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Lalita Tademy

Author of *Cane River*,
an Oprah Selection
NY Times Best Seller List
Book Dinner Speaker
LLA Conference
March 7, 2002
Baton Rouge



Well-known Louisiana photographer C. C. Lockwood entertains questions and autographs copies of his books at the LAMP tour stop at the Pennington Bio-Medical Research Center in Baton Rouge.

La LAMP tour makes four stops around state

The third annual La LAMP (Louisiana Library and Media Professionals) tour traveled around Louisiana again this September, hunkering down in Natchitoches, Alexandria, Baton Rouge and New Orleans and attracting over 700 school library media professionals along the way.

Morning sessions offered a report from the State Department of Education on "Supporting Academic Growth for Educators," presented by standards specialists Kathy Mouton and Taylor Powers. Participants also toured vendor exhibits until almost noon in each location.

After lunch the school media specialists were divided into elementary, middle and high school groups for grade level presentations on subjects such as successful grant programs, integrating library resources and technology, technology and learning, and technology resources that enhance learning.

In a new twist this year, participants donated almost \$500 earmarked for a big name speaker for next year's tours. For more information about this year's tours, see Catherine Brooks' summary report on page 6.

Because student achievement *is* the bottom line.



From the President

Greetings to each and every one of our members and potential members. I hope the school year has gotten off to a great start for each and every one of you. Getting the year started is always a hectic one.

As we move into the new century and new millennium, I wish to express my sincere honor in serving as your president.

The American Library Association has launched a new campaign: @your library. It is up to you, at your library and in your Association, to grow and to participate fully. As a diverse group of professionals, we have many ideas. Together we can do great things.

I encourage each of you to attend the conference in Baton Rouge in March. The theme for this year is "Reflect and Focus." LASL is sponsoring several workshops, school tours, and post-conference training. I hope to see you at the LLA Conference.

If you are doing great things in your library write an article for the newsletter to share with other librarians. It is nice to see or hear what other people are doing across the state.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year. LASL needs you. This is YOUR organization. So JOIN today.

Betty Brackins
LASL President



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2nd to last (printed) LASL Newsletter



Beginning with the Spring Post-Conference issue in May, the *LASL Newsletter* will be posted to the Association website (www.llaonline.org) rather than mailed to individual members.

Members may access (and print) the newsletter at the LLA site at home, at school, or at a public site. Notice of the posting will be relayed to the membership via the LLA listserv.

Members who have no convenient access to the Internet may request to continue to receive a printed copy by contacting Newsletter editor Terry Thibodeaux at 225-344-5311 (H), 225-621-2503 (W), or tthibodeaux3@home.com.



Scenes from the LAMP Tour — September 2002



Curriculum specialist Kathy Mouton, one of the architects of the state's language arts standards, preps her laptop for her presentation on "Supporting Academic Growth for Educators."

East Ascension High School media specialist Flory Reynolds explains how her Ascension Fund grant for digital camcorders and copiers allows EA students to take their math teachers home with them every night.



Scholastic Book Fair manager Sharron Molaison, LaLAMP President for 2001, welcomes media specialists to a morning session at the Pennington Bio-Medical Center in Baton Rouge on Sept. 12.

committee news



Publicity

The goal of the Publicity Committee last year was to promote the LASL's role in the annual conference and highlight the events that we sponsored. We chose to do this by sending out a mass email to all of the state's major media sources: newspapers, television stations, and radio stations. Our email consisted of a news release that gave the conference date and location and also highlighted the sessions and guest speakers that the LASL was sponsoring.

The Publicity Committee also contacted the television media in person regarding the conference in the city of Lafayette, where the conference was held. We expressed our hopes that the conference would receive local media coverage. At least one local television station did come and cover the conference.

This year, we will redirect our focus to the school librarians of the state, making exposure to the general public secondary. Our plan is to email school librarians via their parish media supervisor during the weeks prior to the conference, letting them know the specifics of the conference and LASL's role in it. Also, our committee would like to become more involved in promoting LASL at the LAMP tour sites. The Publicity Committee chair will take under advisement the possibility of becoming the party responsible for updating the LASL web page at LLA's web site.

