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# Letter from the President

Hello SCASL Members,

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual SCASL Conference is over, and I hope that if you attended you found it to be a very productive professional development filled with opportunities to learn and network. I would like to thank Diana Carr and the steering committee for a great job of providing us with this opportunity. We had some very special keynote speakers who provided us with inspiration and information. Thanks to Toni Buzzeo, Gail Dickinson and Ann Martin.

As I reflect on the past year, SCASL has undertaken some great projects from constructing a position statement on proposed changes made by the South Carolina Board of Education to Chapter 43 Section 205 of the South Carolina Code of Law to contracting for an Impact Study by RSL research group. I hope that everyone has invested in the study, and I am confident we will have a great advocacy tool in the end.

Next year is our 40<sup>th</sup> annual conference to be held in Columbia on March 11-13, 2015. Plans are already underway for this very special conference; Jennifer Tazerouti is the Program Chair, and I cannot wait to see what she has in store for us. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

I hope you will volunteer your time and talents to SCASL. Our committees need your ideas and energy, and by serving you have an opportunity to impact the direction of our organization. Through volunteering, you will also increase your leadership skills and your professional learning network. Between standing and conference committees, there is a place for everyone! To volunteer please fill out the [Volunteer Form](#).

It has been my honor to serve as President this year, I am amazed by all of the professionals who work on the board, committees and volunteer their time and talents to make SCASL a productive organization that makes a difference in our state and for our communities.



As always thank you for your support,

*Anne C. Lemieux*

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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.

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# Everyone should have to plan a conference!

## *Post-conference letter from the President-Elect*



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**Diana T. Carr**

Conference Program Chair  
2013-2014 President-Elect

Everyone should have to plan a conference! It gives you a great appreciation for the past presidents-elect/vice presidents who have gone before you. So much is involved – big de-

isions, small details and scheduling to name a few. Our 39<sup>th</sup> annual SCASL conference, Leadership@your library, offered us inspiration to be leaders in our libraries, schools, districts and communities. Gail Dickinson and Ann Martin from the AASL leadership gave us practical ways to step up as leaders and Toni Buzzeo provided specifics on how to use literature to support the Common Core state standards. We had 535 members to attend, 6 pre-conference sessions, 4 tours, over 57 concurrent sessions, 2 Authors in the Round sessions, 2 keynotes, a wine and cheese reception with exhibitors and 2 luncheons with greetings from Governor Nikki Haley and Senator Vincent Sheheen.

We were also introduced to our new Memberclicks website and some of its features to help us continue to stay connected long after conference was over. Of course, one of the highlights is always the door prizes with districts from all over the state providing beautiful baskets of goodies. The City of Columbia offers us a central location in the state to meet that makes it more convenient for our members to attend. We even offered a one day registration option to accommodate those that couldn't attend the full 3 days.



*Librarian and author Toni Buzzeo delivering the keynote address at SCASL Conference 2014.*



*A concurrent session at SCASL Conference 2014.*

## **Guidebook and Edmodo**

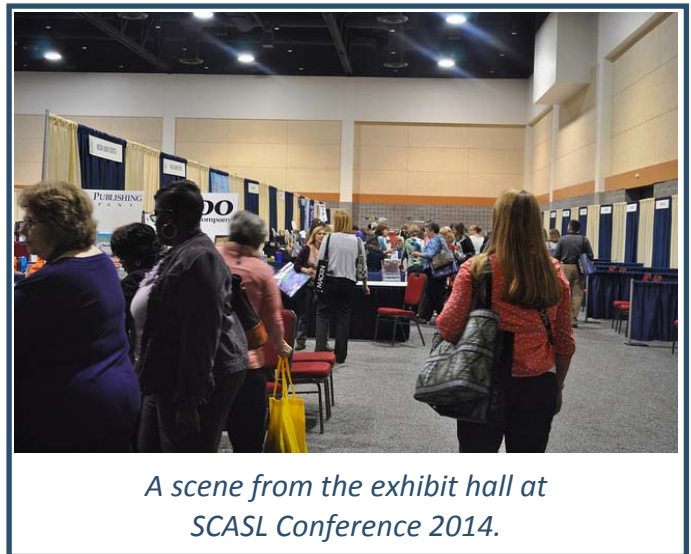
We again used the Guidebook app and Edmodo to connect and share. Be sure and join the Edmodo groups for the sessions you are most interested in for access to handouts and to share ideas. Thanks to Jennifer Tazerouti, Carolyn Masek, and Angie Enlow for getting these applications set up for us to use.

## **Local Arrangements**

I can't say enough about how much I appreciated our local arrangements chair, Angie Enlow and her committee. They all went above and beyond their tasks to make the conference run smoothly. I love you all.

