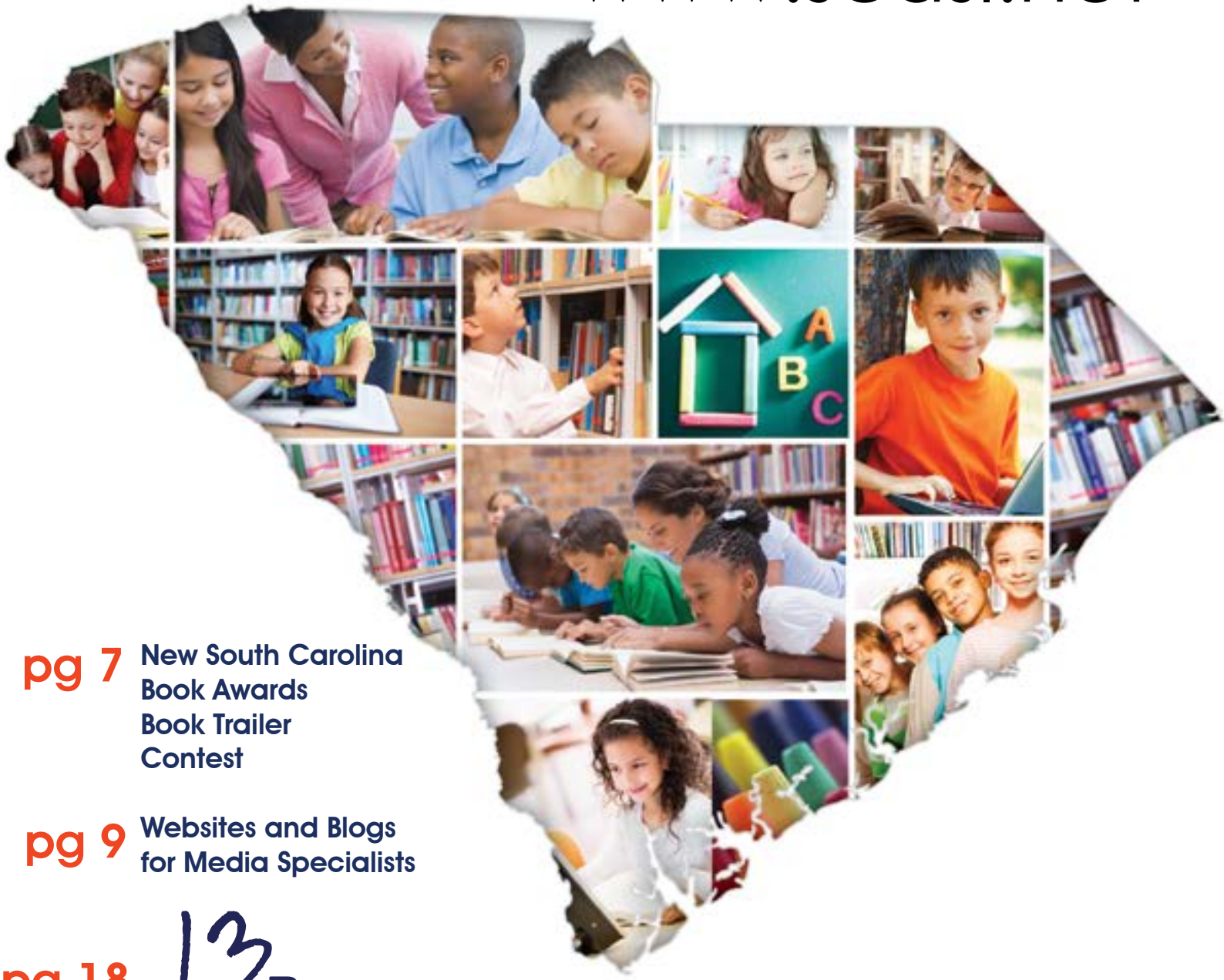


VISIT  
[www.scasl.net](http://www.scasl.net)



**pg 7** New South Carolina  
Book Awards  
Book Trailer  
Contest

**pg 9** Websites and Blogs  
for Media Specialists

**pg 18** **13** Reasons  
Why You Should  
Attend the  
SCASL Conference





# The Way We Grow

The quickest way to populate your school's digital library and get kids reading is with a robust assortment of free content from MackinVIA. Sign up for a free MackinVIA account today and build your library, instantly, with nearly \$2,000 in digital eBooks and audiobooks all for free.

## FREE AUDIOBOOKS

single-user access

Elementary School	Middle School	High School
30 titles (\$450 Value)	30 titles (\$555 Value)	30 titles (\$600 Value)

## FREE eBooks

unlimited, simultaneous user access

Elementary School	Middle School	High School
37 titles (\$995 Value)	37 titles (\$1,269 Value)	33 titles (\$1,129 Value)



Contact Your Local Sales Consultant  
Robin Cole  
cell: 864-923-5244 | 800-245-9540 | robin.cole@mackin.com

**Media Center Messenger**  
November 2014  
Volume LII, No. 11

**A Quarterly Publication of the South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL)**

**SCASL Mission Statement:**

The South Carolina Association of School Librarians advocates professional excellence, facilitates collaboration, and develops leadership to ensure that school library media programs are integral to teaching and learning in every South Carolina school.

Issues for this volume will be available online only and are available to members at [www.scasl.net](http://www.scasl.net). The membership application can be found on page 27 of this issue.

