000 students from 59 schools lined those steps on Tuesday, April 14 to celebrate their love of reading and to send a message to all of South Carolina that our students can and do read. Our motto for the past several years has been “Kids who Read Succeed!” and if you judge our students by their excitement at the Read-In, they will certainly have much success in their futures.

This year’s theme was “**Books on Parade**” and there were many characters from some of our most beloved stories. I personally saw many princesses, several pirates, Fancy Nancy, and many others. The Columbia Children’s Theater had several beloved characters on site, Chuck E. Cheese, Geoffrey the Giraffe, USC’s Cocky, Clemson’s Tiger, and Benedict College’s Tiger all joined in the fun. We also had

SC Read-In participants line the State House steps.



several ladies in beautiful international dress and Karen Alexander's Olivia the Octopus celebrate with us. And, of course, we cannot forget Lady Louise, a regal standard poodle who has brought along her friend, author Karen Petit, for several years of Read-In celebrations.

The Benedict College Drum Line, directed by Herman Jones, Jr. led the participants along the parade route and performed as everyone settled in. Mistress of Ceremonies Darci Strickland from WLTX News 19 welcomed everyone and later held a rousing roll call with all of our schools in attendance and a round of applause for those who were with us in thoughts but unable to attend. Miss South Carolina Teen USA 2015 Wesley Mitchell led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance; opening remarks were made by our SCASL President Diana Carr, SC State Library Interim Director Leesa Benggio, and SC Teacher of the Year Jennifer Ainsworth. Our State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman shared a bit of a story about a dairy farm much like the one she grew up on in Saluda County. This was followed by some crazy antics by Cocky and the tigers two, along with their new buddies Geoffrey and Chuck E. Cheese.



State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman shares a story with our Read-In participants.

We were excited that Cocky's Reading Express was once again in attendance and gifted each participant with a free book in celebration of their 10th Anniversary. Several of our state legislators either stopped by or walked through to see all of our wonderful young South Carolina readers. As always, the event ended with children sprawled all over the lawn of the State House reading and sharing the books and stories they love.



Event planner Ann Addy of Soutlions Ink (second from left) surrounded by Read-In guests in traditional garb from their native countries.

A deep gratitude is extended from SCASL's Legislative Committee to our event

South Carolina Read-In 2015, cont...

planner Ann Addy of Solutions Ink, SCASL Board Member and Richland One Director of Instructional Technology Services Ida Thompson, and SC State Library's Leesa Benggio and Debbie Anderson for the many hours they dedicated to planning this wonderful event for SCASL and making it a huge success time after time. ▪



Dutchman Creek Middle School's Instructional Coach relaxes with a digital book.

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Next year's Read-In is on the calendar for Thursday, April 14, 2016. Begin making plans now to attend this exciting celebration of reading!

SCASL Supervisor Committee

Donna Hagen

The SCASL Supervisor Committee consists of representatives from districts throughout South Carolina. Some are district level administrators and technology directors; others are school library media specialists. All districts are encouraged to send a representative to the meetings to share information from the SCDE, State Library, USC SLIS, SCETV, and SCASL with the media specialists in their districts. The following is a list of agenda items from our 2014-15 meetings; if your representative has not shared information with you, please check with them to make sure you are kept informed in the future.

- South Carolina Department of Education Updates
- Keith Curry Lance/South Carolina Impact Study
- ADEPT Evaluations
- Read to Succeed
- Project Connect
- SCASL Intellectual Freedom Award
- SCETV/Learn360
- Discus/State Library
- Summer Reading Program/State Library
- SCASL 40th Anniversary Conference
- Metametrics

Julie Putnam is currently working on revisions to the annual survey based on feedback from the committee. Our goal is to streamline data so that the information submitted to the SCDE is consistent with information needed for the EOC report card. As soon as these revisions are finalized, the survey will be opened for submission to the SCDE. Schools will be notified through SCASL.net and the listserv when the survey will be opened. ▪

Discus Happenings!

Patricia Sinclair

Electronic Resources Coordinator

South Carolina State Library

Columbia, SC

Spring is here!

Wow, what a great SCASL conference we had this spring! The Discus booth was a beehive of activity each day with many visitors and entrants for our drawing. We appreciate all of the comments and suggestions from those who visited. It's always rewarding to hear the Discus success stories. Congratulations to the winners of our prize drawing:

- Donna Myles, Kershaw County School District
- Betty Bouton, Charleston County School District
- Carla Clark, Charleston County School District
- Rose Grayson, Lexington County Public Library

As we transition to spring with blooming flowers, blue sky, and school winding down, we'd like to let you know of some exciting changes on the horizon with several of our Discus resources. Gale, EBSCO, and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center have gone through user interface uplifts. Take them for a spin and let us know what you think.