### **Let me address some of your concerns:**

- Next year is the last year of our contract with Columbia for our conference. We are exploring options now for other areas. That being said, Columbia always has the best turn out and is the easiest place for our members to attend.
- Yes, the meals are expensive. The days of the \$7 - \$9 box lunch are long gone. I did try to choose the most economical menus for our luncheons. In addition, coffee stations are also very costly. We did double the water stations this year so there were at least 2 on each floor.
- And yes, some of the sessions were over crowded. We added tables in most of the rooms to allow for attendees to use their devices more effectively which decreases the number of participants in each room. When we scheduled the sessions we did try to put sessions we thought would be most popular in larger rooms, but you never know.



*A scene from the exhibit hall at SCASL Conference 2014.*

- We had 44 vendors this year thanks to Sherry Shewmaker and Ljubica Arceneaux beating the bushes to recruit. This was more than last year and we had several who had not been at our conference before or not in several years. Again, thanks Sherry and Ljubica! That is truly a monumental job.
- As the conference program stated, our wireless access was based on the amount of devices connected at one time and with more and more participants using multiple devices this can add up. We did double the access for this conference at an additional cost.
- I am afraid for the past several years the school tours have not been well attended.



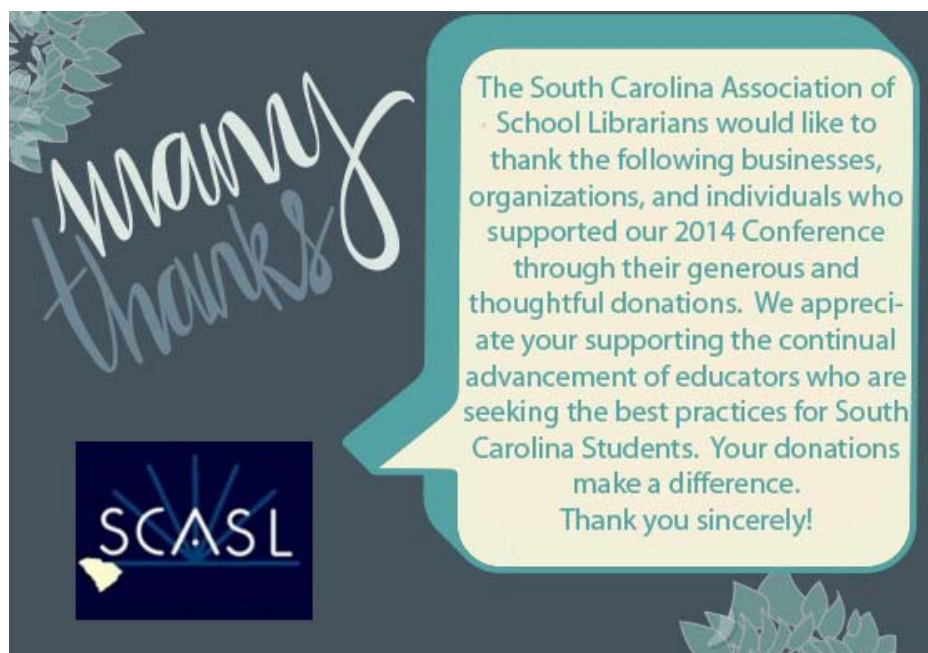
*A lucky door prize winners from SCASL Conference 2014.*

### **Feedback, Volunteering and Next Year**

Be sure to complete the conference evaluation on our SCASL.net website under the conference section <http://www.scasl.net/conference> . We read your comments and suggestions and use them to make future conferences better. Also consider volunteering for our SCASL committees and conference planning for next year. We will especially need people to serve on our advocacy and public awareness committees as we go further in the SC Library Impact study process. We will want to get the word out how our media programs impact student achievement. Being involved in your professional organization is an important part of leadership. The volunteer form is also on the SCASL.net website <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TJG8W5F> .

Please mark your calendars for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary annual conference next year: March 11 – 13, 2015 again in Columbia. This will be a very special celebration and if you have any SCASL history artifacts to share send them to Jennifer Lanier, [janier@richland2.org](mailto:janier@richland2.org), our Archives and History chair. See you then and I am looking forward to working with you all throughout the year.

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# 2013 - 2014 South Carolina Book Awards



**Kitt R. Lisenby**

SCASL Book Award Chair 2013-14  
Library Media Specialist/National  
Board Certified Teacher  
Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School

527 schools participated in the SC Book Award program with 68,213 votes.

***The winners of the South Carolina Book Awards are:***



**Picture Book Award**

**Eric Litwin**

*Pete the Cat: Rocking in  
My School Shoes*



**Children's Book Award**

**R.J. Palacio**

*Wonder*



**Junior Book Award**

**Wendelin Van Draanen**

*The Running Dream*



**Young Adult Book Award**

**Veronica Roth**

*Divergent*

## ***Banner Winners***



**Picture:** 1st - Lesslie Elementary School, Cathy Poole; 2nd - Cannons Elementary School, Vashti Summerfield; 3rd - Concrete Elementary School, Deborah Walker

**Children's:** 1st - Andrews Elementary, Lori M. Harper; 2nd - Ninety Six Elementary, April Timmerman; 3rd - Pacolet Elementary, Holly Hartell