**Keep In Touch:**

SCASL  
PO Box 2442  
Columbia, SC 29202  
[www.scasl.net](http://www.scasl.net)

**To subscribe to the SCASL Listserv:**

Email address: [listserv@listserv.sc.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.sc.edu)  
Subject: leave blank  
Message: SubscribeSCASL-LS  
Your First Name Your Last Name

**Submission Guidelines:**

The SCASL Editorial Committee welcomes articles of interest to our profession, including photographs. Articles should be 250 to 1,000 words and can be emailed to Angela Enlow at [apenlow@yahoo.com](mailto:apenlow@yahoo.com).



Dear SCASL Members,

I hope everyone is having a successful and exciting year in your Media Centers. We certainly have a lot going on in SCASL this year already. We have completed the two phases of the Keith Curry Lance Impact Study and plan some major publicity and promotion of these results. A press conference is planned as well as promotional materials, produced by our Advocacy and Public Awareness committees, to be shared statewide. Please be on the lookout for these at the beginning of the year and be

planning ways to share with our stakeholders the importance of our library media programs.

We are in our second year of awarding mini grants to provide funding for teacher/librarian presentations at SC educational conferences in order to advocate for our media programs. Last year we funded four of these and I would love to see all five grants awarded this year. Apply online at our Advocacy committee page on [SCASL.net](http://SCASL.net).

I hope you have been exploring and using our [SCASL.net](http://SCASL.net) website. Check out our new Frequently Asked Questions page to quickly find out such things as, how to renew/join SCASL, how to volunteer, Book Award and Conference information as well as SCASL listserv information. We have a Regional News link now to help you keep up with what is going on in school libraries across the state. This page will be continually updated throughout the year with current news. You will also want to look at the Committee pages. They have been enhanced to give you up to date information of projects being worked on and who to contact for more information.

The Forums are a great place to go to share and solicit ideas. The Book Award forum has links to promotional brochures and power points for our SC Book Award program. The Technology forum has ideas for using technology in your media centers. Check out the SCASL MemberClicks forum for help in using our website more effectively and a place for Special and Independent schools to connect and share. Other forums can be added as we need additional information shared.

Our Information Technology committee is planning a drawing of our 30 most active SCASL website users at the conference in March and awarding a \$25 Amazon gift card. Make sure your name goes in that hat! We are committed to providing a dynamic website that provides you with the information you need.

Thanks for all you do for our students in South Carolina!

Diana T. Carr  
SCASL President 2014-2015

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

# EVERYDAY HEROES

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 11-13, 2015**  
**COLUMBIA, SC**



## BE INSPIRED

Attend Alice Ozma's keynote and learn how reading impacted this young author's life.

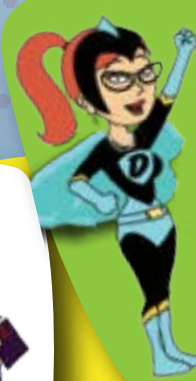
## BE BRAVE

Library Girl Jennifer LaGarde will show you how to tame the data monster and collect, connect and share your school library data.



## BE DARING

Gwyneth Jones shows you how to amp up your library practice by sharing 10 easy ways to supercharge and transform your library.



## BE CONNECTED

Come to the 40th Annual SCASL Conference and meet our super heroes:

In addition to Alice Ozma, Gwyneth Jones and Jennifer LaGarde, SCASL welcomes:

- AASL President - **Terri Grief**
- Librarian & Author **Nancy Keane**
- **Sara Pennypacker** - author of the *Clementine* series and *Summer of the Gypsy Moths*
- **Sharon Flake** - author of *Pinned* and *The Unstoppable Octobia May*
- **Alan Gratz** - author of *The League of Seven* and *Prisoner B-3087*
- **Sharon Dennis Wyeth** - author of *The Granddaughter Necklace* and *Something Beautiful*
- **Jewell Parker Rhodes** - author of *Sugar* and *Ninth Ward*
- **Steven Sheinkin** - author of *Bomb* and *The Port Chicago 50 Disaster*
- **Megan Miranda** - author of *Fracture* and *Hysteria*
- **Geoff Rodkey** - author of *Deadweather and Sunrise* and *New Lands*
- **Jessica Khoury** - author of *Origin* and *Vitro*
- **Chris Grabenstein** - author of *Escape from Mr. Limoncello's Library* and *The Black Heart Crypt*
- **Dave McDonald** - author of *Hamster Sam*
- **Myra McEntire** - author of *Hourglass* and *Timepiece*
- **Carrie Ryan** - author of *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* and *The Dead Tossed Waves*
- **Annette Laing** - author of *The Snipesville Chronicles*

AASL President, Terri Grief, will be speaking at the Awards Luncheon.

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCASL CONFERENCE**

- Exhibit hall sneak peak Wednesday 3:00-4:30
- Free registration for retired SCASL members with ten consecutive years of membership.
- Project Connect panel discussion sponsored by Follett
- Exhibit hall grand opening and SCASL birthday bash with superhero photo ops and a big birthday cake
- Pamper yourself area in the exhibit hall

