



# LASL Newsletter

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## Happy Holidays



## Alvin Granowsky featured at Author's Dinner

The LASL author dinner will be Wednesday evening, March 6. The author is Dr. Al Granowsky from Dallas. A former English and reading teacher, Dr. Granowsky is now a reading consultant for numerous states. He also does presentations at professional meetings for educators and "Young Author" meetings.

He has authored reading textbooks for middle schools. He is the author of the ten-book series *A World of Dinosaurs*.

His most recent publications are 12 titles in the *Point of View Series* and *Another Point of View Series*. These twelve "flip" books consist of a traditional folk tale and a "flip" side, which is the tale retold. This "flip" side contains a character education lesson.

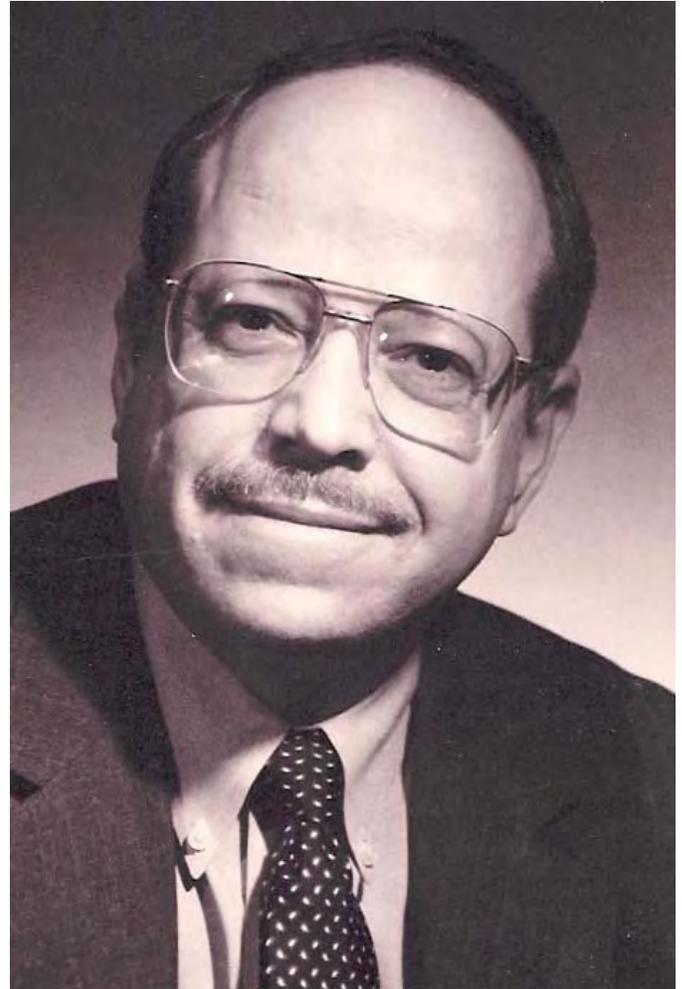
Although he is best known for his *Point of View* and *Another Point of View* series, and his *A World of Dinosaurs*, Dr. Alvin Granowsky is a man of many credentials in the field of education.

His focus will be "how the future of our nation is tied directly to how well we educate our children."

In the *Point of View* series, Granowsky developed the technique of presenting fairy tales and other classics in traditional fashion and then from the perspective of another story character. After reading the traditional version, the reader flips over the book and reads from the other side a new version of the tale with completely different illustrations.

Stories in the series, which will be available for autographing, include Cinderella (That

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**Dr. Alvin Granowsky to bring another *Point of View* to this year's LASL Author Dinner on Wednesday, March 6.**

**Because student achievement *is* the bottom line.**

## President's Message: See you in Baton Rouge!



**LASL President Betty Brackins**

The increasingly expanding informational age has created many interesting challenges and issues that we as Library Media Specialists must not only think about but also act upon as we strive to make our profession a strong force on the educational scene.

As we continue to work together to make a difference in our profession, we need your support. Participation in our association and attendance at the annual convention are ways to help us move forward and show our strength and unity.

The annual LLA Conference—"Reflect and Focus" is scheduled March

4-8 at the Radisson in Baton Rouge. Dr. Alvin Granowsky will be the guest speaker for the Author Dinner on Wednesday. LASL Conference planning for 2002 has been completed with 8 workshops, two post-conference hands-on technology workshops, and school tours. There's much to be learned and shared on these days.

LASL has been very busy since the last newsletter. As president, I have represented LASL at the State BESE Board meeting in December 2001, and at the Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting in January 2002. These meetings were in support of including elementary and middle school librarians in Bulletin 741. This document, which sets standards for Louisiana public schools at the district/parish level, currently requires libraries ONLY in high schools.

But now, I need you to help continue our efforts to get recognition for all of your diligent efforts, as we seek to make our profession a viable entity.

Let's begin by turning out in large numbers at the convention. See you in Baton Rouge—Together we CAN make a difference.



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### 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](http://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 [thibodeaux@cox.net](mailto:thibodeaux@cox.net)



## Tuesday, March 5, 2002

"Writing Winning Proposals" (all day workshop)

### Morning

- LLA Finance Meeting
- Business Meeting for Academic & ACRL
- "Budget Preparation" for LLA officers and interest group representatives
- "Time Out for Adults" guided imagery and deep relaxation techniques with Lena Manship-Rollason and Dr. Sam Rollason
- SLIS meeting
- "Integrated Full Text Finders" sponsored by the Serials interest group
- Retired Librarians' Luncheon

### Afternoon

- Subject Specialist Section Business Meeting
- "How To Hold A Workshop Class" on how to submit a LLA workshop proposal
- "Louisiana Voices" by the Video and Media interest group
- "Automation & Technology Security" with basic information on available firewall and encryption software
- Focusing on New Members and First Timers
- First General Session: "Libraries in the New Millennium: The Challenges of a Networked World" with ALA President John W. Berry
- LASL Executive Board Meeting

