



**LASL President Betty Brackins**

**President's Farewell....**

Betty Brackins

As my time as President of LASL draws to an end, I would like to thank ALL of you, my colleagues, who have played a role in making this year a most memorable one. Looking back, I find it to have been the busiest year of my life, and a most rewarding one.

LASL can be proud of the members of its executive board and the committee chairs.

You were a joy to work with. My heartfelt thanks for your excellent performance and outstanding service. For you all have shown that teamwork is the ability to work together for a common goal. Your cooperation made my role as president so easy.

Next, to my principal, Mr. J. B. Williams, Jr., to my Supervisor, Mrs. Phyllis Heroy, my appreciation is extended to you for offering your moral support, being considerate to my needs, sharing my vision, and enabling me to reach my goals.

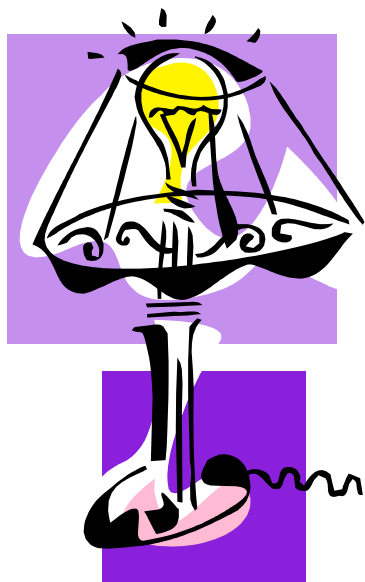
Finally, to you the members of LASL, thanks for being my sounding board, the catalyst that kept me pushing onward, as your president.

I leave you with one additional thought, I treasure the experiences and friendships I have gained by serving LASL.

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**Colleagues:  
Help Wanted!**

I am working on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. I need feedback from those who have participated in LAMP during the last four years. I need letters stating how library media specialists have benefited and I need to know how what they have learned from LAMP impacted student learning in their schools.



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**Thanks!**



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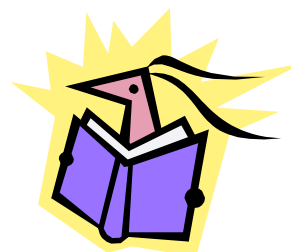
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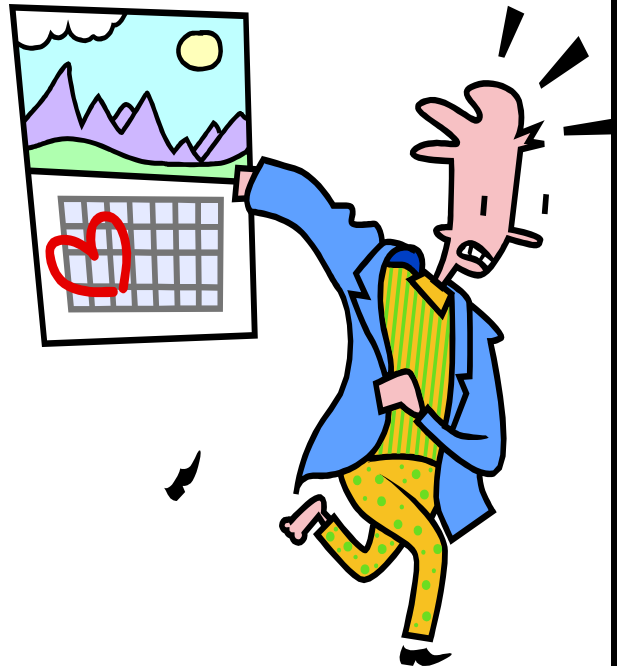
Sept. 10,11,12,13

Tuesday, Sept. 10  
Monroe  
Family Life Center

Wednesday, Sept. 11  
Alexandria  
Louisiana Convention Center

Thursday, Sept. 12  
Baton Rouge  
Holiday Inn (I-12 at Airline)

Friday, Sept. 13  
New Orleans  
(Location to be announced later)



Mark your  
calendars now!

## Legislative Update

By Idella Washington

All librarians are urged to keep abreast of state and national legislative issues that impact our libraries. You should be cognizant of upcoming state legislative issues that will affect services to our students. We ask that you contact your state representatives and let them know how the **State K12 Online Databases** have provided your library with current resources that are necessary for student research and that continued funding is a must.

On the national level, make sure that you find out information about applying for the 12.5 billion dollars federal grant under the ESEA Reauthorization bill H.R.1, No Child Left Behind. "Literacy Through School Libraries" is part of Title 1, Part B, Subpart 4, section 1251 approved by Congress. According to an article in ALAWON, the funds will be distributed through the Department of Education as grants to local education agencies. Find out more by checking the Department of Education web site at [www.literacy.org](http://www.literacy.org) and [www.schoollibraries@ed.gov](mailto:www.schoollibraries@ed.gov). Look under grants and contracts. Under funding, click Forecast of Funding Opportunities Education Discretionary Grant Programs. Then, scroll down to number 84.3364, Literacy Through School Libraries Program.

You can find information about the language in the Literacy Through School Libraries program at the ALA Washington Office web site at [www.ala.org/washoff/esea.html](http://www.ala.org/washoff/esea.html). Click on "What the bill contains." Read details about the Reading First grants and how to apply and important contacts in the ALAWON newsletter, Vol.11, Number 28, April 9, 2002.