NEW FOR 2015

## Contents

3 Letter from The President  
Diana Carr

7 New South Carolina Book Awards Book Trailer Contest  
Pat Wilcox

8 ByLaws

8 Intellectual Freedom Award

9 Recommended Sites for Media Specialists  
Angela Enlow

11 American Education Week

12 Milestones in American Education

14 Archives and History

18 Thirteen Reasons You Should Attend The SCASL Conference  
Jennifer Tazerouti

20 The Times They Are A'Changing  
Beverly Hall and Sarah Bailey

22 Our Superheroes

27 SCASL Membership Application

28 Audit Committee Report 2013

28 UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Join Our FORUM

<http://www.scasl.net/forums>



## 2014-15 Board of Directors:

### OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

**Diana Carr, PRESIDENT**  
dcarr@richlandone.org

**Jennifer Tazerouti, PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
tazerouti@gmail.com

**Andi Fansher, SECRETARY**  
andifansher@gmail.com

**Gloria Coleman, TREASURER**  
glorysee@hotmail.com

**Anne Lemieux, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**  
lemieux.anne@gmail.com

**Cathy Nelson, REGIONAL NETWORK DIRECTOR**  
cathyjonelson@gmail.com

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

**Sherry Shewmaker, ADVOCACY**  
sshewmaker@richlandone.org

**Jennifer Lanier, ARCHIVES & HISTORY**  
jlanier@richland2.org

**Camellia Harris, AUDITING**  
charris@knology.net

**Vashti Summerfield, AWARDS**  
vsummerfield@spartanburg3.org

**Pat Wilcox, BOOK AWARDS**  
pat.wilcox@sumterschools.net

**Susan McNair, BYLAWS**  
srmcna@scdjj.net

**Angie Enlow, EDITORIAL**  
apenlow@yahoo.com

**Heather Thore, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
thore40@gmail.com

**Lorena Swetnam, INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM**  
lorena.gaviria@gmail.com

**Samantha McManus, LEGISLATIVE**  
smcmanus@rhmail.org

**Leigh Jordan, PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION**  
leigh\_usc@yahoo.com

**Dawn James, PUBLIC AWARENESS**  
djames002@horrycountyschools.net

**Ida Thompson, STANDARDS & GUIDELINES**  
ithompson@richlandone.org

### SECTIONS:

**Irish Anderson, PARAPROFESSIONAL**  
ianderson@richlandone.org

**Kathy Sutusky, RETIRED LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS**  
ksutusky@sc.rr.com

**Jennifer Falvey, SPECIAL PUBLIC/INDEPENDENT**  
falvey@heathwood.org

**Donna Hagen, SUPERVISORS**  
dhagen@newberry.k12.sc.us

### LIAISONS:

**Regina Thurmond, SC DOE REPRESENTATIVE**  
rthurmond@ed.sc.gov

**Jenny Dilworth, SC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
jdilworth@richlandlibrary.com

**Karen Gavigan, USC - SLIS**  
kgavigan@mailbox.sc.edu

**Kathy Sutusky, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR**  
ksutusky@sc.rr.com

### SCASL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

**Diane Ervin**  
ervinscasl@gmail.com

### SCASL Mailing Address:

PO Box 2442, Columbia, SC 29202

SCASL Phone & Fax: 803.492.3025

# New South Carolina Book Awards Book Trailer Contest

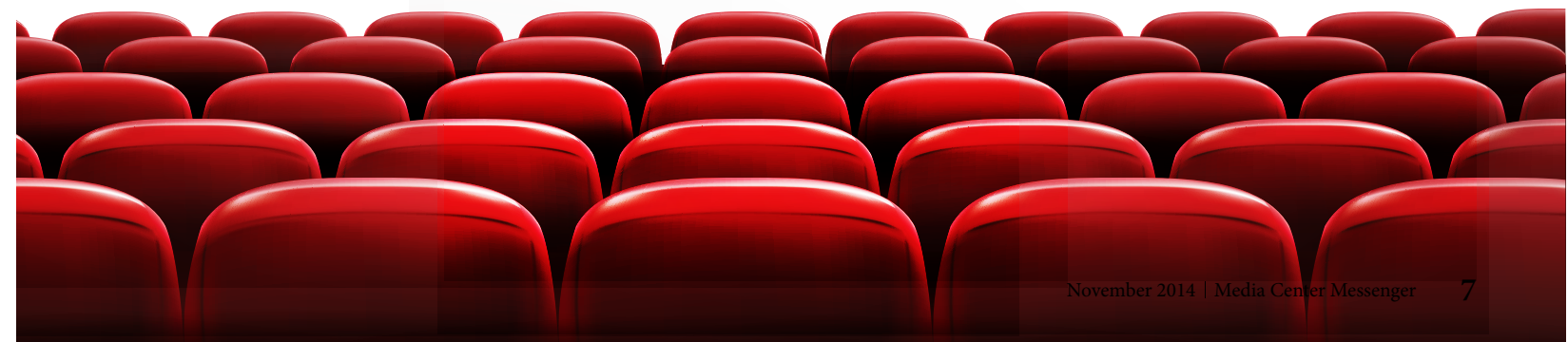
Pat Wilcox, Librarian  
South Carolina Book Award Chair  
Shaw Heights Elementary

We are excited to announce that the SC Book Awards has added a brand new program: **Book Trailers**. This will be in addition to the existing Banner Contest. So break out your video cameras, boot up the computers, and fire up your students' imaginations; it is time for them to create book trailers for this year's award nominees.

Schools will be able to submit one entry per level represented at their school to the contest. If you have more than one group of students who would like to create a book trailer, this would be a good time to hold a video contest at your school with the winning entry the one selected for submission. Remember, if your students choose to create a live action book trailer,

you will need releases from their parents. The book trailers are to be fully student-created live action or animated (stop-motion) videos of no more than three minutes in length. The only non-student created image permitted is the book cover. Guidelines and the Rubric are available on the SCASL website in Forums.