### Evening

- Performer's Showcase by the Storyteller's interest group
- All Conference Dessert Cabaret (7 – 9:30 pm) featuring "The Best is Yet to Come" with Jerie Ford and Terry Byars

## Wednesday, March 6, 2002

- Swap 'n Shop in the Exhibits Hall (8 am – 1 pm)
- Internet Café (8 am – 8 pm)
- Exhibit Hours (1 pm – 5 pm)

### Morning

- "World War II" discussion with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities
- "Safe Online Surfing" highlighting web sites for students
- "Best Books for Children and Young Adults"
- "A Rock in a Hard Place" addresses issues of censorship, filtering, CIPA and the courts
- GODORT breakfast and business meeting features tracking of government information online resources
- "Preparing Students for Using Technology in the Library"
- "Records Management" at the Department of Environmental Quality, including documents imaging and access

to public information

- "Electronic Resources in Agriculture," a PowerPoint presentation covering electronic resources from the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension, Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry, and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.
- "Caring For Historic Documents"
- "Distance Learning"
- "Using Young Adults to Teach Older Patrons"
- "Liberating Library Support Staff to Make It Happen"
- "Finding Information" discussion of government information search engines and databases
- LLA Awards Luncheon

### Afternoon

- Exhibits Grand Opening featuring an Ice Cream Social
- "Comparing Computer Platforms"
- "Wizardry School for Kids"
- "Bayou State Periodicals Index Online"
- "What To Do Until The Ambulance Comes"
- "Handling Stress at the Reference Desk" panel discussion
- LASL General Membership Meeting
- "World Book"
- "Reflect and Focus: The Way We'll Be"
- President's Program with Clifford Stoll, author of *High Tech Heretic* and *Silicon Snake Oil*
- Author's Row in the Exhibits Hall

### Evening

- LASL Author Dinner with Alvin Granowsky, Ed.D, *Point of View* series of famous tales
- President's Late Nite Program – "Reflect & Focus: The Way They See Us"

## Thursday, March 7, 2002

- Swap 'n Shop in the Exhibits Hall (9 am - 3 pm)
- Internet Café (8 am - 8 pm)
- Exhibit Hours (9 am - 3 pm)

### Morning

- Author Breakfast (7:30 - 9:30 am) with humorist Fran Spain
- Author Panel Discussion
- School Tours (8 am - 10 am)
- "Collaborative Planning" with classroom teachers to help students use libraries
- Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities "Prime Time"
- Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Awards
- Author's Row in the Exhibit Hall
- "Building Community and Library Partnerships"
- Contributed Papers
- "Mobile Computing," the basics of setting up a wireless network

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- National Certification of School Librarians
- “Can We Toss It?” disposition property with First Assistant La. State Legislative Auditor Grover Austin
- Legal Research Boot Camp
- “Working With the Media” - Craig Flournoy, investigative reporter for the Dallas Morning News discusses media interviewing techniques
- Trustee Luncheon/Business Meeting featuring Jack W. Germond, author of *Fat Man in a Middle Seat*

#### Afternoon

- LLA Sharing Sessions
- “E-Books”
- “Information Literacy From High School To College”
- “Copyright Law in the Digital Age”
- “Ready, Aim, Focus On Young Adults”
- “Creating Activist Librarians” featuring Senator Jay Dardenne
- 2nd General Session

#### Evening

- All Conference Reception/SLIS Reunion (poolside)
- Book Dinner with Lalita Tademy, author of *Cane River*

#### Friday, March 8, 2002

- “Creating a Web Page for Your School Library (K-12)” 8 am - 11 am
- “Real World Research Skills in a High Tech High School Library” 8 am - 11 am

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## RECAP



Here is a “pull-out” of Conference programming of particular interest to school librarians, with the tentative locations and names of presenters.

### March 6

#### Best Books for Children and Young Adults

Dr. Joy Lowe, Professor of Library Science at La. Tech University (Young Adult books); and Dr. Patsy Perritt, Professor of Library Science at LSU at Baton Rouge (children’s books). 8-10 a.m. in the Natchez and Samuel Clemens Rooms. Presiding will be Melissa Elrod of Captain Shreve High School in Caddo Parish.

#### S.O.S. - Safe Online Surfing

Lynize Boudreaux, Jennings High School Librarian in Jeff

Davis Parish. 8-9 a.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room 2. Presiding will be Brenda De Wolf, school librarian at Welsh Elem. School in Jeff Davis 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. 9-10 a.m. Upstairs Conference Room 2. Presiding will be librarian Louise Rauls of Denham Springs High School in Livingston Parish.

#### Don’t Let Research Sink your Ship– Big 6 to the Rescue

West Monroe School librarians Jan McGee at Riverbend Elementary, Elizabeth Dumas at Kiroli Elementary, and Annie Miers at Riser Middle School in Ouachita Parish. 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room 2. Presiding will be Dr. Peggy Wheelis, Ouachita Parish Title I Director.

**LASL General Session** will be Wednesday, March 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Natchez and Samuel Clemens rooms. Phyllis Heroy, East Baton Rouge Parish Library Supervisor, will present a draft of a revision to *Bulletin 1134*, state school library standards.

#### LASL Author Dinner - Dr. Alvin Granowsky 7-9 p.m. in the Cypress Dining Room

### March 7

#### Young Readers Award Books

Gale Criswell, Youth Services Consultant, Louisiana State Library and Roseanne St. Romaine, Avoyelles Parish librarian and storyteller. 8:00-9:30 a.m. in the Natchez and Samuel Clemens Rooms. Presiding will be Golda Jordan, retired St. Mary Parish School librarian and director of South St. Landry Community Library.

#### Loup Garou and Art for You

Dr. Linda LaBert, Lisa Childress, and Lewis Temple from McNeese State University. 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Riverboat Room.

