



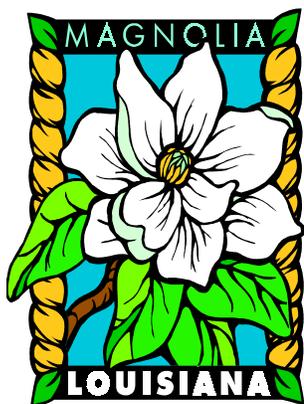
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2003 Conference
March 18-20
Lamar-Dixon Center
Gonzales, LA

Conference program at www.llaonline.org



Let's
do
lunch!

Native Louisiana author Kimberly Willis Holt will be featured speaker at the LASL Author's Luncheon from 12:00 to 1:30 on Wednesday, March 19.

Because student achievement *is* the bottom line.

Conference Update

The session on standards scheduled on Wednesday, January 19, 10:30-12:00 will actually be replaced by the following session:

Beyond the Textbook: Primary Documents Bring History to Life

Presented by: Anne Maverick, Library Media Specialist, Istrouma Middle Magnet, Baton Rouge; Doris Roseborough, Library Media Specialist, McKinley Middle Magnet, Baton Rouge; Pat Bordelon, Library Media Specialist, Tara High, Baton Rouge

How can library media specialist help teachers turn dull history lessons into interesting explorations that engage students' interest and involve students in historical investigations? This question will be addressed in a session that describes the Teaching American History Grant program funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and involving a partnership between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the LSU College of Education, the LSU Digital Library, the Louisiana State Archives, the Louisiana State Museum, the Historic New Orleans Collection, and Tulane University. Attendees will learn about primary documents available in digital libraries and how these resources can be used to enhance teaching and learning and expand the school library's access to digital information.



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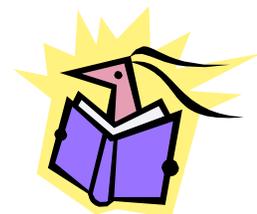
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HAD we but world enough, and time...

Of course, we don't. But here is a list of sessions offering school librarians a wide variety of reasons to attend the March LLA Conference in Gonzales.

Tuesday

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
River Parishes Community College

Inside the Box: PC Repair

For more information and to register, contact Carolyn Coco at (225) 578 - 3722 or coco@lsu.

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Awards Reception / Conference Social

(Complimentary Meal & Live Music)

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Best Books for Children

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Best Books for Young Adults

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

YA 101: This program will cover the basics of building and sustaining a Young Adult department. Topics will include YA areas, programming, and advocacy.

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

LASL Author Lunch: *Speaker:* Kimberly Willis Holt

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The TEACH Act: Implications for Copyright and Intellectual Property Issues: The TEACH Act will impact copyright and intellectual property issues for both librarians and faculty. How can one effectively respond?

1:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.

Books and Benchmarks: The presenter will discuss student achievement scores, “standards”, and “benchmarks”, and share ideas and activities on how to create library lessons that incorporate both academic and information literacy goals.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Children’s Performer Showcase: A variety of Louisiana storytelling and other performers will demonstrate samples of their children’s programs.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LASL Executive Board Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

LLA 1st General Session
Includes Awards presentations



Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Motivation in the Middle: Tips and Best Picks for Middle School Librarians: Ways to motivate middle school students to read and books they will enjoy.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Surviving National Board Certification: The High School Perspective: An overview of the trials and triumphs of seeking National Board Certification—EC/YA Library Media

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice Award

The winner of the award for 2003 will be announced. Members of the committee will present lively book talks of the 15 titles on the 2003 ballot.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grants for Improving Literacy Through School Libraries: Share information from the Department of Education on preparing applications for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LASL General Session and Business Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

LLA 2nd General Session

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

LLA and SLIS Cocktail Party

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

LLA Book Dinner: *Speaker:* Douglas Brinkley

Mr. Brinkley is the director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies at the University of New Orleans, where he is a distinguished professor and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author and editor of numerous books of U. S. history, including *Wheels for the World: Henry Ford, His Company, and a Century of Progress*, *Unfinished Presidency: Jimmy Carter's Journey Beyond the White House*, a Penguin Lives biography of Rosa Parks. He has also been a contributor to other works, including *The Mississippi and the Making of a Nation: From the Louisiana Purchase to Today*.

The Bigger Picture: The View from Outside Louisiana

AASL 2003 Election Candidates

President-Elect/President

CAROL A. GORDON

Education

Notre Dame College, St. John's University, B.A., 1965; City College of New York, M.A., 1970; Western Michigan University, M.L.S., 1977; Boston University, Ed.D., 1995.

Present Position

Head, Pickering Educational Resources Library, Associate Professor, Boston University, 1998-present.