There are resources on the web as well as apps that will help your students create their book trailers. Tools to use include: PhotoStory, Windows Movie maker, iMovie, Animoto and WeVideo to name only a few. There are examples of a variety of book trailers available on the internet created by students. If your students use iPads, there are also apps available such as iMovie, StopMotion, and GreenScreen. Remember a winning book trailer does not need to be an elaborate production. Sometimes simple can be much more effective.



## ByLaws

Ever wondered why we operate the way we do?

Our bylaws define how we govern our organization. If you have any questions about our bylaws or want to suggest changes, please email Bylaws Chair, Susan McNair at [scmcna@scdjj.net](mailto:scmcna@scdjj.net). Bylaws are linked on the SCASL webpage, under the Board of Directors, Bylaws.

### Procedure for SCASL Bylaw Changes:

1. Members send proposed changes to the Bylaws Chair ([scmcna@scdjj.net](mailto:scmcna@scdjj.net)) by January 5th, 2015.
2. Bylaws Chair presents proposed changes to the Board of Directors at the January 17th Board Meeting.
3. Board of Directors vote on the proposed changes.
4. Approved changes are sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to the membership voting, which will occur at the Conference Business Meeting on Thursday, March 12th.



## Recommended Sites for Media Specialists

Angela Enlow

### WEBSITES

GO TO:

- [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

CLICK ON:

- Divisions
  - AASL
  - Best Websites for Teaching and Learning
- Also check out [www.sldirectory.com](http://www.sldirectory.com) for resources for school librarians.

### Blogs

- <http://blog.schoollibrarymedia.com/>
- <http://www.thedaringlibrarian.com/?m=1>
- <http://www.librarygirl.net/?m=1>



SEARCH:

- What a Difference School Library Makes
- School Library Journal
- SCASL



- [www.twitter.com/SCASLNet](http://www.twitter.com/SCASLNet)
- [www.twitter.com/kathyschroc](http://www.twitter.com/kathyschroc)
- [www.twitter.com/tonyvincent](http://www.twitter.com/tonyvincent)

Email your favorite media specialist websites and blogs to Angie Enlow at [aenlow@richlandone.org](mailto:aenlow@richlandone.org). Your sites could be featured in our next issue.

## Intellectual Freedom Award 2015

The Intellectual Freedom Committee is calling for nominations for the 2015 Intellectual Freedom Award.

Do you know a school librarian that uses innovative or creative programming to raise awareness of students' First Amendment rights? Do you know a school librarian that has boldly opposed censorship in their school library media center, public library, or community? Do you know a school librarian that promotes intellectual freedom through quality library media center programming?

If so, recognize this individual by nominating her/him for the 2015 SC Intellectual Freedom Award. To nominate an individual, please include the following information:

- Your name, title, school, email and phone number.
- Nominee's name, title, school, email and phone number.
- Why does this nominee qualify for the award? (be sure to include details of related programs, services and advocacy)

The winner of this award receives the general adulation of her/his peers as well as a cash prize!

Nominations must be submitted by February 1, 2015.

Send nominations via email to Lorena Swetnam: [lorena.gaviria@gmail.com](mailto:lorena.gaviria@gmail.com)



# Donna Washington *visits* Heathwood Hall

The author and storyteller Donna Washington visited Heathwood Hall on September 18. She gave four presentations to spellbound audiences of students in grades K – 8. Each presentation was designed especially for the age group.



Janet Allen, Media Specialist, as Batgirl and her student as Robin.

## We can ALL be *Superheroes* at school

# American Education Week 2014 November 16-22



## Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>Kickoff Day</b> Organize a kickoff event to get the week started!	<b>Parents Day</b> Invite parents and family members to school for a first-hand look at a typical school day.	<b>Education Support Professionals Day</b> Recognize bus drivers, paraprofessionals, cafeteria workers, maintenance staff, and others who provide invaluable services for their outstanding work.	<b>Educator for a Day</b> Encourage elected officials and community leaders to serve as "educators for a day" for a hands-on school experience.	<b>Substitute Educators Day</b> Honor and celebrate educators who are called on to substitute for regular classroom teachers in their absence for their services.	

For American Education Week online toolkit, artwork, and more, go to [www.nea.org/aew](https://www.nea.org/aew) or [#aew2014](https://twitter.com/aew2014)



# Milestones in American Education

**1919**

NEA and the American Legion meet to seek ways to generate public support for education.

**1921**

NEA and American Legion co-sponsor the first American Education Week.

**1926**

First SAT tests administered.

**1935**

Congress creates the Works Progress Administration—resulting in the development of hundreds of new school buildings.

**1939**

Frank W. Cyr, a professor at Columbia University's Teachers College, sets the standard yellow for school buses.

**1944**

The G.I. Bill is enacted for World War II Veterans and 238,000 become teachers.

**1945**

Every state now has a pension program for teachers.

**1946**

The Truman Commission Report is issued in 1947 and recommends sweeping changes in higher education, which doubles college enrollments.

**1954**

Brown vs Board of Education passed ruling that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal," overturning Plessy v. Ferguson.

**1965**

Project Head Start is initiated; the program continues to this day and is the longest-running anti-poverty program in the U.S.

**1966**

Making History ATA and NEA merge.

**1968**

Congress passes the Bilingual Education Act, also known as Title VII, a precursor for No Child Left Behind Act. Accreditation of Teacher education is created to set uniform standards for training America's teachers.

**1958**

Congress passes the National Defense Education Act—increasing funding for scientific research and science education.