#### National Certification for School Librarians

East Baton Rouge Parish school librarians Catherine Brooks at University Terrace Elementary and Kathy Hargroder at Audubon Elementary. 10:30-12 noon in the Bayou and Levee Rooms. Presiding will be Claudia Fisher, school librarian at Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

#### Copyright

Dr. Karen M. McFerrin, Professor of Education and Dr. Paula Furr, professor of Journalism at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. 1-2 p.m. in the Natchez and Samuel Clemens Rooms. Presiding will be Pat Tatum, Berwick Elem. school librarian –St. Mary Parish

**School tours**  
**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 a.m.**  
**Cost: \$5.00 for bus**

Jefferson Terrace Elementary School  
 9902 Cal Rd  
 Penny Abraham

Sherwood Middle School  
 1020 Marlbrook  
 Bonnie Ellis

Baton Rouge Magnet High  
 2825 Government Street  
 Betty Brackins & Claudia Fisher

School for the Visually Impaired  
 1230 Government St.  
 Jeri Woodson

**Post Conference Technology Workshops**  
**Friday March 8, 2002**  
**8:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**Cost: \$15.00**

**Creating a Web page for your School Library (K-12)**  
 Alicia Vidaurrata, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Webmaster and Broadmoor High School librarian. To be held at EBRPSB Christa McAuliffe Media Center.

**Real World Research Skills in High Tech High School Library (K-12)**  
 Tara High School Librarians Cathy Black and Pat Bordelon, East Baton Rouge Parish. Presiding will be Betty Brackins of Baton Rouge Magnet High. To be held at Tara High School.

LASL Programming for Conference was managed by the LASL Continuing Education Committee: Chair and LASL Second Vice President Linda Lingefelt at Franklin Junior High in St. Mary Parish; Lynize Boudreaux, librarian at Jennings High in Jeff Davis Parish; and Kimberly Duck, Forest Hill Elementary in Rapides Parish.

**A Red Carpet Invitation to LSVI**

Jeri Woodson  
 LSVI Librarian

Are you thinking what is LSVI? LSVI is the La. School for the Visually Impaired, a residential school for students from around the state. The current student body ranges in age from 6 to 21 years of age.

Are you interested in adaptive technology? While designed specifically for visually impaired users, this technology could also be used by students with poor reading skills.

Have you wondered just how big a polar bear is or the wing-span of a sandhill crane in flight? The LSVI Library serves as the home for the Sensory Safari. The safari is a collection of animals and related artifacts, which provide a hands-on look at a variety of animals, inside and out. Baton Rouge area classes have visited this exhibit for field trips.

The LSVI Library is housed in Caldwell Hall, built during the administration of Gov. Huey Long. Caldwell Hall originally contained the school auditorium, three classrooms, and an office. This entire facility became the library in the summer of 2000.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to visit LSVI during LLA.



**Conference Information, Registration Form**

<http://www.laonline.org>

**Early Bird Deadline: Feb. 4**

**Conference Hotel Rate Deadline: Feb. 11**

**Pre-Registration Deadline: Feb. 15**

# LASL Committee Reports



## School Library Media Specialist Award Committee

Due to the astronomical cost of using US postage to send information to every school system, the chair used the LLA list server to solicit nominations for this award. There was some response, but the response was not as great as in previous years. Recommendations from the membership for improving the publicity for this award would be appreciated.

The committee is in the process of using the checklist to determine the recipient of the award. As soon as a decision is reached, the recipient will be notified and the results will be forwarded to the appropriate channels.

Dorothy Grimsley  
Chair

## Publicity

The publicity committee is in the beginning stages of contacting all state school districts/school librarians with information regarding the upcoming conference. The committee will divide the contact list and send information to all parishes/school librarians via email or fax. Hopefully, this will result in more attendance from librarians who normally do not come to the conference.

The LASL section of the *llaonline* web site has been updated with current information regarding the board members. Also, the link to the LASL home page contains valuable information pertaining to school librarians, such as lesson plans, application downloads for awards and membership, Louisiana Readers' Choice Award guidelines, archived LASL newsletters in .pdf format, and Information Literacy Standards. Members are encouraged to visit the site and send suggestions for additions to: jklovitt@lft.k12k.la.us

Jennifer Lovitt  
Chair

## Nominating

The following people have agreed to have their names submitted as candidates for office for Second Vice President: Melissa Elrod (Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport) Linda Holmes (Bains Lower Elementary in St. Francisville).

Jennifer Lovitt (Woodvale Elementary in Lafayette) is the only name submitted for secretary.

Pat Tatum  
Chair

## Sue Hefley

The Sue Hefley Educator of the Year Award committee has received and reviewed applications for this year's award. The 2002 award will be presented at the LLA Annual conference Award's Luncheon on Wednesday, March 6, 2002, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Baton Rouge, LA. The time is 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Antonia White  
Chair

## Constitution, Bylaws, & Official Policies

The last revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians was in March of 2000. Three requests for changes to the Constitution and Bylaws have been made. They are as follows:

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9. The President of the Louisiana Association of Education and Communication Technology shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Board.
10. The LASL President shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of LAECT.

Delete items #9 and #10.  
(LAECT no longer exists)

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### SECRETARY

The duties of the Secretary shall be to record minutes of all official meetings --- annual and the Executive Board, and to be responsible for such correspondence as the President requests. A copy of all minutes shall be sent to the LLA office for inclusion in the official records of the Association.

Add:

As the President requests. **Minutes of all official meetings shall be transferred to the members of the Executive Board electronically.** A copy...

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3. Mail copies of the minutes to all Executive Board members at each meeting.

Add:

(E-mail minutes when available for members.)

The Follett Software Company has established the Elizabeth Bruns Award. A committee was established to set the criteria for the award and an application procedure was

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established. A vote of the general membership present at the LLA Convention, 2002, will be necessary to add this award to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Official Policies of LASL.

Melissa Elrod  
Chair

## Legislative

President Bush recently signed the ESEA Reauthorization Bill, which includes the Reed School Libraries Amendment. A separate line item provides for school library materials. \$12.5 million has been appropriated for spending this year. The amount appropriated will be used for afternoon reading programs and school library resources.