Previous Positions

Library & Information Services Director/Middle-High School Librarian, Frankfurt International School, 1990-1998; Library Media Specialist/Multi-Cultural Co-ordinator, Barnstable Middle School, Hyannis, MA, 1980-1990; Library Media Specialist/Adult Education Teacher, Union High School/Middle School, Grand Rapids, MI, 1975-1980.

Publications

"Measuring Up"(column), *Knowledge Quest*, 2001-2003; "Information Literacy in Action," 2000; "Students as Authentic Researchers: A New Prescription for the High School Research Assignment," *School Library Media Research*, 1999.

Statement of Concern

My career in rural, urban, public, and private schools at home and abroad confirms my belief in the power of school libraries to transform teaching and learning. Serving on ad hoc committees that explored AASL's vision and KidsConnect's future underscored that our effectiveness and the worth of our libraries are judged in terms of student learning. AASL's Vision Expansion Special Committee is charged with preparing for new information literacy standards, guided by a strategic plan that emphasizes reading and information literacy. New standards must speak to educators. They must guide librarians toward evidence-based practice so that our professional growth is self-directed. They must support us as models for the students and teachers with whom we work. They must bring us from collaboration to leadership. Let us look outward and forward, as well as inward, to truly integrate our mission with the mission of our schools.

DAWN P. VAUGHN

Education

Texas Tech University, B. S. in Education, 1974; University of Texas at Austin, MLIS, 1984.

Present Position

Library Co-Coordinator/Assistant to the Principal, Cherry Creek High School, Greenwood Village, CO, 1999-Present.

Previous Positions

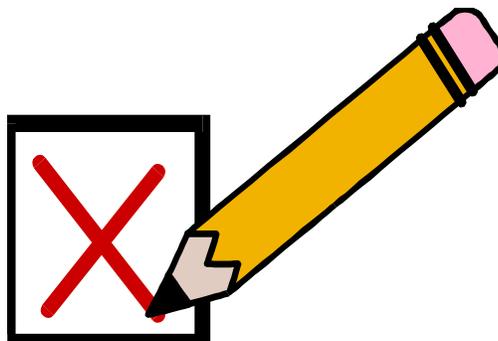
Library Media Specialist, Cherry Creek High School, Greenwood Village, CO, 1998-1999, 1993-1995; Program Assistant, Library Services, Fairfax County Public Schools, 1995-1998; Library Media Specialist, Cherry Creek School District Professional Educators Resource Center, 1992-1993.

Publications

Write It! A Guide for Research, Second Edition, with Betty Bankhead and Janet Nichols, Libraries Unlimited, 1999; "Planning for Collaboration: How the Colorado Library Power Grant Influenced Change in Two High Schools," with Marilyn Lyle and Jackie Ossian in *Colorado Libraries*, Fall, 1999; "New Multimedia Fair Use Guidelines." *VSTE Journal*, Spring, 1998.

Statement of Concern

Today, more than ever, library media specialists must take an active leadership role in curriculum development in our schools. Our national information literacy standards support the best practices in instructional design, and, through collaborative planning and teaching with teachers, we are in a unique position to provide quality teaching and learning for all students. Library media specialists should continually improve their skills in instructional design as well as assertive leadership. This goal cannot be accomplished without quality professional development for library media specialists. AASL can provide the model for outstanding professional development at the national level, while supporting state organizations as they determine their own needs. If I am elected as President-Elect of AASL, I will work to provide a broad selection of professional development opportunities to library media specialists through a variety of formats.



"I'm going to...Kansas City.....Kansas City here I come."

AASL goes to Kansas City for next national conference

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is going to Kansas City for its next conference. If you're envisioning Dorothy and Toto skipping down the yellow brick road, you're in the wrong city. The AASL 11th National Conference and Exhibition will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 22-26, 2003.

The theme of the conference is **Information Matters**. Today's students are often inundated with enormous amounts of information in a variety of formats. To succeed, they must be effective consumers and producers of information. The AASL 11th National Conference will address the school library media specialist's role in collaborating with teachers, administrators, and others to help students develop the full range of abilities needed to interact effectively with information.

The conference theme is divided into three strands: Learning & Teaching, Information Access and Program Administration, which are the three essential elements of school library media programs identified in *Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning* (Chicago: ALA, 1998). These strands will be developed through preconference workshops, concurrent sessions and other programs and events. The deadline for submitting preconference workshop proposals is July 1, 2002 and the deadline for submitting concurrent session proposals is September 15, 2002. To submit a proposal online, visit www.ala.org/aasl/kc/proposals.html on or after May 1, 2002.

The AASL National Conference opening general session is scheduled to feature Dr. Bertice Berry, award-winning entertainer, lecturer, comedienne and author. Dr. Berry was the host and co-executive producer of her own nationally syndicated talk show, "The Bertice Berry Show," and hosted "USA Live" on the USA Cable Network. She's been featured on numerous television programs including appearances on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," and "BET Live" with Tavis Smiley. She is also the best-selling author of an inspirational memoir, *I'm On My Way, But Your Foot is On My Head*, and a former sociology professor at Kent State University.