**Junior:** 1st - Sanders Middle, Vicky Culbertson; 2nd - St. Andrews Middle, Wanda Wylie; 3rd - A. R. Rucker Middle, Leigh Jordan

**Young Adult:** 1st - Timberland High, Donna Shuler-Rodin; 2nd - Fort Dorchester High, Donna E. Moyer; 3rd - Ninety Six High, Jacqueline A. Rapp

*You can still be a part of the book award program by going to [scasl.net](http://scasl.net) and filling out the application. I promise you will receive notification of your application. Our conference theme was "leadership @ your library." One way you can participate is by becoming a part of this very important committee.*

***Thanks again to all of the committee members who worked so hard on this year's committees. I appreciate everything you did to make this a great year!!***

# SCASL's 2015 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:

## “Everyday Heroes”



**Jennifer Tazerouti**

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I am excited to be planning our 40th Annual Conference. It will be held March 11-13 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. School Librarians mean so much for the students and teachers they serve. Have you ever thought of yourself as a superhero? In many ways, you are! A superhero who promotes reading, teaches research skills and integrates technology in a single bound? The School Librarian! Our conference theme celebrates the power of the School Librarian with our theme, "Everyday Heroes" We'll welcome some of our superheroes: Alice Ozma, reading advocate and author of *The Reading Promise*, Gwyneth Jones, also known as the Daring Librarian, and Jennifer LaGarde, Library Girl! Let's get excited about our 40th conference. If you have any ideas for our upcoming conference please e-mail me at [tazerouti@gmail.com](mailto:tazerouti@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you!



**Starring  
Gwyneth Jones  
as *The Daring  
Librarian***

**& Alice Ozma,  
reading  
advocate and  
author**



**& Jennifer  
LaGarde as  
*Library Girl***



# judging a book by its cover

## creating Library spaces that speak volumes

can visitors to your space answer the following questions (without you there to offer explanations or excuses)?

And if not... here's what you can do about it!



1

What does this librarian value? What is (s)he about?

- ♥ If you post "library rules," focus on what kids CAN do not on what they CAN'T.
- ♥ Give equal space to displays that focus on building, creating, exploring & learning, as you do to those that focus on books.
- ♥ Privilege student voice by displaying, and cataloging student publications.
- ♥ Build bridges (not barriers) between students/staff and the resources they need.
- ♥ Put kids first. And everything else second.

2

What happens in this space?

- ♥ Display student work, that you helped them create, EVERYWHERE! (not just projects that are too big to display elsewhere).
- ♥ Create flexible learning spaces where kids create and collaborate.
- ♥ Use technology to connect kids with the world. Help kids use technology to create the world of tomorrow.
- ♥ Be visible, present and engaged.

3

How does what happens here impact learning?

- ♥ Post learning goals that are about life skills, not library skills.
- ♥ Display data that connects the library to learning goals & student outcomes.
- ♥ Give students the opportunity to publicly reflect on their learning.
- ♥ Be persistently & publicly about LEARNING.

4

Why do we still need libraries?

- ♥ Share/display how the library is a solution to the problems that keep your principal up at night.
- ♥ Even if your space looks like a relic from the past, make sure your work looks like the future.



our spaces tell the story of why our work matters and how we make a difference for kids. What story is your space telling?



# USC School of Library & Information Science Update



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## **SLIS Interns and Future School Librarians**

There will be 19 SLIS school librarian interns in the field this fall, and they will soon be ready to assume jobs in SC school libraries. With the anticipated rise in the retirement of school librarians over the next several years, the school library faculty and staff in the School of Library and Information Science would like to solicit your help in encouraging future school library candidates to apply to our program.

## **Do you know of a teacher / relative / friend / neighbor who you think would be a great school librarian?**

If so, please refer them to the following link on the USC School of Library and Information Science website.

[http://www.libsci.sc.edu/slm/certification\\_seminar.htm](http://www.libsci.sc.edu/slm/certification_seminar.htm)

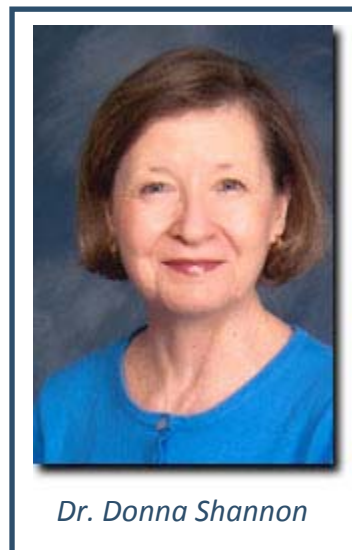
The webinar and FAQ on this site provide helpful information for anyone interested in obtaining school library certification, and an MLIS, at USC- SLIS.

Thank you for your help in sharing this information widely.