The Department of Education will set up guidelines and the grant application process. Detailed information is not available at this time but it is not soon to begin to compile basic grant information. The application process will probably occur during the summer months.

The issue of librarians in all schools in the state continues to be an issue that must be addressed at the state level. The committee communicated with the Executive Board via e-mail to encourage them to write and encourage others to send letters to BESE members about the critical need for libraries and librarians in all schools and the impact that librarians have on student achievement. Thanks to all who responded

A letter was drafted to send to the Lafayette Parish School Board expressing disapproval of their Classroom Teacher Sales Tax Proposition. The draft letter is on file.

The goal of the committee is to establish a collaborative relationship with the State Department of Education's School Library liaison person and LASL. In order to attain the goal, it is recommended that the President invite someone from the Department of Education to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> LASL Executive Board meeting in September and /or speak at an LASL session at the LLA Annual Conference.

Identified concerns are:

- Line item funds for school libraries
- Shortage of librarians
- Additional online databases
- Technology funds for libraries
- Inclusion of librarians in all funding and raises for teachers

Committee Members  
Mimi Barton, Anne Maverick, and Idella Washington

## Louisiana Teen-age Librarians Association

The Louisiana Teen-age Librarians Association (LTLA) will host its annual convention on Thurs., Feb. 28 - Sat., March 2, 2002 at the Louisiana Convention Centre in Alexandria. The theme for this year's convention is "Aliens Have Landed at LTLA". All library and multimedia club members have been encouraged to participate in the following contests: bookmark, bulletin board, costume, dance, scrapbook, and the newest contest- the electronic scrapbook. Winners will be awarded in each contest both in the junior (Grades 6-9) and senior (Grades 10-12) levels. Points will be awarded for all convention activities and used to determine the winners of the Spirit Award contest in each level. The club members will enjoy participating in workshops such as, pop-up art, storytelling, toymaking, TV & media, and teen reading.

Debra West Smith will be our guest author. Rose Anne St. Romain will be our guest storyteller and Sally-Ann Roberts of WWL-TV will be our keynote speaker.

The LTLA State Officers: President Ellen Dawn Jenkins from Terrebonne High School in Houma, First Vice President Amanda LeBouef from H.L. Bourgeois High School in Houma, Second Vice President Tameisha Bellard from Lacassine High School in Lacassine, Treasurer Terri Stokes from Allen J. Ellender High School in Houma, Secretary Chrissy Parker from Stanley High School in Logansport, Reporter Ronchelle Gullage from Allen J. Ellender High School in Houma, Historian Robert DeHart from Houma Jr. High School in Houma and Parliamentarian Brandi Comeaux from Hathaway High School in Jennings and the committee chairmen from junior high and high school library and multimedia clubs across the state have been busily working all year to plan their convention. Everyone is looking forward to having the Aliens visit with us during convention.

LTLA is one of the greatest organizations a young person can become involved in. The experiences they gain will be valuable throughout their lives. Helping to mold a young person's life in a very positive manner should be foremost in all of our minds. LTLA encourages all librarians in Grades 6-12 to allow their library and multimedia club members to become involved in the Louisiana Teen-age Librarians Association. You are most welcome to join us during our convention, Feb. 28 - March 2, 2002 to get a glimpse of what you and your club members have been missing. If you are interested in attending all or part of the convention, please contact Cynthia Fitch, LTLA Student Relations Committee Chairperson at Allen J. Ellender High School by calling 985-868-5466 or e-mailing her at [cfitch@tpsb.net](mailto:cfitch@tpsb.net). We hope to see some new faces this year. Have a great LLA convention.

Cynthia Fitch  
Chairperson

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## Membership

The membership committee received a list of e-mail addresses of persons who had not renewed. We emailed each and hope there were some feedback. We will continue to place membership application in the newsletter.

We would encourage each member to be a one member committee to encourage co-workers to join the association.

Claudia Fisher  
Chair

## Projects

The Projects Committee regrets to inform this group that we did not receive any responses from the newsletter article requesting lesson plans and presenters. We do propose to have a display hear the LLA registration table for these projects. We are collecting lesson plans from our Ouachita Parish librarians and will enter them in the lesson plan database in the near future.

We have not received any applications for the Elizabeth Bruns Award.

Elizabeth Dumas Annie Miers  
Committee Members

## LLA

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 activities are the LASL General Session, Wed. 2:00-4:00; LASL Author Dinner, Wed. 7:00-9:00; School Tours Thurs. 8-10; Post-Conference Workshops, Friday morning. There will be a special budget workshop for all incoming chairs---mandatory.

I represented LASL at a BESE Board hearing on December 4 voicing support for requiring elementary and middle school libraries (*Bulletin 741*). I also attended the Jan. 10 Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting in support of *Bulletin 741*. LLA endorsed a resolution in support in *Bulletin 741*. (See below for the resolution.)

As of Jan. 29, 2002, total membership is 393, and 125 have not yet renewed. I will be attending the LTLA Convention in Alexandria on March 1.

2003 Conference will be at the Lamar Dixon Conference site and hotels in Gonzales. Conference information is now online [www.llaonline.org](http://www.llaonline.org)

Betty Brackins  
President

## LLA Resolution to BESE Board

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Education has as the primary goal of its Strategic Plan for 2001/2002 through 2006/007: "to improve the achievement of all students by improving teaching and learning in Louisiana Schools," and one of its Key Seven Priorities Focus on Reading," and

**WHEREAS**, there is an abundance of research demonstrating that quality library services in elementary schools facilitates higher levels of student achievement in reading," and

**WHEREAS**, there is a additional research demonstrating an increase in student achievement on standardized tests of all kinds when quality library services, including a certified school library media specialist, and

**WHEREAS**, many elementary and middle schools in Louisiana lack libraries and/or certified school library media specialists," and.

**WHEREAS**, the newly re-authorized Elementary and Secondary Act authorizes substantial federal funding to the states for the provision and improvement of school library services,"

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisiana Library Association urges the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to require the provision of library services and the presence of certified school library media specialists in all schools in Louisiana.