**1959**

The first ACT Test is administered. Wisconsin wins nation's first statewide collective bargaining law for public employees.

**1964**

Civil Rights Act is passed. The Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, now Learning Disabilities Association of America is formed.

**1965**

Congress passes NEA-sponsored Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The Higher Education Act is introduced and includes Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Shirley Chisholms, an African American educator, becomes the first African American woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress.

**1972**

Congress passes Title IX—prohibiting discrimination in all aspects of education based on gender.

**1974**

The Equal Educational Opportunity Act is passed.

**1975**

Congress passes the Education of All Handicapped Act—forerunner of today's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

**1980**

Congress creates the US Department of Education.

**1983**

US Department of Education releases "A Nation at Risk"—calling for sweeping reforms in public education

**1986**

NEA member and teacher Christa McAuliffe — selected to be part of America's teacher in space program— dies in the Challenger disaster.

**1991**

The smart board (interactive white board) is introduced.

**1994**

The Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) is signed into law by President Clinton. It reauthorizes the ESEA of 1965.

**1998**

NEA's Read Across America is created to encourage adults to take an active role in reading to youngsters on a regular basis.

**2001**

Congress passes the No Child Left Behind Act—a reauthorization of 1965's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act is introduced.

**2004**

H.R 1350 The Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA 2004), reauthorizes and modifies IDEA.

**2007**

NEA celebrates its 150th Anniversary. Congress passes the Labor-HHS- Education appropriation bill which includes reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act

**2011**

Wisconsin legislature passes a bill removing most collective-bargaining rights from many public employees, including teachers.



# ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

The archives and history committee has worked to compile, organize, and maintain records of SCASL's organizational functions over the past forty years. Yes! Forty years! Our committee is excited to revisit the journey that so many of you school librarians have been a part of. Our ever-changing roles have morphed endlessly to ultimately enable students' success. The student achievement we strive for every day is now apparent globally. At minimum, we see a park visitor engrossed in their love of

life-long reading or a first generation college student seeking answers from authentic sources in order to gain a goal that once did not exist. You all, whether you started forty years ago or yesterday, have already planted a seed with your patrons. The seed of information. As the power of information comes to life, so does freedom for their lives. Thank you to all who have paved the way and to all who are just committing to one of the powerful careers in society. Thank you for being that superhero!

In support of our 40th Annual Conference March 11-13, 2015, please share any memories, milestones, and advancements in SCASL that you have seen.

Please write your note on this padlet: <http://padlet.com/jlanier/4rb11xtbaibx>

You may also contact the committee chair or members directly:

**Jennifer Lanier:** [jlanier@richland2.org](mailto:jlanier@richland2.org)

**LJubica Arceneaux:** [larceneaux@richlandone.org](mailto:larceneaux@richlandone.org)

**Chuck Baker:** [cbaker@richland2.org](mailto:cbaker@richland2.org)

**Kelly Knight:** [klknight@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:klknight@greenville.k12.sc.us)


**Ashley Loudon Turner:** [aturner@richlandone.org](mailto:aturner@richlandone.org)

**Dana Whelchel:** [DanaWhelchel@pickens.k12.sc.us](mailto:DanaWhelchel@pickens.k12.sc.us)

**Pat Wilcox:** [Pat.Wilcox@sumterschools.net](mailto:Pat.Wilcox@sumterschools.net)

**Christina Wilson:** [chwillson@richland2.org](mailto:chwillson@richland2.org)

# Contest

Last fall, SCASL launched its new website with  **memberClicks** at <https://scasl.net>. This year the IT committee is continuing to promote the many features of the website and will be sponsoring a contest throughout the fall and winter. Each month (September through February) the names of the 5 most active users of the SCASL website will be entered into a drawing. At the conference, we will draw a winner who will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card to compliment all of the information they have gained from utilizing our website. (The top 5 active users will be determined by actual use of forums, circles, etc and not just by number of logins. By the time of the drawing, there will be 30 names entered. Names may be entered into the drawing multiple times for different months if the member is consistently active on the website; therefore the more active you are for a long period of time, the better your chance of winning!) When you are exploring the website, make sure that you check out all of our forums including ones for Book Awards, Lesson Plans, and Conference! Don't forget to join in on a Circle or two to get involved in a professional learning community that focuses on just the right topic for you.

The 2014-2015 Information Technology Committee includes Linda Estrich, Karen Rogers, Anne Lemieux, and is chaired by Heather Thore. We are still looking for a couple more volunteers. If you are interested, complete the Volunteer Form on the website, or email the Chair at [heatherthore@anderson5.net](mailto:heatherthore@anderson5.net).

VISIT  
[www.scasl.net](http://www.scasl.net)...



VISIT  
[www.scasl.net](http://www.scasl.net)...

## /forums

Community Forum  
Board Statistics

JOIN US

## /awards

Award Recipients  
Awards Committee  
Contact Information

## /regional-news

Personnel Changes  
New Hires  
Special Recognitions  
Grants and Awards  
Pictures

## /book-awards

Book Award Winners  
Purpose of Awards  
Book Award Nominees  
SC Book Awards History



# 13 Reasons Why You Should Attend the SCASL Conference

by Jennifer Tazerouti

**1** Inspiration. Let keynote speakers and session presenters inspire and remind you just how important you are to the students and teachers at your school.

**2** Energy. Conference gives the boost you need to finish the school year and the inspiration to plan something great for the upcoming year.

**3** High Tech Teaching & Learning is always one of the topics of discussion. Learn about a new way to use technology to reach students or make your job easier.

