

MINUTES
Children's Services Division Spring Workshop
Friday, March 4th 2011
Bend Public Library

Multicultural Storytelling – Presented by Heather McNeil

Heather McNeil, author of *Hyena and the Moon: Stories to Listen to from Kenya*, presented two hours of information on multicultural storytelling by outlining storytelling best practices, common pitfalls, and the creative process.

CSD Business Meeting – Presented by Josie Hanneman

It's close to election time and CSD members are an important part of that process. There will be opportunities for a CSD Chair-Elect and a Summer Reading Chair-Elect.

The CSD Chair-Elect position is a 3 yr. term -

- 1st yr – Chair Elect: you become familiar with the workings of CSD, you are a voting member of the CSD Executive Board and have 1-2 meetings to attend, you serve as the Chair for the CSD Conference Planning Committee and as the CSD OLA Conference Liaison.
- 2nd yr – Chair: you are a voting member of the OLA Executive Board, you have 6-7 meetings to attend, coordinate division workshops and conference plans with the Conference Committee, you work with the Chair-Elect, inform division membership of Division activities, and you develop and organize the CSD Fall Workshop.
- 3rd yr – Immediate Past Chair: you are a member of the Lampman Committee, you serve on the CSD Executive Board and offer guidance and support to the Chair.

Summer Reading Chair – Elect position is a 2 yr. term –

- 1st yr – Chair – Elect: you work with the SRP Chair on SRP related business and you attend the annual CSLP meeting (paid for by CSD). This year's meeting will be held in Scottsdale, AZ. The 2012 Meeting will be in Hershey, PA. This is a great opportunity to represent Oregon on a national level, to meet children's librarians from around the country, and to have a voice in future Summer Reading programs. You are not alone – you attend this meeting with the Summer Reading Chair, the OYAN Summer Reading Liaison and Katie Anderson from the State Library.
- 2nd Yr – Chair: you attend the annual CSLP meeting, you are a voting member of the CSD Executive Board, you distribute the Summer Reading Manuals, and you develop and organize the CSD Spring Workshop.

The OLA Conference

The OLA Conference is coming up, April 6-8 in Salem. CSD is sponsoring an exceptional Pre-Conference this year: “Get Your Storytime Groove On” presented by Jim Gill – Mr. Early Literacy Music; Renea Arnold – expert on early literacy and early childhood services; and Rosalie Karalekes from Salem Performing Arts - a music teacher for 30+ years with Salem-Keizer School District. If you haven’t registered yet – do so now!

For more information, visit www.olaweb.org - and click on 2011 Annual Conference to see all the conference information.

If you are attending and will have some free time and want to help out – we can use you! We need volunteers to staff the CSD information table in the lobby area. It’s not a strenuous task – answer questions (or direct people to someone to answer their questions), chat with colleagues, and contribute to your organization (CSD).

Also, join us at the joint CSD/OYAN Reception on Thursday evening before dinner. We’ll have light refreshments, opportunities to mingle with colleagues from around the state and hear the announcement of OYAN’s OYEA! Award winner.

Oregon State Library Update – Presented by Katie Anderson

Letters About Literature:

Almost 69,000 students wrote and submitted letters in the national Letters About Literature contest—just shy of last year’s record breaking 70,000! Judging in Oregon starts this afternoon. The judges this year are:

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

- Jan Peterson-Terjeson
- Emily Carlson
- Jessica Lorentz-Smith

PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

- Holly Campbell-Polivka, Tigard Public Library
- Jackie Rose, Lake Oswego Public Library
- Sheila Grier, Deschutes County Library

AUTHORS

- Susan Fletcher
- Nancy Osa
- Melody Carlson

Katie will send out an email announcing the winners as soon as I have all the publicity release forms from the winners, probably the first week of April. Thanks again to CSD for being a co-sponsor of this great project! And, if any of you are interested in judging the elementary or middle school level in the future just send Katie an email.

Ready to Read Grant:

As most of you know, the Governor's Proposed Budget recommends shifting Ready to Read funding from the State Library to a new entity currently being called the Early Childhood Council. Please keep in mind this is just a proposed budget; it still has to go through the full Legislative process, be approved by both the Senate and House and be signed by the Governor. This process takes a few months. The State Librarian will keep library directors informed as we learn more, and Katie will forward his messages on the Ready to Read email list. If the Governor's proposed budget passes without any changes, the Ready to Read Grant process for 2011-2012 will remain the same as it was this year and the past several years.