Be it known that the Louisiana Library Association Executive Board adopted this resolution at its quarterly meeting December 13, 2001.

## Standards

The Standards Committee has been working diligently on the revision of Bulletin 1134. The committee and other LASL members have met on several Saturdays throughout the fall and winter to work. The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, January 26. The committee anticipates passing the standards on to the State Department of Education sometime in February. Based on their feedback, the committee will work on revisions as necessary before presenting the final standards to BESE for sometime this spring. The goal is to have the standards approved and available for use by the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year.

Phyllis Heroy  
Chair



## Louisiana school librarian receives Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award

West Monroe High's **Deloris Wilson** has been awarded the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award, another acknowledgement of her commitment to a large and well-balanced collection for her high school students.

Wilson is a former recipient of the Alex Allain Intellectual Freedom Award, which is co-sponsored by the Louisiana Library Association and Social Issues Resources Series, Inc. and recognizes the contributions of an individual or a group actively promoting intellectual freedom in Louisiana

Given annually, the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award acknowledges individuals or groups who have furthered the cause of intellectual freedom, particularly as it impacts libraries and information centers and the dissemination of ideas.

Granted to those who have resisted censorship or efforts to abridge the freedom of individuals to read or view materials of their choice, the award may be in recognition of a particular action or long-term interest in, and dedication to, the cause of intellectual freedom.

The award was established in 1969 by the University of Illinois GSLIS faculty to honor Robert Downs, a champion of intellectual freedom, on his 25th anniversary as director of the School.

This year, the faculty presented the award to Wilson and to the **Electronic Frontier Foundation**, for their following efforts:

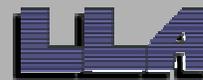
When the principal of Louisiana's West Monroe High School ordered librarian Deloris Wilson to remove *Heartbreak and Roses: Real Life Stories of Troubled Love*; *Gays In or Out of the Military*; *Everything You Need to Know About Incest*; and *Everything You Need to Know About Abstinence* from her library shelves on May 2, 1996, Wilson protested.

When she was then told to remove all books with sexual content, she responded by pulling over 200 books, including several Bibles. The principal rescinded that order, but Wilson filed a formal grievance and a complaint with the ACLU of Louisiana protesting the removal of the four titles and was eventually named plaintiff in a suit the ACLU filed on October 3, 1996 against the Ouachita Parish School Board.

It wasn't until August 17, 1999 that a settlement was reached and all four banned books were returned to the library. In the meantime, Ms. Wilson endured hostility and professional isolation at West Monroe High School, where she continues to serve as a librarian today.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), based in San Francisco, was founded in July 1990 to defend our rights to think, speak, and share ideas, thoughts, and needs using new technologies, such as the Internet and the World Wide Web. EFF identifies threats to basic rights online and advocates on behalf of free expression in the digital age. More information is available on their website: <http://www.eff.org/>.

LLA News and Application Form  
[www.laonline.org](http://www.laonline.org)



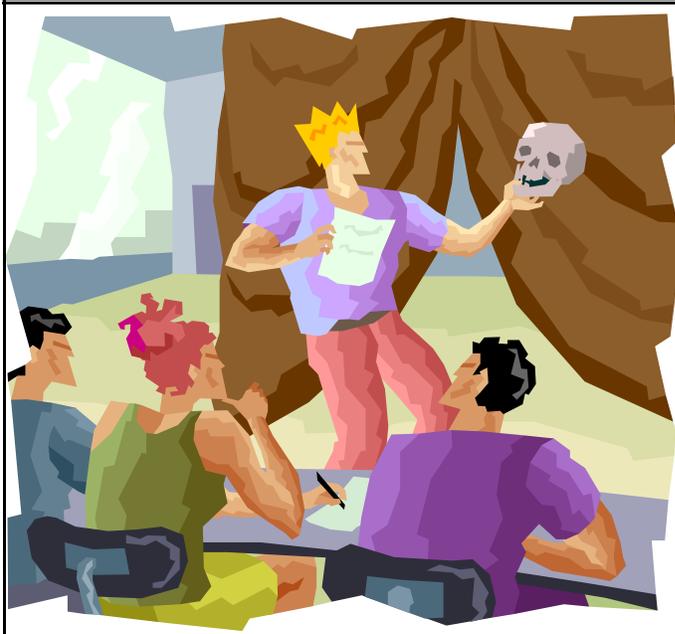
LASL Online

<http://www.laonline.org/lasl/>

## 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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318 387-0567 (w)



**ELIZABETH BRUNS AWARD**

**INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES**

This is an annual award given in memory of Elizabeth Bruns as a tribute to her love for libraries and children. The award is presented to an elementary, middle, or high school library media specialist to recognize a program that demonstrates exemplary library usage, thereby enhancing the school's learning environment. The recipient must be an active working school library media specialist, a current member of the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) and a member of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians (LASL) section of LLA.

**SPONSOR: Follett Software Co.**

**AWARD: \$1,000 to order library books through Follett Library Resources. Presented annually at the Louisiana Library Association Conference.\***

**CRITERIA:**

1. The library program maintains a focus on motivating students and faculty to use the library for information access including research and curriculum and promotes the love of reading.
2. Library activities engage a significant percentage of the student population, including students with reading differences and unmotivated readers.
3. The library's program may include the use of commercial reading programs, electronic card catalog, Internet and research programs, but also includes creative elements that go beyond media access.
4. The library program is sponsored and promoted by the school library media specialist with support from school staff and community.
5. Use of the library has a positive impact on the school's learning environment.

\* The first award is to be presented at the 2002 LLA Conference pending membership approval of the award

To apply, for the award, submit a cover sheet and answers to five (5) questions about your library program. The total application should not exceed four (4) pages, counting the title page.