## **Dr. Donna Shannon Retiring from the USC School of Library and Information Science**

After serving on the USC-SLIS faculty for 18 years, Dr. Donna Shannon will officially retire in May but plans to remain active in her profes-

sional activities. Dr. Shannon will be missed by her fellow USC colleagues and the many SLIS students that she has taught through the years. If you would like to send a note to Donna, the address is:



*Dr. Donna Shannon*

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*If you have any questions about the USC SLIS program, please contact Karen Gavigan at kgavigan@mailbox.sc.edu.*

# SUMMER INSTITUTE 2014

*Courage to Lead® for School Librarians*

Renew your Passion, Enthusiasm, and Commitment

*JUNE 16, 2014*

*9:30 AM – 4:30 PM*

*Join your colleagues in Columbia this summer for the Courage to Lead® program for school leaders, in this case, school librarians renew their passion, enthusiasm and commitment to school leadership, literary leadership, and to the communities they serve.*

Courage to Lead® for School Librarians has been carefully designed to create a very different kind of space for professional development for school librarians and other literacy leaders who want to reclaim their voices. *It is rooted in the belief that effective teaching and leadership flow from the identity and integrity of the individual.* The work has grown out of almost two decades of work with educators who have shared that experiences in education and life and leadership are often draining and dismembering, and that we need quiet, disciplined time in a circle of trust to “re-member” ourselves, revitalize our spirit, reclaim our wholeness, and renew our vocational commitment.

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# News from the South Carolina State Library



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## Literacy 2030 Joins the State Library

Since before 2008, a group of committed volunteers came together to discuss the problem of literacy in the state of South Carolina, discussing at first how to build a community of readers in Columbia. While the initial idea was to bring together stakeholders in an annual summit, through additional support, a more comprehensive plan was created through the assistance and leadership of the Central Carolina Community Foundation. The challenge of that plan was that it involved only the central part of the state. However, after a great amount of effort and continued discussion by some of the initial leadership as well as new supporters, Literacy 2030 has found a new, permanent home at the South Carolina State Library supporting the end goal of improving literacy in the state by the year 2030. The Central Carolina Community Foundation



continues to serve in support of the program, now housed at the State Library, as efforts are moving forward to relaunch the

program statewide. Richland Library has continued to use the Midlands plan, calling together community stakeholders three times this year, and hosting community facilitation training for staff and library directors across the state. The State Library welcomes you to visit the website ([www.literacy2030.org](http://www.literacy2030.org)) to learn more about the current program and how to get involved, keep up to date on training offerings, and work together as librarians, educators and literacy providers as we move statewide. With the direction and support of the State Library and with our libraries and partners, together we will work towards connecting communities to raise the literacy rates of South Carolina and *Rewriting South Carolina's future one reader at a time.*



### **Join us for StoryfestSC 2014**

On June 7 from 9am to 4pm, join us for the fourth annual StoryfestSC! This year we kick off Summer Reading programs and the science based theme of “Fizz Boom Read” with award-winning authors Nina Crews and Brian Lies. A day filled with family friendly events including author presentations by Nina and Brian, local storytellers, NiA Readers Theatre bringing the books alive through interactive participation, a science based craft area, face painters, visits from Cocky and SC ETV’s SmartCat, all free to the public including gen-

eral admission to the museum. This year’s event will also include photography fun for young adults with a green screen booth and props. The State Library has supported photography training and the art of photography all year long. Children will receive a book bag with the anniversary edition of *South Carolina Day by Day* literacy calendar and free books that the authors will sign. You can learn about summer reading program offerings at the public libraries across the state as well as some of our educational partners like local public libraries, SC Educational Television and the EdVenture Children’s Museum.

Visit <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/storyfestsc-2014> for details.



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# Read Across America

**Dawn James**

Media Specialist  
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Horry County Schools

The Aynor High School Blue Jacket Book Club's mission is to promote literacy and reading throughout the school and community. To celebrate "Read Across America Day," ten members of the club visited Aynor Elementary and read to students. The high school students selected their favorite children's book to read for the Child Development, Kindergarten, and First grade classes. Everyone enjoyed the event and sharing their favorite reading memories. Of the many events that the club participates in throughout the school year, the students always look forward to visiting the elementary schools.





# Read Across America (continued)

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Kim Purcell,  
author of  
*Trafficked*,  
came to Hil-  
ton Head Is-

land High for our Read Across America Celebra-  
tion. *Trafficked* is one of the books on the SCYA-  
BA nominee list 2013-2014. The head of our  
English Department, Kristen Karszes received a  
grant for being District Teacher of the Year. That

grant purchased two classroom sets of *Trafficked*, and part of Kim's flight from New York. The  
Media Center funds covered the rest of the expenses with a nice discount from The Westin



for Kim's lodging.

Kim spoke to all of our students (in three ses-  
sions) about human trafficking, the warning  
signs, and about the research she did before and  
while writing *Trafficked*. She also ran two writing  
workshops with Ms Karszes' students. She is a  
real trooper – and loves working with the stu-  
dents. I highly recommend her – and she  
SKYPE's!

In our district Bluffton High School also invited Kim to their school. She spoke with students  
in their library. The photos below are of Kim at Bluffton High and with Media Specialist Page  
Wiedeman and assistant Sandy Bedosky.