**4** Authors - Students and teachers love to hear the interesting tidbits that authors tell us about their books or characters. Meet authors and attend one of the authors in the round session, hear Sharon Draper and Sara Pennypacker speak at the Author Celebration Luncheon.

**6** Book talks! Book Trailers! You will have so many new books to share when you get back to school.

**7** Networking! Together we are better - strengthen your connection to your professional network by meeting other school librarians.

**5** New Tools and Resources from Vendors - You may not know the answer, but you always know where to find it! Learn about the latest helpful tools, improvements, and upgrades.

**9** Stay Up to Date on the latest topics - Maker Spaces, Flipped Learning, Apps, Curation, Research Methodology, Genre Shelving and more

**8** Luncheons and Celebrations- Celebrate not eating lunch at your desk and enjoy a meal with your colleagues at the Awards Luncheon or Author Celebration at the Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

**10** Giveaways and Prizes! Vendors in the exhibit hall and the prize committee work to make sure you will have lots of goodies to take home.

**11** Visit your state's capital. Enjoy the scenery! Take one of our conference tours.

**12** This conference is the only one in our state with professional development created primarily for school librarians.

**13** The information and experiences you gain from conference have the potential to positively impact your career and your school.

## SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 11-13, 2015

COLUMBIA

METROPOLITAN

CONVENTION CENTER



# The Times They Are A'Changing

*Beverly Hall (old chick) and Sarah Bailey (young chick)*

## **Beverly**

Librarian – Media Specialist – Library Media Specialist – Information Technology Specialist. Who are we and where are we going?

Wherever there have been collections of information, there have been people assigned to organize those collections – from the Ancient Royal Library in Alexandria to the Library of Congress, Washington, DC to the Internet Public Library in cyberspace. The format of the library collection has changed drastically, but the job description is still pretty much the same.

“Organize this information and be able to find it when someone needs it.”

Whether the information is on an ancient scroll and you are one of the few citizens who knows how to read and write, or you are asked to locate primary source material for this group of eleventh grade students who are designing a website for their National History Day project, you are the “go to” guy or gal for information.

I am currently in my fourteenth year as a library media specialist. I've never had to type a catalog card, or do any inventory that wasn't electronic, but Mr. Dewey and I are old pals. Students are still amazed when they ask me for a book on... whatever...and I spout off where it is. If you've been a Library Media Specialist for any length of time, you can do the same, but you know that in our changing profession, Dewey is not the only way to go.

Do you want your library to be more like Barnes and Noble? We know that if the patron can see the cover art of the book, they are more likely to pick it up for a look. Whether you label your books with stickers on the spine so your patrons can find those Halloween or Valentine's Day books they want, or you've got your graphic novels in a special area so they're easy to find, your series books are together even if the individual books in the series are written by different authors, we want our patrons to easily find what they want and need.

In my small community there are only three schools. The elementary and middle share a library media

center and there is a separate library for the high school. My partner library media specialist is in her second year of library school and her first full year as a library media specialist. In addition the library assistant at the elementary and middle school media center is in her first semester of an online BLIS degree from a school in Maine. Our experiences began in much the same way...still in library school and doing the job we are being trained to do. When a media center job opened up in my district, Sarah was hired and I was assigned as her mentor, and hopefully having someone who had gone through learning and doing the job at the same time is helpful to her.

## **Sarah**

Librarians, no matter what setting they work in, are much more than simply keepers of books. We organize and maintain the library, manage the budget, choose and order materials, and help patrons with a variety of tasks. Patrons seek out librarians for a variety of reasons finding a good book to assistance with technology or finding information.

All of my MLIS classes have been online, which is becoming a more and more common way of obtaining education. Many students still attend traditional campus classes or have a blend of traditional and online courses. I definitely appreciate being able to use technology in order to complete all aspects of my schoolwork, but I do sometimes miss the in-person and face-to-face aspects of being in a traditional classroom.

Although I have grown up in a technology-laden era where I can now carry hundreds, or thousands, of books in one small mobile device, I still prefer to read a good, old-fashioned paper book. This does not at all mean that I do not sometimes subscribe to the ebook craze (who doesn't want to always have a good book on their phone for a quick read in the grocery line or in a waiting room?), but there is just something about the feel of the pages in my hand and the way the words look on paper that I absolutely love. Plus, you can't know the joy of cracking a

book's spine for the first time and knowing that you are the first person to love that particular book if you are reading it on a computer or mobile device.

## **Technology**

Librarians must stay up-to-date on the latest technologies and technological resources available to those in their community so that they can assist their patrons with those technologies, whether it be online resources and databases, new mobile devices, or anything else. While a librarian may not always have immediate, firsthand knowledge of how to handle and work with new resources, (s)he will most likely be able to find the answer within a short period of time by conducting appropriate Internet searches. For this reason, librarians are often the front line technology gurus in their places of employment when a coworker is having trouble with a computer, tablet, interactive whiteboard, etc. Another aspect of technology that librarians often assist patrons with is conducting online searches for information. Many patrons do not know how search engines and databases function so they oftentimes

struggle to find exactly what they are looking for. Librarians can assist with searches by teaching patrons how to conduct appropriate keyword searches and how to evaluate data in order to ensure that it is accurate and appropriate for the user's needs.