**COVER PAGE FORMAT**

ELIZABETH BRUNS AWARD  
APPLICATION (YEAR)

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SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION NARRATIVE**

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 15, 2002.**

**Mail application to Annie Miers, 236 Timber Way, Monroe, LA 71203. call (318) 387-0567 (s) or (318) 343-8034 to let her know you are mailing an application.**

## Awards Announced at ALA Mid-Winter in New Orleans

### Park, Wiesner win Newbery, Caldecott Medals

(New Orleans) - Linda Sue Park, author of "A Single Shard," and David Wiesner, illustrator and author of "The Three Pigs," are the 2002 winners of the John Newbery and Randolph Caldecott Medals, the most prestigious awards in children's literature.

Park and Wiesner were among the award winners announced January 21 by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in New Orleans. Considered the "Academy Awards" of children's book publishing, the 2002 Newbery and Caldecott Medals honor outstanding writing and illustration of works published in the United States during the previous year.

The 2002 Newbery Medal recipient Park takes readers to 12th-century Korea to tell a timeless story of dedication to one's dreams and art in "A Single Shard," published by Houghton Mifflin Company/Clarion Books. Tree-ear, an orphan who lives under a bridge with his wise friend Crane-man, becomes fascinated with a nearby community of potters. Drawn by their exquisite craftsmanship, the adolescent boy begins to assist the master potter Min.

In a compelling plot, Tree-ear must overcome Min's hostility by undertaking a dangerous journey to carry the potter's precious vases to the royal court. On the way, he confronts an overwhelming obstacle that threatens to halt his efforts and shatter his dream of proving himself worthy of Min's trust in this powerful, uplifting story.

"Tree-ear's determination and bravery in pursuing his dream of becoming a potter takes readers on a literary journey that demonstrates how courage, honor and perseverance can overcome great odds and bring great happiness," said Newbery Award Committee Chair Kathleen Odean.

"Park effectively conveys 12th-century Korea in this masterful piece of historical fiction. The story shines with dignity and strong values. Park's writing is powerful and precise as she explores universal themes about loyalty and art."

Park was born and raised in Illinois, and now teaches English to foreign students in New York. She has been writing poems and stories since she was four years old and was first published in a children's magazine at the age of nine. Born of Korean immigrants, her heritage is reflected in each of her books: "The Kite Fighters" (2000) and "Seesaw Girl" (1999).

The 2002 Caldecott Medal



for illustration was awarded to David Wiesner for "The Three Pigs," published by Houghton Mifflin Company/Clarion Books. In "The Three Pigs," the plot and form of a familiar folktale unravels as the pigs are huffed and puffed off the page and into a new world. The trio cavorts through scenes from a nursery rhyme to a fairy tale, liberating other characters on the fly. Using a range of artistic styles and thrilling perspectives, Wiesner plays with the structure and conventions of traditional storytelling, redefining the picture book.

"Pigs burst through the pages' boundaries and soar into new dimensions. Transformations occur as the pigs boldly enter new stories, make friends, and ultimately control their own fate," Caldecott Award Committee Chair Kate McClelland said. "Witty dialogue and physical humor make this a selection that will have youngsters squealing with delight. Through Wiesner's vision and artistic virtuosity, "The Three Pigs," celebrates possibility."

Wiesner has written and illustrated seven children's books. He received the 1992 Caldecott Medal for "Tuesday," (1991), a 1989 Caldecott Honor for "Free Fall," (1988), and a 2000 Caldecott Honor for "Sector 7," (1999). Wiesner lives with his wife and two children in Philadelphia.

### Paul Zindel named Ed- wards winner

Paul Zindel, author of "The Pigman" (1968), "The Pigman's Legacy" (1984), "The Pigman & Me" (1993), "My Darling, My Hamburger" (1969), and "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds: A Drama in Two Acts" (1971), is the recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award honoring his lifetime contribution in writing for young adults.

Zindel's versatility as a storyteller is demonstrated in his numerous books, plays and autobiography - many of which remain in print today. The books recognized are published by Harper Collins and Bantam Dell Publishing.

"Paul Zindel knows and understands the reality young adults deal with day-to-day," said Committee Chair Mary Long, a teacher-librarian at Wilson Middle School in Plano, Texas. "He has the ability to depict young adults in an honest and realistic way. The characters he developed



early 40 years ago still speak to today's teens."

The award, sponsored by *School Library Journal* and administered by the Young Adult Library Service Association (YALSA), was announced January 21 at the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in New Orleans. Zindel will receive \$2,000 at the YALSA Awards Luncheon during the ALA Annual Conference to be held in Atlanta in June 2002.

In "The Pigman," widely recognized as one of the first authentic young adult novels; its sequel "The Pigman's Legacy," and "My Darling, My Hamburger," Zindel's teen characters search for a sense of self, a way to connect with others and an understanding of the adult world into which they are moving.

The autobiographical "The Pigman and Me," reveals the experiences that provided the foundation for his fictional character Pigman. In "My Darling, My Hamburger" a cutting-edge novel for its time, characters grapple with issues of relationships, sexuality, friendship and taking responsibility for their actions. In the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," Zindel masterfully creates a poignant character that is bound to succeed despite overwhelming odds. This play continues to be performed by teens today.

Zindel currently lives in New Jersey. He earned a bachelor's of science and a master's of science degree from Wagner College, and was awarded an honorary doctorate by his alma mater. Zindel demonstrates to teens that they have worth and can contribute to the world. Serious issues are lightened by an offbeat sense of humor.

More information on the Edwards Award can be found online at: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/edwards/index.html>.

## Taylor, Pinkney win 2002 Coretta Scott King Awards

(New Orleans) - Mildred D. Taylor, author of "The Land," and Jerry Pinkney, illustrator of "Goin' Someplace Special," are the 2002 winners of the Coretta Scott King Awards honoring African-American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults. Jerome Lagarrigue, author of "Freedom Summer" was recognized with the Coretta Scott King/ John Steptoe New Talent Award. The announcements were made January 21 during the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in New Orleans.

The Coretta Scott King Awards are administered by the Coretta Scott King Task Force of the ALA's Social Responsibilities Round Table.