# Eric Litwin Visits McDonald Elementary

Rebecca Adams

Media Specialist  
McDonald Elementary School  
Georgetown County School District

Students  
and  
teachers at  
McDonald  
Elementary

& Kensington Elementary in Georgetown, South Carolina were thrilled to have author Mr. Eric Litwin visit their schools on February 20, 2014. "Mr. Eric" is the author of the first four *Pete the Cat* books: *I love my White Shoes*, *Rocking in My School Shoes*, *Pete the Cat Saves Christmas*, and *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*. How wonderful to have the author of the newly selected South Carolina Picture Book Award winner with us!



*Students and teachers alike were entertained by Mr. Eric's stories and music.*



*Even Mr. Eric received a surprise when he realized the audience was full of "Pete the Cat" fans.*

# Books & Bytes Book Club Provides Library for Hope Center for Children

**Pam Owens**

Media Specialist  
Boiling Springs Middle School  
Spartanburg Two

The Books & Bytes book club at Boiling Springs Middle School in Inman, sponsored by Media Specialist Pam Owens and fellow teacher Valerie Geen, recently hosted a week-long book drive to provide a library for children

housed at The Hope Center for Children, Spartanburg's children's shelter. The club invited all students to donate new and gently used books for children of all ages. In all, the students donated 2,201 books! Pam Owens brags on her school, "Our students showed a spirit of selflessness and compassion through the book drive. The reality is, we have too many books now and are seeking other non-profits that can use some. What a great problem to have!"



## Hilton Head Elementary takes Top Honors in *Plaid About Reading Competition*

**Billie Jones**

Media Specialist  
Hilton Head Island Elementary  
Beaufort County School District

Hilton Head Island Elementary recently took top honors in the Plaid About Reading Contest sponsored by the Heritage Classic Foundation. This contest was open to all elementary schools south of the Broad River. HHIE students won the competition by reading a total of 239,735 pages between February 5 and February 19. The school will receive five hundred dollars from the

Heritage Classic Foundation. The class reading the highest number of pages was Ms. Deidra Barker's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class, who read 24,853 pages, and will also receive five hundred dollars. Jazmine Hernandez of Ms. Barker's class was the top reader from all 1<sup>st</sup> grades, with a total of 3,331 pages read. Brayan Gaytan- Nuhez of Ms. Hamby's class was the top reader of all 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, reading 4,668 pages. Brody Hoffman of Ms. Mehle's class was the top reader from all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes, reading 13,484 pages. Conner Schmidt, of Ms.

Seelbach's class was the top 5<sup>th</sup> grade reader, with a total of 9,665 pages. Individual grade level winners will receive two daily grounds tickets to the RBC Heritage, good for one day of the tournament. All participants are invited to meet Sir Willie and a PGA Tour professional golfer at the Hilton Head Island Public Library on Wed. April 16, from 2-3pm. Congratulations to all winners and a special thanks to the Heritage Classic Foundation.



# Palmetto Middle School and Cairo American College Participate in Virtual Book Group

Amy Coquillard

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Cairo American College  
MHS Library  
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In late January, librarian Tamara Cox the students at Palmetto Middle School in Williamston, SC and librarian Amy Coquillard and the students at Cairo



American College in Cairo, Egypt participated in a virtual book group. Students at both schools had been reading *Divergent* by Veronica Roth and, as a result of an article in the November MCM written by Amy who worked in Richland One last year; Tamara contacted Amy and asked if we could connect our groups.

After testing our Google Hangout connection we “met” at 8:15 am South Carolina time and 3:15 pm Cairo time to talk about *Divergent*. Tamara Cox and her students led the way with a variety of questions including each student discussing what faction they think they would be and why. As our book discussion came to a close the students talked about their lives at school, what they do for fun, and movies they have seen. They had many things in common and were interested in their differences as well.

Friday morning, the day after our book group, a bomb exploded in Cairo at a police headquarters. The book group felt even more important when Tamara emailed me to say her students came in asking if we were ok because they had heard about a bomb explosion in Cairo. My students were very touched that the South Carolina students were concerned about them after only sharing 45 minutes together.

As librarians we often want to expand students’ minds and worlds through literature and the sharing of literature and I believe we accomplished this task, if only in a very small way.

# Sumter High School Prepares for iMac Lab

**Michelle McMahon**

Media Specialist  
Sumter High School  
Sumter School District

Sumter High School will soon have an iMac lab!!! Training is beginning for introductions to iMac. There is a lot of excitement in the air for innovations in technology at SHS! We are preparing students for navigating different platforms and being introduced to how technology can be used as a tool for higher learning and col-

laboration to prepare students for jobs that will inevitably require technology and collaboration! We are grateful to administration for seeing the importance of tapping into the world in

which our students already exist; they can see how students will benefit by utilizing resources, not so much with the knowledge of their best friends, but with the knowledge of trained educators who will direct them towards a purposeful life!