Jennifer Lovitt
Chair

School Library Media Specialist Award

The LASL School Library Media Specialist Award is presented to a school library media specialist who is an LASL member who has demonstrated through action and philosophy a dedication to the mission and goals of the media specialist profession within the state of Louisiana. This award is presented at the state conference.

If you would like to nominate a school library media specialist for this award, please go to either <http://www.laonline.org/awards.htm> or <http://www.laonline.org/lasl/> for the selection criteria and nomination form.

If you have further questions, please contact me at 337-482-

6355 or dlg4619@louisiana.edu

Dorothy L. Grimsley
Chair

Affiliate Assembly Report

American Library Association Conference
June 14-20, 2001
San Francisco, CA

Affiliate Assembly I was held Friday, June 15, 8:00-10:00 p.m., Argent Hotel, San Francisco. Eva Efron, Affiliate Assembly Chair from New York, presided. She welcomed attendees and introduced Regional Directors Elect to the AASL Board. Affiliate Assembly officers for 2001-02 were elected. Phyllis Heroy, representing the AASL Nominating Committee, explained the AASL offices for which nominees are needed and asked delegates to submit their name or the name of anyone from their state they would recommend for consideration by the nominating committee. Regional caucuses were held and delegates in each region shared information about what was happening in their state. After a brief wrap up, the meeting was adjourned.

Affiliate Assembly II was held on Sunday, June 17, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the Palace Hotel. Voting delegates picked up voting cards, and the meeting was convened. Ellin Keen made a presentation on *The Information-Powered School*, a new publication from ALA. Peggy Hallisey discussed the "@ your library" campaign and how school libraries can get involved. Information is on the ALA website. Also, information and a model program for school libraries can be found at www.3m.com/library.

Statements of concern or commendations were presented. There was much discussion regarding some of the concerns. Among those passed were:

1. AASL to work with other ALA divisions on CIPA.
2. AA to appoint a task force on recruitment.
3. Request posting the criteria and process for being an AASL conference site on the web site.
4. Develop a new member packet for AASL to mail to new members and post on web site.
5. Recommend that AASL limit vote for director elect to

members of that region, disqualifying ballots with more than one vote.

6. Request that the AASL president write a letter of support for Arizona school librarians to be classified as teachers.
7. Endorsed statement of concern by Region III.

On the recruitment of members issue, there were recommendations that technology be used to a greater extent in recruitment and more effort be made to recruit private school librarians.

Regions met again and prepared a report. Each region presented a brief report to the assembly. The new chair spoke briefly, and the meeting was adjourned.

The 2001 AASL National Conference is scheduled for Indianapolis, November 14-18. The 2003 National Conference is scheduled for Kansas City.

The 2001-02 Affiliate Assembly chair is Hilda Weisburg, New Jersey. Contact her at hilda.weisburg@msdk12.net or 632-566-1995 or Fax 973-267-4087.

Phyllis Heroy
Affiliate Assembly Member

LLA Conference Report: Author Program

The Louisiana Association of School Librarians annual author program is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, March 6, 2002. This year the event will be a dinner rather than the traditional luncheon. The LLA program committee hopes this will increase attendance.

I have contacted representatives for several authors. Lois Lowry and Phyllis Reynolds Naylor both charge approximately double what we have available in our budget. Gary Paulsen and Louis Sachar do not accept engagements in this area of the country. I also contacted T.A. Barron, but received no answer from him.

While I was investigating additional authors, Andy Snelling contacted Dorothy White, Program Chair, with an offer to contact William Joyce and for World Book to provide him with a non-monetary gratuity (a 2002 set of *World Book*) and LASL to cover his travel expenses. After discussing this option with both Dorothy and Betty Brackins, it was decided to accept this offer.

At this time, William Joyce is in California working on a new movie and does not want to make any decisions until after Labor Day. Therefore, it is not possible to announce who our speaker will be with 100% accuracy. I have several other names to contact in case William Joyce is unavailable.

Jerilyn Woodson
1st Vice President

Nominating

At this time the committee is still accepting names to fill two positions-second vice-president and secretary. We know there are many capable people to fill these positions but they may be shy about coming forward, so please encourage those such individuals.

