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Brenda DeWolf of Welsh Elementary, top left, receives the first Elizabeth Bruns Awards from Follett regional representative **Phillip R. Laboon** at the March Awards Luncheon of the LLA Conference in Baton Rouge.



Lalita Tademy, left, responds to a question at a morning breakfast and panel discussion of authors at the Conference.



Because student achievement *is* the bottom line.



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.

**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.



Please email support to me at

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cbrooks@ebrpss.k12.la.us**

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Thanks!



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Lamp Tour 2002

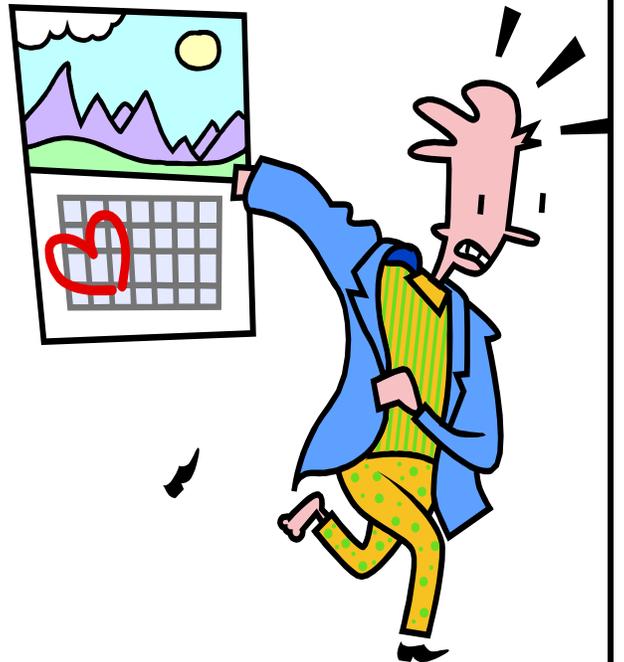
Sept. 10,11,12,13

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 and 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. 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.



Minutes from the LASL General Session and the Executive Board meetings

Louisiana Association of School Librarians

General Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2002
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Betty Brackins at 2:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Betty Brackins recognized the incoming members of the 2002-2003 Executive Board. They were as follows: incoming president; Jerilyn Woodson, First Vice President; Linda Lingefelt, Second Vice President; Linda Holmes, and Secretary; Jennifer Lovitt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 2001 General Membership Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

LESSON PLAN DATA-BANK

Annie Miers asked for librarians to contribute lesson plans to the electronic data-bank.

BULLETIN 1134-STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS IN LOUISIANA SCHOOLS

Phyllis Heroy, Supervisor of Library Services for East Baton Rouge Parish, spoke on the status and details of the proposed standards for media programs. Handouts were given of the proposal.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Betty Brackins stated that as of January 1, there are 407 members of LASL. April 26th is the LASL newsletter deadline for submissions. There will be no more paper newsletters mailed out. All newsletters will be delivered via email.

MODISETTE AWARD

The Modisette Award is being revised and will be finalized in time for next year's presentation.

ONLINE INFORMATION RESOURCES

Susan Gauthier from the Louisiana Center of Education Technology spoke about online data bases and gave all members present a survey to fill out regarding usage of the state-sponsored online resources. She also stated that the "Librarian Leadership Initiative" will be in place soon. Members were advised to check the state's web site, www.doe.state.la.us and click on the "Technology" link for more information. Susan Gauthier's email address is sgauthier@lcet.state.la.us

POST-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Phyllis Heroy handed out driving directions for Friday's post-conference sessions and Claudia Fisher gave meeting times for Baton Rouge High School's tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Lovitt
LASL Secretary

Louisiana Association of School Librarians

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2002
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

CALL TO ORDER

Betty Brackins called the meeting to order at 5:35 p. m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Betty Brackins, Jerilyn Woodson, Kathryn Arrington, Anne Maverick, Antonia White, Phyllis Heroy, Beverly E. Laughlin, Jennifer Lovitt, Dorothy Grimsley, Claudia J. Fisher, Melva Brown, Betty Reinhardt, Lynzie Boudreaux, Brenda DeWolf, Linda Holmes, Margie Thomas, and Pat Tatum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 2, 2002 Executive Board Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

Betty Brackins presented the members of the board with a token of appreciation for their service during the year, and thanked the members for their work.

LLA CONFERENCE

The totals so far for the conference were 407 attendees. There were 125 scheduled vendors. Ms. Brackins also mentioned that the attendance numbers would increase, as some people did not pre-register. The conference for the 2002-2003 year will be held in Gonzales and the 2003-2004 conference will be in Monroe.