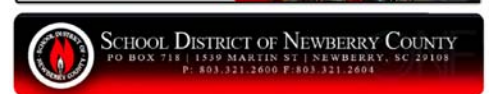
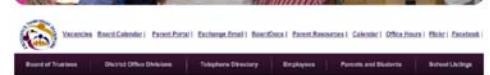
*Sumter High School*

Present training begins this Thursday and throughout the coming months with: basics for iMac navigations, iMovie for iMac and mini iPads, Graphics apps, Toon creators' apps, keynote versus PowerPoint.

This, combined with web 2.0 tools for collaboration, will be an awesome advantage and interest builder for this generation of students!!!!

# School Districts with 100% SCASL Membership

*Congratulations to our South Carolina School Districts with 100% of librarians who are active members of SCASL! Please encourage non-members in your district to join our organization and be a part of the exciting future of school libraries in South Carolina. To join, please complete the membership application on the next page, or visit <http://scasl.net/member-options/>.*





# SCASL Membership Application

2013 – 2014

**Membership Categories: (check one)**

- Professional Membership ..... \$50.00  
*certified school librarians, retired school librarians on TERI 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.***

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**To register, you may submit this form with payment to the above address, or complete your registration online at: <http://scasl.net/member-options/>.**

# S.C. Conference Presentation Mini-Grant

SCASL is providing funding for media specialist presentations at SC educational conferences during the 2013-2014 school year to advocate for teacher/librarian collaboration, reading programs, and other benefits of school library programs. The funds available may be used to pay for expenses including registration and one night hotel stay (maximum \$250). Media Specialists may apply for one SC Conference Presentation Mini Grant per SCASL membership year.

Requirements of SC Conference Presentation Mini-Grant:

Must be a current member of SCASL

Submit an application for SC Conference Presentation Mini-Grant


Submit confirmation of presentation proposal acceptance from educational conference presentation


Submit photo evidence of educational conference presentation


Submit a proposal for SCASL conference upon receipt of mini-grant

Five grants will be issued during each year (June-July). One mini-grant will be awarded for each SC education conference on a first come, first serve basis.


The following is a suggested list of upcoming 2013-2014 educational conferences in which SCASL is seeking presenters:

 SC EdTech managed by SC Association for Educational Technology (AET) at the TD Convention Center, October 9-11, 2013, Greenville, SC <<http://edtech.scaet.org/index.html>>


 SC Council of the International Reading Association, April 20-22, 2014 <<http://scira.org/conference/>>


 SC Council for the Social Studies <[http://sccss.org/?page\\_id=14](http://sccss.org/?page_id=14)>


 SC Science Council <<http://southcarolinascience.org/>>


 SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics, October 24-25, TD Conference Center, Greenville, SC <<http://www.scctm.org/conferences>>


 SC Foreign Language Teachers Association <[http://www.scflta.org/conf\\_wkshps/conference.html](http://www.scflta.org/conf_wkshps/conference.html)>

 Carolina Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, November 7-9 2013, Myrtle Beach, SC <<http://carolinatesol.shuttlepod.org/>>

 South Carolina Council of Teachers of English, January 31- April 1, 2014, Kiawah Island, SC <<http://www.sccte.org/>>

 SC Association of School Administrators <<http://www.scasa.org/>>

 SC Council for Exceptional Children <<http://www.cec.sped.org>>

 SC Middle School Association, April 28- March 2, 2014, Myrtle Beach Convention Center <[http://www.scmsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=5&Itemid=8](http://www.scmsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=5&Itemid=8)>





The following will need to be included in your online application available at <http://scasl.net>:

### I. Presenters

#### Library Media Specialist

Name of Library Media Specialist, School District, School Name, School Address,  
Email Address, Telephone Number

#### Classroom Teacher Co-Presenter (if applicable)

Name of Teacher, Subject & Grade, School District, School Name, School Address,  
Email Address, Telephone Number

### II. Conference

Name of Conference, Date, Location, Cost for Registration, Cost of Housing (if applicable)

### III. Session

Title of Session, Brief Description of Session (25-50 words), Grade Level

### IV. Session Demographics

Subject Area, Intended Audience, Standards Addressed (SC State Standards, AASL Learning Standards,  
Common Core, ISTE NETS, etc)

### V. Library Advocacy

Please describe how your presentation fosters learning for students, promotes collaboration between  
the library media specialist & teacher and advocates for the library program.