Pat Tatum
Chair

Financial Report

A preliminary LASL budget for 2001-2001 was prepared and submitted to LLA on August 15, 2001. Amount submitted was \$2739. LLA's allocation to LASL for 2001-2002 is \$1184.

Section allocations for this year's budget were made at a base allocation of \$20; \$2.50 for each member choosing LASL as main section, additional \$1.00 for each member choosing LASL as an additional section. If the overall budget actually finishes the year (ending in June) positive, it is projected that allocations could go up for next year's budget. There is a designated fund balance of \$3814.14. (\$218.80 has been added to the \$3595.34).

Betty C. Brackins
LASL President

2001 LA LAMP

On Monday, September 10, the LAMP Tour was held in Ruston. There were 92 in attendance. The site did not collect the \$2 donation.

Jan McGee, Site Coordinator, recommended that the LAMP not be held on a Monday each year. Their date followed Labor Day. Some librarians did not attend because they had missed their Monday classes the week before, because of the holiday, and felt uncomfortable missing their Monday classes again. Also, Jan said the morning presentation was too short and there was too much wasted time in the morning.

The second day of the tour was held in Alexandria on Tuesday, September 11. A sign-in sheet was not available, so there is no way of knowing how many people were in attendance. However, according to Herb Thorp, the attendance was almost as good as Baton Rouge. He thinks there were fewer than Baton Rouge. We are estimating that there were 225 in attendance. This site collected \$142 in donations. This was the day of the attack on our nation. The schools in Calcasieu Parish were locked down. Some librarians were called by principals to return to school. The attendance in the morning was good.

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In the afternoon, there were not many to attend.

The third day of the tour was held in Baton Rouge at the Pennington Bio-Medical Center. There were 246 in attendance. Of the 246, 113 were East Baton Rouge Parish librarians. This site collected \$217.82.

The fourth day of the tour was held in New Orleans. There were 150 in attendance and this site collected \$126.

We have recommendations from all four sites regarding LAMP. These will be discussed later.

There were 713 in attendance and \$485.82 in donations collected to secure speakers next year.

Terry Young was able to collect \$300 from three publishing companies who drop/shipped their materials to the four sites. These were supposed to be displayed at each site.

Catherine Brooks

LASL Newsletter

The LASL Newsletter will be published three times this school year. We will have a Fall issue, which we will like to have out in the mail in early October. Submissions deadline for this issue is **September 28**. The Preconference Issue is scheduled for early February, and the Post Conference Issue will go out in early May. Deadline for the Preconference Issue is **January 25**, while the Post Conference Issue deadline is **April 26**.

Discussion is requested for the idea of making the newsletter completely online, beginning with the Preconference or Post Conference Issue.

A request for a LASL homepage liaison was published in the last issue of the newsletter, but no responses were logged. The job requires no web expertise, simply the computer and email access that would allow the volunteer to send information to LLA webmaster Bob Bradley in basic text format.

Terry Thibodeaux
Newsletter Editor

LASL Continuing Education

The continuing Education Committee is composed of Chair and LASL Second Vice President, Linda Lingefelt at Franklin Jr. High in St. Mary Parish; Lynize Boudreaux, librarian at Jennings High in Jeff Davis Parish; and Kimberly Duck, Forest Hill Elementary in Rapides Parish.

The following activities have been planned for the LLA Con-

ference to be held in Baton Rouge, March 5, 6, and 7, 2002, at the Radisson Hotel:

LASL General Session: March 6, Phyllis Heroy, East Baton Rouge Parish Library Supervisor, will present *Bulletin 1134*, the revised school library state standards.