Look for additional information on The AASL 2003 National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri to appear on the AASL Web site at www.ala.org/aasl. The official conference Web site will launch in late summer 2002. Companies and organizations interested in booth space at the conference can contact Todd Goldman, Exhibits Manager, Goldman Group at (813) 264-2772 for an exhibitor prospectus.

The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), promotes the improvement and extension of library media services in elementary and secondary schools as a means of strengthening the total education program. Its mission is to advocate excellence, facilitate change, and develop leaders in the school library media field.

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AASL to again select schools to receive 3M detection systems

For the fourth consecutive year, 3M™, in cooperation with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), will donate \$1.5 million in 3M Detection Systems to approximately 100 middle and high school library media centers in the United States in 2003 through the 3M Salute to Schools program. **Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2003.**

3M will provide up to two 3M Detection Systems for the entrance/exit of their library media centers and a supply of Tattle-Tape Security Strips for marking print material (i.e., books)--a package with an average value of about \$15,000.

3M Salute to Schools is open to middle and high schools in the United States. Individual donations will vary depending upon specific needs of the library, such as the size of a collection and the physical layout of the media center. To be considered for the donation, a school must meet eligibility requirements and be able to demonstrate a need for a detection system.

3M and AASL share a strong commitment to education and value investing in the nation's schools. In 2002, 3M donated \$1.5 million worth of its detection systems to 112 schools selected by AASL.

"Protecting a school's most valuable learning tools is an ongoing challenge for a library media center with limited resources and no proven security," says Don Leslie, 3M Library Systems. "One of the fundamental goals of 3M Salute to Schools is to enhance education by making detection systems more available to schools that might not otherwise have the resources to purchase them."

"Research shows the highest-achieving students attend schools with good library media centers, and protecting library resources contributes to the overall improvement of library media services for young people," says Nancy P. Zimmerman, president of AASL. "AASL is pleased to again partner with 3M to help school libraries preserve these resources for students throughout the country."

Applications are available online at www.ala.org/aasl/3msalute.html or www.3M.com/us/library. **All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2003.** Recipients will be announced in early April. For more information about the 2003 3M Salute to Schools program, contact the AASL office at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4383, or aasl@ala.org.

3M's Contributions Program is made up of cash and in-kind gifts made by 3M and the 3M Foundation and bolstered by employee and retiree volunteerism. 3M grants and product donations work together to improve the academic achievement of children. In 2001, the 3M Foundation donated more than \$47 million to educational and charitable institutions. The American Association of School Librarians is a division of the American Library Association. Its mission is to advocate excellence, facilitate change, and develop leaders in the school library media field.

Mentors Needed for National *Exchanging Jobs* Program

By Samuel R. Brown, Ph.D.

As of July 1, 2002 Southern Connecticut Library Council became the fiscal sponsor of Exchanging Jobs [www.exchangingjobs.org], a free website devoted to job exchanges and job shadowing for librarians.

A job exchange lets a participant trade places for a set period of time—typically from one to six months—with someone who has similar responsibilities.

Job shadowing, on the other hand, typically lasts between half-a-day and two days and comes in two varieties:

1) A mentee posts his or her contact information on a list specifying the type of job that would be of interest. A mentor who works in this type of job contacts him or her to arrange a time for the mentee to shadow the mentor;

2) A mentor posts his or her contact information and job responsibilities on a list. A mentee interested in this type of job contacts the mentor to arrange the shadowing—there is a particular need for this variety of job shadowing.

To sign-up, go to [www.exchangingjobs.org/app_shadowme.html]. In both varieties the mentee would accompany the mentor around during the workday.

A route to mentoring that is not connected to *Exchanging Jobs* is for an individual to enroll in a mentor program offered by their state library association. For example, the Arizona, California, Connecticut and Kentucky Library Associations sponsor formal mentor programs for their members.

Another option would be to seek out a formal mentor

program from a specialized library organization, such as one sponsored by The American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona, and REFORMA (National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking).

People seek a job exchange or shadowing for a variety of reasons, such as needing a change of scenery, wanting to expand social networks or looking for a broader perspective on the profession.

Exchanging Jobs is run by Samuel R. Brown, Ph.D., who pursued his own job exchange in 2001. Why not contact him at sam@exchangingjobs.org to find out more information or just go to the website to look around.

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Online Membership Information and Applications



<http://www.laonline.org/membership.htm>

AASL Web Sites



<http://www.ala.org/aasl/>



<http://www.ala.org/ICONN/index.html>

ICONnect includes online courses, student and family activities, as well as online tours to prepare school librarians for leadership roles