# Introducing the New *Kids InfoBits*!



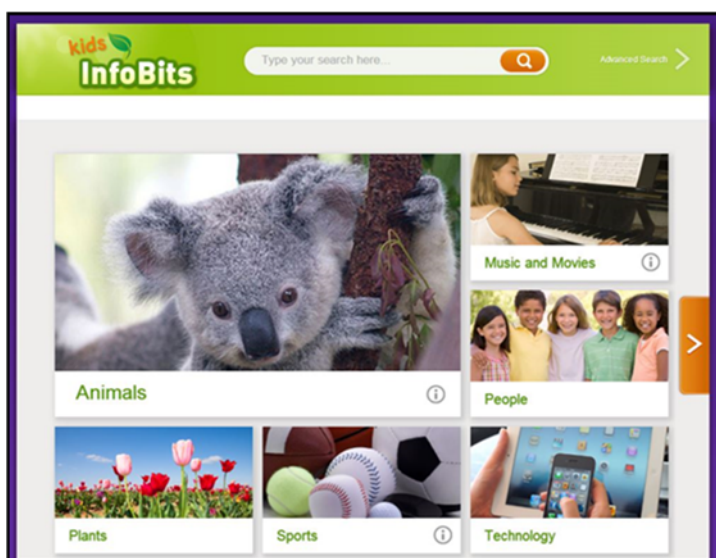
**Ruth Thompson**

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*Kids InfoBits* is Gale's fun, searchable, age-appropriate online resource for elementary school students and a long-anticipated update is imminent! The new *Kids InfoBits* includes books, magazines, news, and more than 13,000 images covering these broad subject categories: animals, arts, geography, health, literature, music/movies, people, plants, science, social studies, sports, and technology.

Gale designed the new *Kids InfoBits* based on feedback from students in the classroom and community. The new design helps kids explore the product and gain comfort with database searching. In addition to more content, highlights of the new experience include:

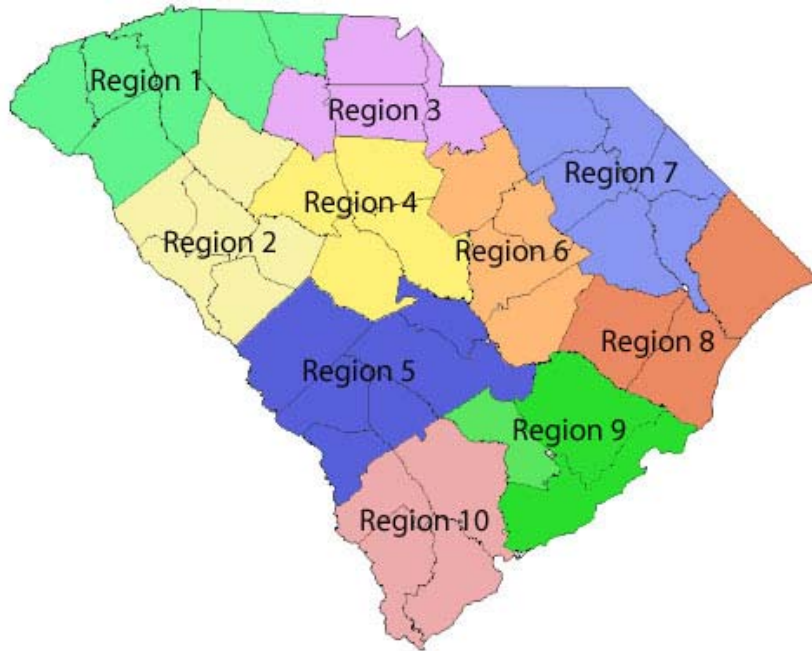
- ReadSpeaker text-to-speech technology that even reads aloud content translated into one of 12 different languages!
- The ability to share content over social media.
- Improved citation tools, including EasyBib integration.
- Mobile-friendly and touch-enabled functionality, with search results that adjust easily to mobile screens.



The well-known version of *Kids InfoBits* will remain accessible via the Discus website for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year. Discus is working with Gale to make a trial page available to educators to help them become familiar with the new *Kids InfoBits* before it launches for student use. The switch to the new enhanced version of the product on the Discus website will be done during the summer months.

Watch for more information about the exciting new *Kids InfoBits* as it becomes available!

# Regional News



## Guidelines for Regional Network News Submissions:

The following are the guidelines set forth in the SCASL By-laws regarding submission of Regional News pieces to the *Media Center Messenger*. Submissions should be made to the appropriate regional representative. Regional Network guidelines presently state specifically that all information sent in should be properly identified by region, district and county. Information to be published is limited to awards, grants, vital statistics, personnel changes, new LMS's, author/illustrator visits, and new schools/media centers. Members wishing to contribute anything other than this information are encouraged to write separate short articles.

**Please remember that submissions may be edited or not included based on the discretion of *Media Center Messenger* editorial staff and as publication space permits. (SCASL Board Policy, Section B8, page 24, number 5)**

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## Region 1A

**Anderson, Oconee, Pickens**  
Coordinator: *Deborah Jordan,*  
*Crescent High School*

### Anderson

Author John Thompson visited Palmetto Middle (Anderson 1) on March 20th. He spoke with the sixth grade and had lunch with our book club. Tamara Cox is the school librarian at Palmetto Middle. (Pictured below)



### Spartanburg

Two Spartanburg Three schools boast of placing in the annual SCASL Banner contest. Students from Cannons Elementary School won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2014 SCASL Picture Book Award Banner program. Their banner depicted a scene from *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba. Students from Pacolet Elementary School won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 2014 SCASL Children's Book Award Banner program. Their banner depicted a scene from *Pie* by Sarah Weeks.