Eight School Librarian Workshops to be held at the Radisson Hotel:

- **Best Books for Children and Young Adults:** Dr. Joy Lowe, Professor of Library Science at Louisiana Tech University Young Adult books; and Dr. Patsy Perritt, Professor of Library Science at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge will present the children's books. Presiding will be Melissa Elrod of Captain Shreve High School in Caddo Parish.
- **Preparing the Students for Using Technology in the Library:** Shelia Woerner, Northside Elementary School, Denham Springs in Livingston Parish; and Kerry Malter, Louisiana Resource Center for Educators in Baton Rouge. Presiding will be Louise Rauls, librarian of Denham Springs High School In Livingston Parish.
- **Young Readers Award Books:** Gale Criswell, Youth Services Consultant at Louisiana State Library; and Roseanne St. Romaine, Avoyelles Parish librarian and storyteller. Presiding will be Mrs. Golda Jordan, retired St. Mary Parish school librarian and director of South St. Landry Community Library.
- **Copyright:** Dr. Karen M. McFerrin, Professor of Education, and Dr. Paula Furr, Professor of Journalism at Northwestern State University, Natchitoches. Presiding will be Pat Tatum, Berwick Elementary school librarian, St. Mary Parish.
- **Collaborative Planning:** St. Mary Parish school librarians Kathleen Prados at Franklin High School, Yvonne Cormier at Boudreaux Middle School, and Charlotte Gray at Patterson High School. Presiding will be Susan Fromenthal at Morgan City Junior High School.
- **S.O.S.: Safe Online Surfing:** Lynize Boudreaux, Jennings High School Librarian in Jeff Davis Parish. Presiding will be Brenda De Wolf of Welsh Elementary School in Jeff Davis Parish.
- **Don't Let Research Sink your Ship - Big 6 to the Rescue:** West Monroe School librarians Jan McGee at Riverbend Elementary School, Elizabeth Dumas at Kiroli Elementary School, and Annie Miers at Riser Middle School in Ouachita Parish. Presiding will be Dr. Peggy Wheelis, Ouachita Parish Title I Director.
- **National Certification for School Librarians:** East Baton Rouge Parish school librarians Catherine Brooks at University Terrace Elementary School and Kathy Hargroder at Audubon Elementary. Presiding will be Claudia Fisher, school librarian at Baton Rouge Magnet High.

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Two 1 1/2 hour hands-on technology workshops onsite:

- **How to Use Microsoft Publisher:** Cheryl Darce, business teacher at Patterson High School in St. Mary Parish. Presiding will be Charlotte Gray, Patterson High School librarian in St. Mary Parish. Site: Christa McAuliffe Media Center
- **Creating Templates and Forms using Microsoft Word:** Bob Bradley, assistant director, Energy Programs at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Presiding will be Kimberly Duck, school librarian at Forest Hills Elementary in Rapides Parish. Site: Broadmoor Middle School

School tours:

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2002

Cost: \$5 for bus cost. (Select only one tour)

- Jefferson Terrace Elementary School, 9902 Cal Rd., Penny Abraham, librarian
- Sherwood Middle School, 1020 Marlbrook Dr., Bonnie Ellis, librarian
- Baton Rouge Magnet High, 2825 Government St., Betty Brackins and Claudia Fisher, librarians
- School for the Visually Impaired, Jeri Woodson, librarian

Post Conference Technology Workshops off site

Cost: \$15.00

Friday March 7, 2002

8:00-11:00 a.m.

- **Creating a Web Page for Your School Library (K-12)** by East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Webmaster Alicia Vidaurrat. At EBRPSB Christa McAuliffe Media Center. Presiding will be Kathy Arrington, Broadmoor High School Librarian, East Baton Rouge Parish.
- **Research and Reference Skills and How to Use the CD Writer (K-12)** by Tara High School librarians Cathy Black and Pat Bordelon, East Baton Rouge Parish. At Tara High School. Presiding will be Betty Brackins of Baton Rouge Magnet High.

LLA Report

Final plans are well under way for the Association's Annual Conference, March 5-8, 2002, in Baton Rouge at the Radisson. This year's theme is "Reflect and Focus."

The LASL scheduled activities are as follows:

- LASL Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 pm.
- LASL First General Session, Wednesday, March 6, 4:30 pm.
- Awards luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 12:00
- The LASL Author Dinner- Wednesday, 6:30.

- Public/Trustee Luncheon will be held on Thursday, along with the Book Dinner that evening.