A few weeks ago Katie and her supervisor attended a meeting with one of the Governor's policy advisors to learn more and ask questions. They learned that at this time there are no details about the Governor's proposal to create a 0-20 education system, which would include the Early Childhood Council. No one knows what this system might look like, how it would function, or the changes necessary to get there. That means we do not know how the Ready to Read Grant might change. In the coming weeks the Governor will hire an Early Childhood Director to lead a team that will do the work needed to plan the details of such a systems change. The State Librarian and my supervisor are making every effort to make sure State Library staff is on that team.

The State Library is extremely excited about this because including the Ready to Read Grant in the Early Childhood Council means that libraries have finally been recognized as providing critical early childhood services along with Head Start, Healthy Start, WIC, and all the other programs for families with children under 8 years old. Oregon libraries have been working very hard for more than a decade for this recognition, and the Governor's proposal is our opportunity for libraries to be systematically included among Oregon's early childhood community.

Oregon Summer Reading Best Practices:

One of the Oregon State Library's priorities for the next few years is to increase education around library youth services best practices. As you probably know by now, a few years ago the State identified three best practices: early literacy training, outreach, and summer reading programs. The approach of the State Library is still that the best practices are guidelines for libraries that wish to improve, expand and develop their youth services - they are not required. However, the questions remain... how can libraries improve summer reading programs, expand outreach programs, and start early literacy trainings?

This year Katie focused on summer reading. She spent much of last spring researching summer reading and library summer reading programs. Based on that research, she drafted Components of High-quality Summer Reading Programs with the help of CSD and OYAN executive board members. When planning summer reading programs it is hoped that libraries will take a look at these components. Identify which components they are already doing and work to continue those practices.

See *Spring2011_WorkshopHandout1*
See *Spring2011_Workshop Handout2*
See *Spring2011_WorkshopHandout3*

See examples of Oregon libraries implementing these best practices at:
<http://oregonysbestpractices.pbworks.com/w/page/28550857/FrontPage>

Oregon Summer Reading Sweepstakes:

The summer reading sweepstakes is a partnership between libraries and the Office of the State Treasurer's Oregon College Savings Plan. In general we are referring to this as the Oregon summer reading sweepstakes because each year the name of the contest will change to reflect the summer reading theme. Last year it was Dive into Saving for College, this year it will be Destination College Saving. Children and teens participating in your summer reading program are eligible to enter a random drawing to win a \$1,000 Oregon College Savings Plan. Libraries that have a winner receive \$500. Up to 15 winners are selected, 3 from each of Oregon's 5 congressional districts. All libraries ordered sweepstakes materials in November when they completed the summer reading survey. Libraries should receive materials at the beginning of May.

An email was sent out in February announcing the 15 winners. The email also included a recap of Dive into Saving for College and information about the changes for Destination College Savings. These were sent out on the kids-lib, OYAN, and libs-or email lists. If you didn't receive the email either check the list archives or email Katie (katie.anderson@state.or.us) and she can forward it to you.

New this year, The Oregon College Savings Plan is going to underwrite one summer reading performance at each of the 70 libraries in Oregon that serve under 10,000 people. The Oregon College Savings Plan will pay the performer's travel, lodging, and 1 performance fee. The State Library and Oregon College Savings Plan are still working out the logistics. Once everything is finalized, a representative from the Oregon College Savings Plan will be contacting eligible libraries directly to provide the details about this opportunity.

Oregon Summer Reading Certificates:

Next week an email will be going out on kids-lib, OYAN, and OASL listservs for public and school librarians to vote to select the children's and teen Oregon summer reading certificate. These certificates were designed by two public librarians. All libraries ordered certificates in November when they took the summer reading survey. Obviously the certificates haven't even been ordered yet, but if everything stays on schedule they should be mailed to libraries at the end of May.

Summer Reading Project Sharing

Participants took time to explain and share their summer reading crafts, songs, and programs with the group.