"The Land," published by Phyllis Fogelman Books/Penguin Putnam, is a poignantly crafted story that chronicles the triumphs and struggles of life for Paul-Edward Logan, son of a white slave owner and an enslaved African-Indian woman. Set in Mississippi during the late 1800s, the book introduces readers to the grandfather of Cassie Logan, the im-

passioned hero of Taylor's 1976 Newbery Award winner "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry."

"Taylor offers an ingenious prequel to 'Roll of Thunder,'" said Award Committee Chair Fran Ware. "'The Land' unveils the precarious world of Paul-Edward Logan, a black boy who could pass for white and invites readers into his remarkable and painful journey to manhood. Taylor makes an exemplary contribution to chronicling the African-American experience with her finely developed characters and well-rounded storyline."

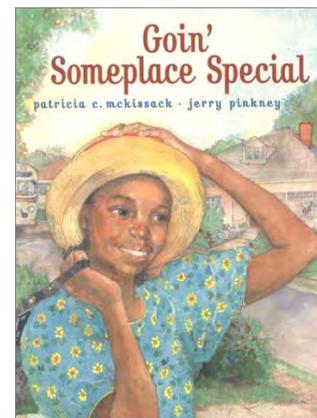
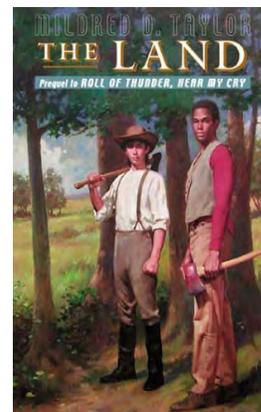
Taylor was born in Jackson, Miss., and grew up in Toledo, Ohio. After graduating from the University of Toledo, she spent two years in Ethiopia with the Peace Corps. Taylor also has won Coretta Scott King Awards for "Road to Memphis" (1991), "The Friendship" (1988), and "Let the Circle Be Unbroken" (1982). She now lives near Boulder, Colo.

Pinkney's realistic watercolors take readers back to 1950s' Nashville in "Goin' Someplace Special," written by Patricia C. McKissack and published by An Anne Schwartz Book/Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. The book tells McKissack's own story of growing up in Nashville. As Tricia Ann makes her first trip alone to the public library, she confronts the humiliation of a segregated society. Members of her own community and a kind white woman help her rely on her own sense of self-worth to complete the journey to her 'someplace special.'

"With wonderful detail and colors, Pinkney brings us right along with Tricia Ann as she travels to the one place she can open the door to freedom," Ware said. "His expressive paintings portray the essence of Tricia Ann's emotions as she experiences both the reassurance of her community and the indignities of segregation."

Pinkney is the only illustrator to have won the Coretta Scott King Award for illustration four times, and he has received an impressive four Caldecott Honor Medals. His books include "Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman" (1997), "Mirandy and Brother Wind" (1989), and "The Patchwork Quilt" (1986). He lives in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Occasionally awarded, the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award affirms new talent and offers visibility to excellence in writing or illustration at the beginning of a career as a published children's book creator. "Freedom Summer", published by An Anne Schwartz Book/Atheneum



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Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster, is the second picture book for fine artist Jerome Lagarrigue. Born in Paris, his work has appeared in the *New Yorker* and on the cover of the *New York Times Book Review*. He is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and teaches at the Parsons School of Design in Brooklyn, N.Y.

More information about the Coretta Scott King Awards is available at <http://www.ala.org/srrt/csking/>.

## "My Louisiana Sky" wins Carnegie Medal for video

Dante Di Loreto and Anthony Edwards of Aviator Films and Willard Carroll and Tom Wilhite of Hyperion Studio, producers of "My Louisiana Sky," are the winners of the 2002 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Children's Video. The award was announced during the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting, January 21, in New Orleans.

The Carnegie Medal, established with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, honors an outstanding American video production for children released during the previous year. It is administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of ALA.

During the most 'auspicious' summer of her life, Tiger Ann experiences loss and grief, a first kiss, a glimpse of sophisticated city life and family secrets before ultimately finding her place in the world. This video, starring Juliette Lewis and directed by Adam Arkin, gracefully presents a richly woven tale based on the book by Kimberly Willis Holt. The video is distributed by Hallmark Entertainment.

"This video stirs the senses while embracing the dignity of a family's love," said Award Committee Chair Helen Foster James. "It gently captures lush Louisiana landscapes and the landscapes of an adolescent soul. The video is truly a deftly crafted adaptation that honors the spirit of an award-winning novel."

The video also received a Children's Jury Prize for North American Feature Film or Video (Live Action) at the Chicago International Children's Film Festival in November 2001. In addition to *Chicago Hope's* Arkin, the video also benefited from the support of *ER's* Anthony Edwards, who served as an executive producer.

More information on the Carnegie Medal can be found online at: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/carnegie.html>.

## Guevara, Muñoz Ryan win Pura Belpré Awards

Susan Guevara, illustrator of "Chato and the Party Animals," written by Gary Soto and published by G.P. Putnam's Sons and Pam Muñoz Ryan, author of "Esperanza Rising," published by Scholastic Press, are the 2002 winners of the

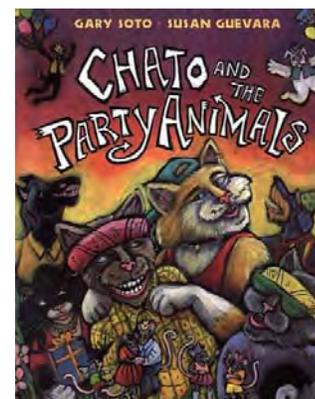
Pura Belpré Awards, honoring Latino authors and illustrators whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in a children's book. The awards were announced January 21 during the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in New Orleans.

The awards are administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of ALA, and REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.

Susan Guevara's larger than life, mural-like images translate and extend Soto's barrio story with vitality, color and social commentary. Discovering that his best friend, Novio Boy, has never had a birthday party, Chato the Cat plans a surprise pachanga. Everything is set except that Chato forgets to invite the guest of honor. Sly humor and Latino symbolism abound in these innovative, acrylic-on-scratchboard illustrations.