There will be an All-Conference Breakfast on Friday morning. Speakers are:

- 1st General Session (Tuesday): ALA President John Berry
- President's Program (Wednesday): Clifford Stoll
- Public/Trustee (Friday): Jack Germond

Early Bird Registration deadline is Feb. 1-\$60, Feb. 15- \$80, On site-\$100.

There will be a special Budget Workshop for all incoming chairs--How To Do a Budget. This workshop will be mandatory for all incoming Chairs.

The new membership brochure/application has been produced. All program request forms for LASL have been submitted. Oct. 15 is the last date to submit for approval all section, committee, and interest group requests for funds for Conference programs activities to the Finance Committee (including AV equipment, speaker fees, travel, and award presentations).

LLA's official Internet site is <http://www.llaonline.org>

Betty Brackins
LASL President

**Show and Tell:
A Call for Presenters**

The projects committee is creating a database of LASL members who will agree to serve as presenters at professional meetings. This list will be used as a resource for gathering presenters for the LAMP meetings, LLA conference, and other professional development inservices on the state, district, and parish levels. If you have a favorite topic that you would like to share with others, please submit your name, address, phone number and topic with a brief description and targeted grade levels to:

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Elizabeth Bruns Reading Excellence Award

Since receiving approval by the membership last year, the new Elizabeth Bruns Reading Excellence Award has undergone a few changes which will be put before the membership again before Conference in March. However, Follett, the Bruns family, and LASL are eager to see the award itself presented this year, and because the criteria and application form are not expected to change, the award material is presented below so that school library media specialists may submit applications before the Dec. 1, 2001 deadlines.

The Elizabeth Bruns Award is presented annually to an elementary, middle, or high school librarian that demonstrates exemplary library usage by enhancing the school's learning environment.

Sponsor: Follett Software Co.

Award: \$1,000 to be used for print materials to enhance the library collection. Presented annually at the Louisiana Library Association Conference.

Criteria

- Maintaining a focus to motivate students and faculty to use the library for information access, including research and curriculum integration, but especially promoting the love reading.
- The library activities engage a significant percentage of the student population, including students with reading differences and the unmotivated non-reader.
- The library's programs may include the use of commercial reading programs, an electronic card catalog, Internet, and research programs, but must include creative elements that go beyond media access.
- The library program is sponsored and promoted by the school library media specialist(s) with support from school, staff, and parents.
- Use of this library has a positive impact on the school's learning environment.

To apply, submit an application in the format shown below and with all the required information provided.

Mail application by **Dec. 1, 2001** to

**LLA Office
421 South 4th Street
Eunice, LA 70535
337-550-7890**

Application

Name _____ School _____

School Address _____ City & Zip Code _____

Grade Levels _____ Enrollment _____

1. Provide an overview of your library programs, activities, etc. (1-2 paragraphs)
2. Describe the components of the library's program, focusing on purpose or goals and activities. What is the duration of the program? (How many months each school year does it continue, and how many years has it existed.) (Maximum: 1 page)
3. Describe the number of students involved, including ways special & at-risk students participate. (1-2 paragraphs)
4. Discuss how the program is promoted and publicized. How are other staff members, administration, parents, and community involved? (1-2 paragraphs)
5. How is the program's success measured? What positive impact does it have on student reading, use of the library, curriculum integration and community involvement? (1-3 paragraphs)

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Don't delay! Join today!

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I am currently a member of: ___ ALA ___ SELA
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Anyone interested in library service and librarianship may become a member of the Louisiana Library Association. Membership dues are paid for the fiscal year – July to June. For your convenience membership charges are listed below.

Individual Memberships	Cash/Check
Full-time Student	\$10
Friend, Retired	\$10
First-time Member	\$15
Trustees	\$25
Salary Under \$14,999	\$30
Salary \$15,000-\$19,999	\$35
Salary \$20,000-\$24,999	\$40
Salary \$25,000-\$29,999	\$45
Salary \$30,000-\$34,999	\$50
Salary \$35,000-\$44,999	\$55
Salary \$45,000-\$54,999	\$60
Salary \$55,000-\$64,999	\$65
Over \$65,000	\$70
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