Discus

Gale

On April 2nd Gale launched enhancements that affected three Discus resources: Nursing & Allied Health Collection, Biography in Context, and Opposing Viewpoints In Context. These enhancements increase accessibility for those with disabilities such as low vision or blindness, improve usability for desktop and mobile users, and provide a consistent experience across the resources by using similar tools,

icons, and color palettes. Kids InfoBits and Nursing Resource Center were not included in this enhancement so you should not see any differences with these resources.

EBSCO

EBSCO's new interface Explora, designed for K-12 school libraries, supports both student research and classroom instruction. Explora offers many benefits to users:

- Simple searching that delivers relevant results including articles, essays, and primary source documents
- Easy-to-browse categories organized by popular topic
- Topic overviews that provide a starting point for research
- Colorful, mobile-friendly design
- Reading levels to simplify grade-appropriate content
- Text-to-speech HTML articles to assist struggling readers or those learning English
- Curriculum Standards Module to help correlate EBSCO content to curriculum standards

Explora will replace Searchasaurus, and Student Research Center for Middle and High School by June 30, 2015. In preparation for this transition, Discus will offer both the current database links as well as the new links to Explora on the Discus A-Z List of Resources. We think your students will find the new user interface easy to navigate and fun to use.

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center

Infobase Learning recently launched a redesign of their career research database. This new design emphasizes a logical progression of career exploration to searching live job postings. Included in the new release are:

- Regular new blog posts "From Our Career Experts," with an archive of more than 2,300 posts
- More than 880 updated articles and entries from the sixteenth edition of Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance
- Improved mobile viewing for videos
- Enhanced save-to-folder functionality
- Translation tools in 80+ languages
- New searchable Support Center with live help chat.

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An afternoon with

Mrs. Francis Lee O'Neal

by Jennifer Lanier

One afternoon in January, my Sunday drive took me up Winnsboro Highway to meet one of SCASL's past president's. We had planned our meeting to fall after Sunday lunch. When I arrived at the home of Mrs. Francis Lee O'Neal, she graciously welcomed me into her sitting room. As with any proper southern greeting, we took a few minutes to get to know each other. Where we were from, our families, and who else we commonly knew.

A few minutes later, we jumped right into business. Mrs. O'Neal, more commonly referred to as Frankie among the SCASL family, had already gathered the items into the sitting room. My business: as SCASL's archive and history chairperson, I needed to learn the roots of this organization. Who better to ask, than one of the original members?

We looked through Frankie's scrapbooks. Original copies of their budget, meeting minutes, first conference plans and brochures were among many of the documents she shared with me. Did you know we were originally part of SCEA? The very first book award seals the original team had developed were preserved in a frame. Original drafts and logo's for SCASL and for Regional Network News were for me to see. The cutting & pasting by hand (before Word docs, made it so easy) reminded me of when I first starting teaching. So, why did I just not go to the Caroliniana Library and pull the boxes of archived materials to learn this on my own? There is just

something about someone telling the story behind the document or picture. The stories that she shared with me, I could try to re-tell, but I would not do them justice. You have to hear them from an original stake holder. From someone who was there. She was able to give me a living

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museum experience. Her stories are filled with passion, desire, and love for our SCASL organization. It is abundantly apparent that she any many of our other founders sacrificed hours upon hours of their time, not to mention their money, to make sure that our organization grew to be one of the strongest library state organizations in the country. At

the conclusion of our afternoon, Frankie helped me load many of these items in my car so that I could share them with you all at our 40th SCASL conference. The 40th celebration exhibit that you may have stopped to view in the main hall of conference was filled with many of these primary documents. Frankie was also able to spend a little time with me at the exhibit before she was off to Charleston's Storytelling Festival. I hope that you had to opportunity to hear our history straight from her. Like I said, I could not do it justice. Nothing like the "Original Story Teller from Winnsboro" can. Frankie was recognized by the South Carolina Arts Commission recognized her as a traditional artist in 2012. (Survey of South Carolina's Tradition Bearers) ▪

Discus Happenings!, cont...

Discus Tidbits

Follett Destiny Library Manager

The Discus presentation with Follett at the SCASL conference was a huge hit and it's obvious that many media specialists using Follett Destiny Library Manager are interested in configuring Destiny with Discus. The instructions have been updated on scdiscus.org. Select the About section located in the green navigation bar. The Destiny information is found in the FAQ box.

Discus Username and Password

The Discus username and password will expire on August 1st. In preparation for this change, the Discus Office will send a mailing to each school building in mid-July. This mailing will be through the US Postal Service. Please be on the lookout for the envelope addressed to the Media Specialist.