LASL MEMBERS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Betty Brackins announced the changes to the board positions for both LLA and LASL. The next LLA Board Meeting will be June 6th, 2002 in Alexandria, Louisiana and a New Board Orientation meeting will be held on June 27th. Time and location will be provided at a later date.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Betty Brackins reported that LASL was over budget somewhat. \$1,352.60 has been spent so far. LASL was approximately \$168.00 over budget and went into designated funds to compensate for the overage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee chairs gave their reports, with the exception of the Legislative Committee Chair, Student Relations Chair, and the Newsletter Chair whom were not in attendance. Betty Brackins did report for the Newsletter Chair that the next newsletter would be out April 26th, and noted that all newsletters from this point on will be electronically mailed and not sent through the U. S. mail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A committee has been appointed to revise the guidelines for the Modisette Award. A report on those guidelines will be presented at the LLA Executive Board meeting on June 6, 2002.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Lovitt
LASL Secretary

Program Proposals for 2003



I am looking forward to chairing the Continuing Education Committee and planning the LASL programs for the 2003 LLA Annual Conference to be held at the Lamar Dixon Conference Center. However, I need your suggestions for program proposals and speakers. If you are willing to present a workshop, please e-mail me the title and brief description of your workshop as soon as possible. Let's start early to make this a really great conference. I'm counting on your input, so let me hear from you.

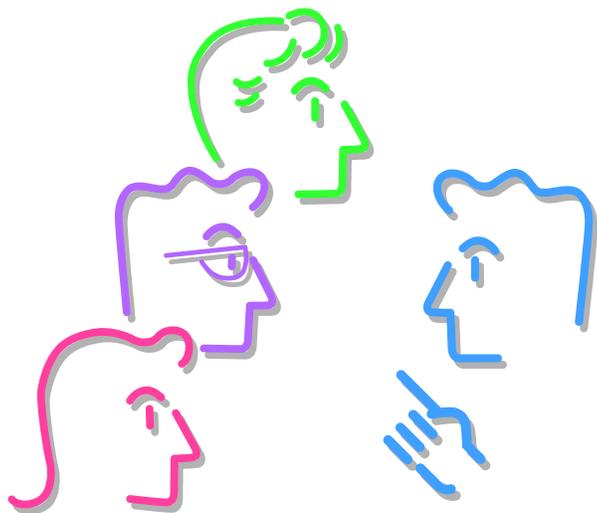
Linda Holmes, Chair
2nd Vice President Elect
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LASL Workshops at the 2002 LLA Conference

The LASL Continuing Education committee had eight super workshops and two very excellent post-conference workshops presented at the 2002 LLA Conference this year. The eight super workshops were: "Best Books for Children and Young Adults," by Dr. Joy Lowe and Dr. Pasty Perritt; "Preparing Students to Use Technology," by the Louisiana Resource Center for Educator's Kerry Malter; "Don't let Research Sink Your Ship," by Elizabeth Dumas and Annie Miers; "National Certification Standards for School Librarians," by Catherine Brooks and Kathy Hargroder; "Safe-Online Surfing," by Lynize Boudreaux; "Loup Garou," by Dr. Linda LeBert, Lewis Temple and Lisa Childress; "Copyright in the Digital Age," by Dr. Karen McFerrin and Dr. Paula Furr; and "The Louisiana Young Readers Choice Award Books" by Gale Criswell and Roseanne St. Roman during LLA and two super post-conference workshops.

The two very excellent post-conference workshop had thirty-seven librarians registered to attend. "Creating a Web Page for Your School Library" was presented by Diane Malison, Alicia Vidarurrata and Kathryn Arrington at the Christa McAuliffe Center, and "Real World Research Skills" was presented by Cathy Black and Pat Bordelon at Tara High School which was the 2002 winner of the Modisette High School Award.

The LASL Continuing Education Committee would like to thank East Baton Rouge Parish School Library Supervisor Mrs. Phyllis Heroy, all the excellent presenters, and those presiding over the workshops for making the LASL section workshops at the 2002 LLA Conference a great success.



LASL Continuing Education Committee
Linda Lingefelt, chair ; Kim Duck and Lynize Boudreaux

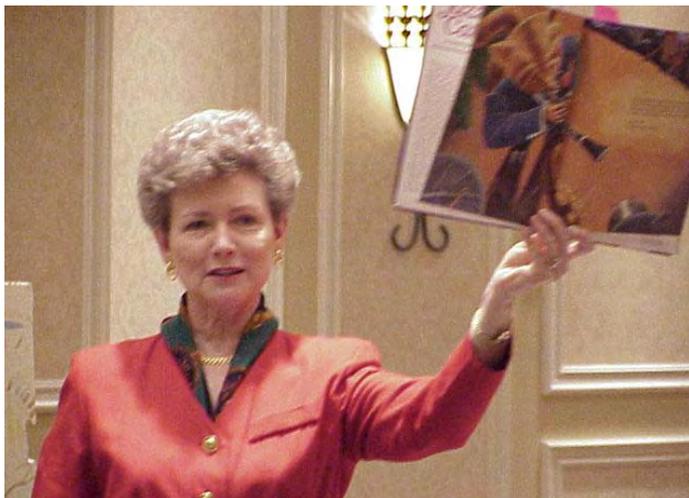
LLA Conference 2002 Souvenirs: Reflections



Phyllis Heroy received the Essae M. Culver Distinguished Service Award from Joe Landrum



Ouachita Parish school librarian Elizabeth Dumas explains connections between the Big Six and the curriculum.