## **Beverly**

In the fourteen years since I started this part of my career I have seen the progression from filmstrip projectors to our Learn360 from StreamlineSC, from students writing double spaced book reports to creating book trailers, and to each student having in his or her pocket a cell phone capable of more memory and faster processing than the desktop I used for circulation in 1999. Who knows what changes will take place in the next few years, but one thing is for sure...if you are truly a finder and purveyor of information you must always keep learning and changing with the times (sing it with me now)

♪♪ for the times, they are a'changing. ♪♪



### Superhero: Kim Nees

Nominated By: Kristen Cummings

"I would like to nominate Kim Nees at Doby's Bridge Elementary in Fort Mill, SC. She has an opportunity this year to have flex scheduling on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Doby's Bridge Learning Commons. Teachers are excited about this "learning lab" environment. Her September monthly report shows collaborative units they have done, including some interesting statistics as well as their October goals."

### Superhero: Deborah Cooley

Nominated By: Tammy Greer

"Mrs. Cooley is definitely a superhero. She can ZAP 100 BC books, BAM a book fair, swipe just right books in a single SWOOP, KAPOW a morning news program that is our of this world, and produce a Golden Plunger award movie in a FLUSH that doesn't STINK. Most of all her out of this world book knowledge gives her the power to find the just right book for all students. She is Super Hero Cooleeo!!!"

### Superhero: Andi Fansher

Nominated By: Holly Hughes

"Andi Fansher, a media specialist and representative to our district, is my superhero librarian. She brought a "Device Petting Zoo" professional development to my school. Teachers, principals, and librarians from all over Greenville county were able to see and play with tablets, Chromebooks & boxes, wireless doo-dads and more. The closing note came from a veteran librarian in attendance--she shared that we don't just have to keep buying expensive laptops and desktops for our students to use. So many schools just got a lot more tech-savvy!"

### Superhero: Amy Bedenbaugh

Nominated By: Dee Stewart

"The Super-Shero of the BL Primary School Media Center is Amy Bedenbaugh! She is a "Wonder Woman" of books, providing 4K-2nd grade students with rich and engaging stories that will last a lifetime. She is SUPER at working collaboratively with teachers on research, technology integration, and student projects. By definition, a superhero possesses extraordinary talents and uses their powers for the good of humanity. Mrs. Bedenbaugh shares her passion for reading and books through a variety of school wide initiatives such as the Annual Book Parade, interactive book displays, book giveaways, and the summer reading initiative. More importantly, she uses her "literacy powers" to share the good of humanity with our school community by engaging students in projects like learning about and growing butterflies, only to have a student-led release in honor of one of their peers who is battling cancer. She employs her literacy sidekicks from the middle and high school to provide PAW-some reading buddies to primary and elementary students every Friday. Student athletes from the middle and high school open car doors for students and then accompany them to the cafeteria to read with the students. At BLPS, Mrs. Amy Bedenbaugh is a Super-Shero that we could not live without!"

# SUPERHEROES!

**Superhero: Lori Sawyer**  
Nominated By: Cathy Garner

"Mrs. Sawyer ... our CFG "Super-Heroine"!!! Mrs. Sawyer has super-powers that go far beyond other librarians! Her extraordinary talent to match interest levels with the "just right" book and dedication that goes far beyond all expectations makes Mrs. Sawyer a lady who takes CFG from average to exceptional! Now, you may be wondering what it takes to be a "Super-Heroine" like Mrs. Sawyer? Well, let's just say, you must possess the power to inspire children to go far beyond their dreams and you need use that power to accomplish good deeds. Mrs. Sawyer has used her power to turn children on to books in the blink of an eye and help teachers find the text that - POOF - can turn an ordinary lesson into an extraordinary one! Thank you, Mrs. Sawyer, for being our CFG Super-Heroine and for working-- **FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET**-- to create an environment throughout our school that magically inspires our children to want to pick up new books each day, just to see where that book will take them to next!"

**Superhero: Pamela Williams**  
Nominated By: Diana Carr

"Richland One's Library Superhero is Pamela Williams, Information Technology Specialist at Columbia High School. With our district's Digital Learning Environment (DLE) initiative, starting with laptops for our 9th graders, Pam has set up efficient processes and procedures for dealing with daily laptop issues so that problems can be addressed in a timely manner and students don't miss out on instruction. She is also sharing her forms and procedures with others going through this DLE process."

**Superhero: Debbie Jackson**  
Nominated By: Dupre Young

"Debbie Jackson, media specialist at Pelion High School, is a Lexington One superhero. Before the school year started, Debbie met with media specialists new to Lexington One to welcome them and share important information about policies and procedures."

**Superhero: Jessica Felker**  
Nominated By: Jennifer Collins

"Jessica Felker is a superhero in Lexington/Richland School District Five. She is devoted to organizing and improving communication with our group of media specialists and making sure we are visible in our district. She has been at Nursery Road for several years and is passionate about cyber safety, information literacy skills, and sharing great books with her elementary school students."

**SUPERHEROES!**

**SUPERHEROES!**

# SUPERHEROES!

**Superhero: Kenna Sanders**  
Nominated By: Deana Watson

“Chesnee Elementary School’s super hero is best described by Wonder Woman herself, “A new journey to be started; a new promise to be fulfilled; a new page to be written. Go forth into this waiting world with pen in hand, all you young scribes, the open book awaits. Be creative, be adventurous, be original. And above all else, be young. For youth is your greatest weapon, your greatest tool. Use it wisely.” Kenna Sanders is “Wonder Woman” to the faculty and students of Chesnee Elementary School. Not only does she guide and inspire students to have a love for reading and motivate students to broaden their knowledge through research, but she is also a fearless pioneer as she empowers others with her technological prowess. Through her secret weapon of technology, she can transform any lesson into a “WOW” moment in which the students are creating, evaluating, analyzing and producing. Her day includes such activities as assisting teachers in selecting apps to enhance student achievement, keeping technology updated and current, all the while keeping students at the forefront by connecting them with books to match their interests. Kenna Sanders is considered our Wonder Woman because of her instructional background as a classroom teacher and the blending of her techno savviness that enables both students and faculty to become the creative, adventurous, original thinkers and learners that reside deep within them.”