If you need any technical assistance, training, have suggestions, or simply need help preparing for a classroom presentation, please let us know. As always, thank you for your ongoing support of Discus - South Carolina's Virtual Library. ▪

**Email your favorite
media specialist
websites and blogs to
Angie Enlow at
aenlow@richlandone.org.
Your sites could be
featured in our
next issue.**

2014-2015 South Carolina Book Award Winners



*Pat Wilcox
SCASL Book Award Chair 2014-2015
Library Media Specialist
Shaw Heights Elementary School*

491 schools participated in the SC Book Award program with 59,609 votes.

The winners of the South Carolina Book Awards are:

**Picture Book Award:
That is Not a Good Idea!
by Mo Willems**

**Children's Book Award:
Buddy
by M. H Herlong**

**Junior Book Award:
The Raft
by S. A. Bodeen**

**Young Adult Book Award:
Alice in Zombieland
by Gena Showalter**



Banner Winners:

- 1st - Jackson Elementary, Donna Myles
- 2nd - Heathwood Hall, Jennifer Falvey
- 3rd - Lesslie Elementary School, Cathy Poole

Children's

- 1st - Chukker Creek Elementary, Cheryl Curtis
- 2nd - Mt. Zion Elementary, Eve Gentieu
- 3rd - John W. Moore Intermediate, Susan Lane

Junior

- 1st - Buford Middle, Lisa Hallman
- 2nd - A. R. Rucker Middle, Leigh Jordan
- 3rd - Springfield Middle, Melissa Keefer

Young Adult

- 1st - Ninety Six High School, Jacqueline A. Rapp
- 2nd - Lakeview High School,
Liz Herlong
- 3rd - Crestwood High School,
Kathleen DuRant



Book Trailer Winners
are listed on next page.

Book Trailer Winners:

1st - Gilbert Elementary ,
Sherell Stepp
2nd - BC Grammar School,
Sue Thomas

Children's

1st - Aiken Elementary,
Traci Nelson
2nd - Beaufort Elementary,
Linda Waskow

Junior

Busbee Creative Arts Academy,
Jane Chinault

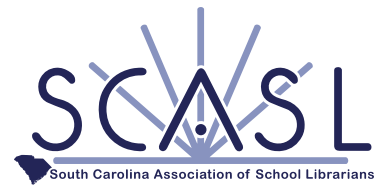
Young Adult

Aynor High School, Dawn James
Lakeview High School, Liz Herlong



To celebrate National Library Week and National Poetry Month, A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School's media center was transformed into a poetry café. Sen. John Scott kicked off the event by performing a poetry reading of Edgar A. Guest's poem, "It Couldn't Be Done" in front of Richland County School District One staff members, parents and students. And, in keeping with the cafe theme, the top Accelerated Reader from each class was invited to recite a poem during the spoken word portion of the program. The hour-long event also featured refreshments and music performed by "Sweet Tunes," a live jazz band. With a variety of poems being read, performed in sign language and as a dramatic interpretation of the poem, the event was praised as being an excellent event that celebrated National Library Week's "Unlimited Opportunities @ Your Library" theme.

SCASL Membership Application 2014 - 2015



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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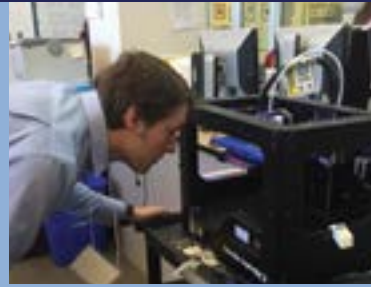
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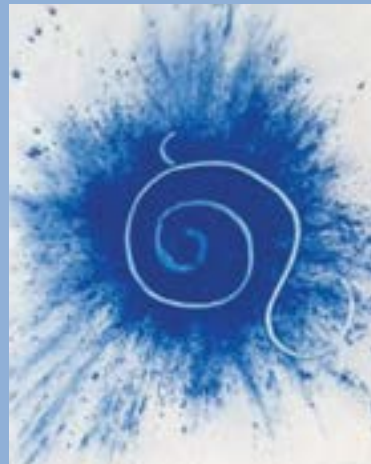


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Date: June 16, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Seawells
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

\$25 for SCASL members / \$50 for non-members
Lunch included.

Register at www.scasl.net



Presented by:
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Monticello High School,
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(Columbia, SC)



2015 UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**SCASL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**
May 2, 2015

NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY
May 4-5, 2015, Washington, DC

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
May 5-9, 2015

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
May 4-10, 2015

SC BOOK FESTIVAL
May 15-17, 2015

SCASL SUMMER INSTITUTE
June 16, 2015

ISTE CONFERENCE
June 28 - July 1, 2015

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
June 25-30, 2015, San Francisco, CA

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