Professor Emerita Patsy Perritt introduces new picture books to conference goers in Baton Rouge.



Sally T. Namie (right) honored as Sue Hefley Educator of the Year Award. Presenter on left is Ann Wommack



Joy Lowe whets the appetites for new books to a room full of school and public librarians



(From left) Pat Bordelon and Cathy Black accept the Modisette Award for Tara High School from Barbara Burney.

School Library Media Specialist Award Goes to Lynzie Boudreaux

The 2002 School Library Media Specialist Award was presented to **Lynzie Boudreaux** (right), Jennings High School Media Specialist, at the Award's Luncheon on Wednesday, March 6, 2002.

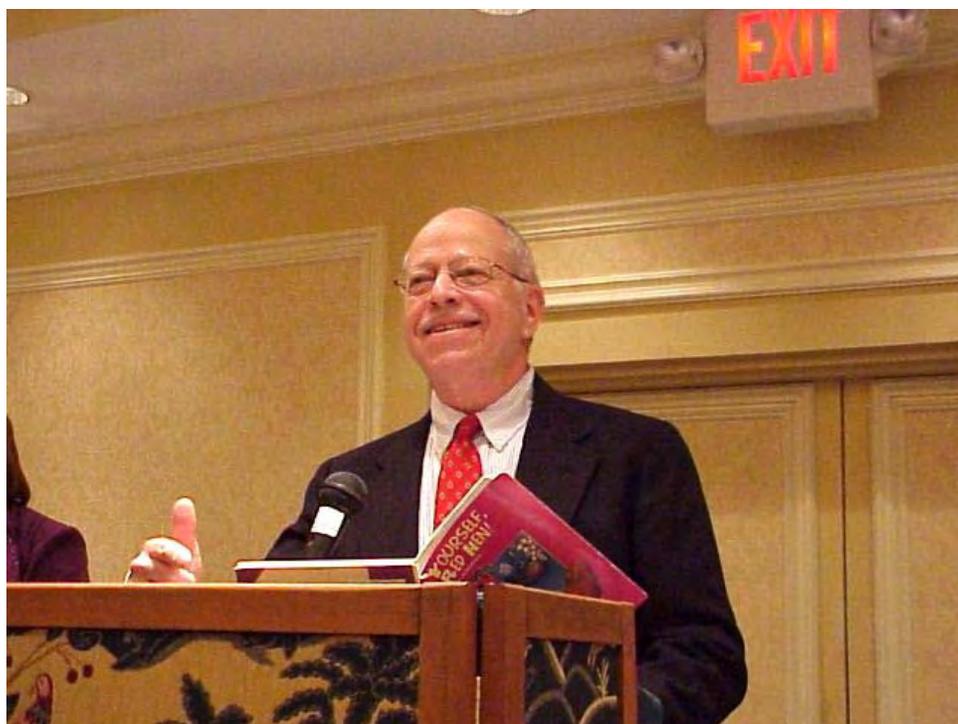
The award was presented by **Dorothy Grimsley**, Chair (left). Lynzie is an active member of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians and her "Just Say Know" philosophy plus her skills as a multi-faceted library media specialist throughout Jefferson Davis Parish deem her very worthy of this award. A note of appreciation was received from Lynzie.



Author dinner report

Dr. Granowsky remembers to bring his wig, sense of humor

Jerilyn Woodson
1st Vice-President



Dr. Alvin Granowsky was the dinner speaker. The author of the *Point of View* and *Another Point of View* series for Steck-Vaughn, Dr. Granowsky donned a wig and provided the audience with comedic readings from several of his books. He encouraged everyone to be willing to look at the other side of issues, not just popular opinions.

Special thanks to **Andy Snelling** for the recommendation, *World Book* for providing half of the speaker's fee, and Steck-Vaughn for providing each attendee with a free book.

Thank you letters have been sent to Dr. Granowsky, Andy and Steck-Vaughn. A letter was also sent to Mary Stein at the public library in EBR for doing the decorations.

Everyone had a delightful evening of fun.