**Superhero: Shannon Ryan**  
Nominated By: Jennifer Lanier

“Shannon Ryan has successfully opened the library media center at our newest school in Richland Two, Lake Carolina Elementary Upper. We would like to recognize Shannon as our Super Hero for her dedication in starting a library media program that will have such a positive impact on the students at Lake Carolina Elementary Upper.”

# SUPERHEROES!

## SCASL Membership Application 2014 - 2015



**Membership Categories:** (check one)

- Professional Membership ..... \$50.00  
*certified school librarians, retired school librarians on TERL and/or who are working full-time as a professional librarian, students employed as school librarians, and other library professionals ( e.g. school librarians and technology specialists in any building level and district level position as well as academic, public and special librarians)*
- Student Membership ..... \$20.00  
*full time students carrying a minimum of nine hours per semester and not employed in a professional position*
- Associate Membership ..... \$15.00  
*state, district, and school administrators (e.g. district superintendents, assistant superintendents, district curriculum coordinators, school level principals, and assistant principals,) legislators, teachers, paraprofessionals, retired school librarians who retired after July 1, 2006, and who were not members for ten or more consecutive years, and other interested persons.*
- Institutional Membership ..... \$60.00  
*institutions, associations and businesses*
- Retired Membership ..... \$15.00  
*retired school librarians who have been active members of SCASL for 10 or more consecutive years.*
- Honorary Membership ..... \$FREE  
*professionals who retired prior to July 1, 2006 who have been members of SCASL for 10 or more consecutive years; and K-12 students who serve on a book award committee. **Must be renewed yearly.***

<b>Name</b>	
Position/Title	
District/Agency/Organization	
County	
<b>Home Information</b>	
Street Address	
PO BOX	
City/State/Zip	
Personal Email	
<b>School/Agency/Business Information</b>	
Name of School/Agency/Business	
Street Address	
PO Box	
City/State/Zip	
Phone#	
Fax #	
School/Agency/Business Email	

Preferred Method of Contact:  Home Contact OR  School/Agency/Business Contact

<b>Credit Card Information</b>	Circle One: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Card #: _____/_____/_____/_____	Expiration Date: _____
Cardholder Street Address: _____	Cardholder Zip: _____
Name of Cardholder: _____	Signature of Cardholder: _____
Three-Digit Security Code: (located on back of credit card): _____	Amount to Charge: _____

**Please note: Credit card transactions cannot be made without the three-digit security code.**

Paying by check? Please make check payable to SCASL. Return this completed form with payment to:

SCASL  
PO BOX 2442  
Columbia, SC 29202  
*Dues paid to SCASL are deductible for income tax purposes.*

# Additional Member Benefits at No Cost!

Through a partnership with American Income Life Insurance Company, additional benefits are being provided to all members of the South Carolina Association of School Librarians.

## **BENEFITS INCLUDE**

- A Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit
  - Health Services Discount Card
  - Child Safe Kit

Learn more at [www.aillife.com/benefits/sgomy](http://www.aillife.com/benefits/sgomy)



**www.aillife.com**  
Protecting Working Families

**AMERICAN INCOME LIFE**  
insurance company

**Roasann Gill**  
Public Relations  
803.443.9644  
regill@aillife.com

An AIL representative will contact members who return the reply card to arrange a convenient time to deliver their benefits and review other supplemental insurance benefits that may be available.



## **Audit Committee Report 2013**

The audit committee convened on Saturday, April 26, 2014 and examined the financial records of SCASL and find them to be correct with the following recommendations:

1. Conference expenses need to be associated with clearly named accounts. Too many expenses were itemized into "Local Arrangements," such as Staff Development Scanning or Awards at Conference.
2. Executive Secretary should attend audit committee meeting to discuss deposit of monies in order to verify that the designated monies were spent correctly and to provide the minutes from the executive meetings and general meetings.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **AASL FALL FORUM**

November 17-19, 2014, St. Louis, MS  
Satellite sites in GA and NC

### **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

November 17-21, 2014

### **SCASL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

January 10, 2015

### **ALA MIDWINTER MEETING**

January 30-February 3, 2015,  
Chicago, IL

### **READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

March 3, 2015

### **TEEN TECH WEEK**

March 9-15, 2015

### **SCIRA CONFERENCE**

February 19-21, 2015, Myrtle Beach,  
SC

### **SCASL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

March 11-13, 2015, Columbia, SC

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY**

March 16, 2015

### **SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH**

April 2014

### **SC READ-IN**

April 14, 2015

### **NATIONAL D.E.A.R. DAY**

April 12, 2015

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

April 12-18, 2015

### **SCASL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

May 2, 2015

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY**

May 4-5, 2015, Washington, DC

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

May 5-9, 2015

### **CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**

May 4-10, 2015

### **SC BOOK FESTIVAL**

May 15-17, 2015

### **ISTE CONFERENCE**

June 28 - July 1, 2015

### **ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

June 25-30, 2015,  
San Francisco, CA