According to committee chair Dr. Eliza T. Dresang, Guevara's vivacious, distinctive artistic style creates a culturally authentic picture book with immense child appeal.

Native Californian Susan Guevara has studied painting at the San Francisco Art Academy and the Royal Academy of Fine Art in Belgium. Her first book about Chato the Cat, "Chato's Kitchen," was a Pura Belpré winner for illustration (1996), a Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award winner and an ALA Notable Children's Book.



"Esperanza Rising" brings to young readers beautifully executed literature, simple but eloquent and rich in historical details, powerful imagery, and symbolism. "Vivid descriptions of the social and economic hardships of the Mexican migrant workers create compelling realism for contemporary readers," says Dresang.

Pampered thirteen-year-old Esperanza and her mother are forced to flee Mexico following her father's sudden death and his brothers' takeover of their land. In a California migrant-worker camp, they encounter poverty and racism that are mitigated by the support of family and friends. Esperanza's response to the fall from a privileged life into a 1930s, immigrant experience transforms her from a spoiled child into a strong adolescent.

Born and raised in the San Joaquin Valley of California, Pam Muñoz Ryan is of Mexican heritage. A former teacher, she is now a fulltime author. Ryan received the 2001 Jane Addams Children's Book Award for "Esperanza Rising." Her writing for youth has been recognized with numerous other state and national awards.

More information about the Pura Belpré Award can be found at [www.ala.org/alsc/belpre.html](http://www.ala.org/alsc/belpre.html).

**Reflect & Focus**  
**LLA Conference 2002**  
**March 5-8 in Baton Rouge**  
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**John W. Berry**, President of the American Library Association, focuses on equity of access and the digital divide with the topic, "Libraries in the New Millennium: The Challenges of a Networked World." Berry's keynote address at the first general session includes a potential initiative called "A Digital Gift of the Nation."  
**Tuesday, March 5, 3:30 p.m.**

Computer Contrarian **Clifford Stoll**, author of *High Tech Heretic* and *Silicon Snake Oil*, is the keynote speaker for the President's Program. Stoll provides a unique view of today's most widely discussed computer issues with an entertaining and energetic presentation "Reflect and Focus: The Way We'll Be."  
**Wednesday, March 6, 4:00 p.m.**



Legendary reporter and political columnist **Jack W. Germond**, author of *Fat Man in a Middle Seat*, speaks at the Trustee Luncheon. For over four decades, the legendary journalist made national politics his beat. He vividly recalls the races and personalities of the past 40 years. Not to be missed by political junkies, followers of current affairs and journalism, or anyone interested in how America is governed.  
**Trustee Luncheon, Thursday, March 7, 12:30 p.m.**

Her first novel about four generations of Creole slave women spent 17 weeks on the *New York Times* Bestseller List and was selected by Oprah Winfrey for her 2001 summer book club. **Lalita Tademy**, author of *Cane River*, speaks at the annual Book Dinner. She has been featured in publications ranging from *Good Housekeeping* to *People Magazine* and has appeared on NBC's *Today* and CBS's *Early Show*.  
**Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.**



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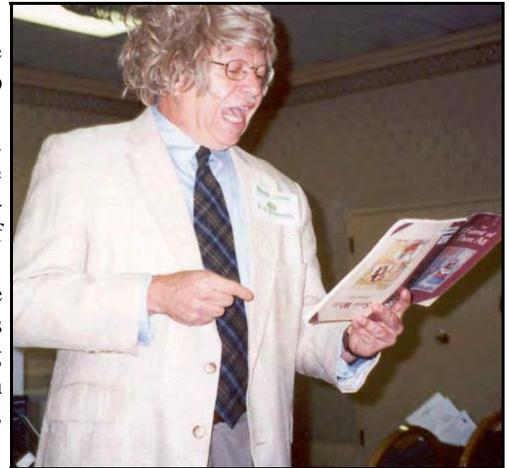
Awful Cinderella), Snow White (The Unfairest of Them All), Robin Hood (The Sheriff Speaks), Peter Pan (Grow Up, Peter Pan), Rip Van Winkle (Wake Up, Rip Van Winkle), and Rumpelstiltskin (A Deal is a Deal).

After more than 35 years as a teacher, author, and educator, Dr. Granowsky believes that the future of our nation is tied directly to how well we educate our children. And, that the key to learning success for students is enthusiastic parents and teachers with high self-esteem who can nurture that same sense of self-worth as well as love of reading and learning in children.

Dr. Granowsky is a member of the professional Advisory Committee or the Learning Disabilities Association of Texas, on the Advisory Board of the Teachers of Academic Survival Skills Association, and has recently been named a Founding Fellow of Developmental Education by the ACDEA. He is highly active within the educator community in the City of Dallas and throughout the State of Texas where he resides.

He served for many years as Vice-President of Education for World Book, Inc., and was part of the planning Committee that launched The School to Home Literacy Resources Program, a parental involvement initiative supported jointly by World Book and The Cleveland Municipal School District. Prior to his involvement with World Book, Dr. Granowsky was Director of Reading and Language Arts for the Dallas Public Schools, and Director of the Diagnostic Reading Center--funded by Title 1 for severely disabled readers--for that city. Before that, he served as Director of Reading and Language Arts for the Greensboro, North Carolina Public Schools.

Dr. Granowsky has served as a consultant to the North Carolina State Education Department's Right-to-Read program and the New York State Education Department's Reading Development Agency. He has written the language arts curriculum and trained elementary level reading teachers for Research for Better Schools, a federally funded center for improving education. Dr. Granowsky is the author of numerous reading skills development texts currently used in school across North America, and has also served on the Board of the National PTA as reading consultant and as Chairperson of the Committee on Parent and Community Involvement. Dr. Granowsky began his career in education as a classroom teacher, teaching English and reading at the junior and senior high levels in New York State. Dr. Granowsky received his Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Harvard University and his Doctorate in Education from the University of Pennsylvania.



**Alvin Granowsky: another point of view**

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