Call for Volunteers

Answer the call. Become involved by volunteering to serve on the LASL Executive Board for 2002-2003. Contact Jeri Woodson at jwoodson@lsvi.org or 225-342-4341 with your committee preference. (Committees: Constitution, by-laws; Continuing Ed; Legislative; Membership; Nominating; Publicity; LLA Bulletin Liaison; and School LMS Award.

Event Date

The Children's Book Festival in Hattiesburg will be April 2-4, 2003. The medallion recipient will be Lois Lowry.

Honor

At the National Federation for the Blind - Louisiana Convention April 19 - 21, 2002, Jeri Woodson was presented the Educator of the Year Award for her commitment to Braille literacy and the education of blind children in Louisiana. Jeri is the librarian at the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired (LSVI) in Baton Rouge and also provides Braille and large print materials for pleasure reading to students in 10 parishes around the state.

If you have a visually impaired student at your school that needs books for summer reading, class reading during the school year, or to participate in AR testing, contact Jeri at jwoodson.lsvi.org or 225-342-4341.

Something for Louisiana Studies classes?

The March update to the *Bayou State Periodical Index* online has been posted. The database now contains some 15,000 citations to articles in 73 periodicals, and covers 1995 through most of 2001.

Check it out at www.libris.ca/bayou.

LLA is looking for more people to index for the BSPI. We would like to add more titles to the index's coverage, as well as back issues of some titles that were picked up more recently. If you are interested in indexing or if you want to suggest a title to add to the index, please contact the editor, Jean Kiesel, at jkiesel@louisiana.edu.



AASL Web Sites

AASL President's Page

Read Helen Adams' latest report to the membership.

http://www.ala.org/aasl/presidents_page.html

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AASL 2002 election results

President-Elect/President

Frances R. Roscello,
New York State Education Department,
School Library Media Programs, Albany, N.Y.



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 ___ LaSSAL ___ TRUSTEES

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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
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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
Contributing	\$100



From ALA

50 Ways To Use Your Library Card

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Visit your library, and you'll see the limitless opportunities that await you.

- Get to know your librarian.
- Browse your favorite Web site(s)
- Plan your next vacation.
- Find a list of daycare centers in your area.
- Learn about local candidates for office.
- Learn how to lower your taxes.
- Reserve the latest mystery.
- Pick up a video.
- Listen to a classical CD.
- Trace a friend through an out-of-state telephone book or on the Internet.
- Learn to navigate the Web.
- Prepare your resume.
- Get new ideas for redecorating your house.
- Get a list of community organizations.
- Attend a lecture or workshop.
- Hear a local author reading his/her latest novel.
- Join a book discussion group.
- Attend preschool story hour with your child.
- Get homework help.
- Look up all kinds of health information.
- Research the purchase of a new car.
- Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
- Call the reference desk if you have a question.
- Research your term paper.
- Learn about the history or your city or town.
- Decide which computer to buy using a consumer guide.
- Check your stock portfolio.
- Read a newspaper from another country.
- Borrow an audiobook for your next roadtrip.
- Use the library's resources to create a new business plan.
- See a new art exhibit.
- Volunteer as a literacy tutor.
- Find a new recipe.
- Ask for a recommended reading list for teens.
- Make photocopies.
- Get a book from interlibrary loan.
- Enroll your child in a summer reading program.
- Take a computer class.
- Hear a poetry reading.
- Take out the latest fashion magazine.
- Enjoy a concert.
- Trace your family tree.
- Take an Internet safety course.
- Check out a legal question or issue.
- Find out how to file a consumer complaint.
- Get nostalgic by looking at old magazines.
- Borrow some sheet music.
- Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.
- Find the latest romance paperback.
- Find a quiet spot, curl up with a book and enjoy.

Quotable Facts: America's Libraries

- Americans go to school, public and academic libraries more than twice as often as they go to the movies.
- Federal spending on libraries annually is only 54 cents per person.
- A 1998 poll conducted by Gallup for the American Library Association found that nearly all respondents expect libraries to be needed in the future, despite the increased availability of information via computer.
- There are more public libraries than McDonald's — a total of 16,090, including branches.
- Americans spend more than three times as much on salty snacks as they do on public libraries.
- Americans check out an average of seven books a year. They spend \$23 a year in taxes for the public library — much less than the average cost of one hardcover book.
- Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school or work.
- 95% of public libraries provide public access to the Internet.
- Research shows the highest achieving students attend schools with good library media centers.
- Americans spend seven times as much money on home video games (\$7 billion) as they do on school library materials for their children (\$1 billion).
- School library media centers spend an average of \$7 per child for books — less than half the average cost of one hardcover school library book.
- Students visit school library media centers almost 1.5 billion times during the school year — about one-and-a-half times the number of visits to state and national parks.
- If the cost of gas had risen as fast as the cost of academic library periodicals since 1990, it would cost \$3.00 a gallon to put fuel in your car.