As website managers, librarians from the following schools have earned honors for their school websites from the South Carolina chapter of the National School Public Relations Association:

- Broome HS - Myra Elvington;
- Cowpens MS - Stephanie Hatchell;
- Cowpens ES - Karen McGill;
- Clifdale ES - Judy Mamroth;

- Pacolet ES - Holly Hartell.
- Judy Mamroth also won recognition for her library newsletter.

Olivia Summerfield, a fifth grade student at Cannons Elementary School, and daughter of librarian, Vashti Summerfield, presented the award for the 2013 SCASL Children's Book Award winner at this year's SCASL conference. Olivia has served on the Children's Book Award Committee for two years.

Dorman High School (LMS's Melanie Dillard & Cathy Jo Nelson) recently hosted a virtual book club with author Paul Volponi visiting via Skype. Volponi is the author of SCYABA 2013-2014 nominee *The Final Four*. Dorman is from Spartanburg District 6. (Pictured below)



### Greenville

Authors Wendelin Van Draanen and Mark Parsons visit Hillcrest Middle Media Center on April 22 to talk with 7th graders. They embarked on a road trip from California with Greenville being one of their stops before heading home. The two authors will discuss writing, editing and publishing their books with students. Susan Dicey is the school librarian at Hillcrest Middle in Greenville School District. (Pictures in next column)

### **Region 3**

**Chester, Lancaster, Union, York**  
*Coordinator: Elizabeth Bryant,  
Indian Land High*

#### **Clover**

Thanks to the generosity of the River Hills Lions Club, the Roaring Readers are in full force again at Kinard Elementary School. This year the Lions have expanded their book donation program to include grades 1-5. They have secured funding to purchase enough books for three Roaring Reader Days per year. This March's book distribution resulted in nearly 400 brand new books being selected by the students. By the end of this year, every fifth grade student enrolled at Kinard since second grade will have received TWELVE brand new books from the Lions. As a wonderful side benefit, River Hills Lions Club members have also stepped up to serve as "Lunch Buddies," mentors, and guest readers at Kinard. Cheryl Robertson is the lucky LMS at Kinard Elementary.

#### **York 3 – Rock Hill**

In partnership with 6th grade teacher MaryLynn Robles, Liz Hood, Media Specialist at Saluda Trail Middle School received a \$1K grant from PPG Industries, Fiberglass Products, Inc. for an interdisciplinary unit on the Winter Olympics!

### **Region 4B**

**Richland 1, Richland 2,  
Lexington-Richland 5**  
*Coordinator: Gloria Coleman,  
C.A. Johnson High*

#### **Richland One**

These information technology specialists were recognized as being Teacher of the Year at their schools recently:

- Karen Roach, Brockman Elementary
- Elizabeth Gregory, JP Thomas Elementary
- Lindsay Pearce, Meadowfield Elementary

Richland One Information Technology Specialists have had a lesson plan accepted into the AASL Lesson Plan Database:

- Kathy Carson, Alcorn Middle
- Gloria Coleman, CA Johnson High
- Elisabeth Hall, Brennen Elementary
- Laura Haverkamp - Dreher High School
- Patti Lamar, Webber Elementary
- Carolyn Masek, Hand Middle School
- Susan Mazur, Crayon Middle
- Suzanne Rhoten, Heyward Career Center
- Betsy Russell, Bradley Elementary
- Sherry Shewmaker, Pine Grove Elementary
- Pam Williams - Columbia High

Paula Grookett, former director of Instructional Technology Services, passed away April 3, 2014. Paula's husband, Bob Grookett,

was a former principal here in the district.

#### **Richland 2**

Summit Park Middle School Librarian Jennifer Lanier and a student, Emily Ebbrecht raised over \$700 for a Thanksgiving Shop Road Food Drive for the Richland Emergency Food Pantry. They were recognized recently in a Harvest Hope newsletter. Summit Park is in Richland 2.

### **Region 5A**

**Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell**  
*Coordinator: Denise Parker,  
Barnwell Elementary*

Mary Ann Welsh Hinson is retiring after 15 years at J.D. Lever in Aiken County. Prior to that time, she was the librarian at Gordon-Barbour Elementary in Gordonsville, Virginia; Park Circle Elementary in North Charleston, SC; and Mooberry Elementary in Hillsboro, Oregon.

### **Region 6**

**Clarendon, Kershaw,  
Lee, Sumter**  
*Coordinator: Pat Wilcox,  
Sumter High*

Donna Myles, Media Specialist at Furman Middle School in Sumter School District was recognized by the Sumter Area Reading Council (SARC) as the District Distinguished Reading Teacher at the Middle/High School Level. She submitted a reading packet, participated in a panel interview, and created a display board highlighting the many ways she im-

plements reading in her collaborative research projects and school-wide reading programs. Because she was awarded the District Distinguished Reading Teacher Award, the SARC presented her with an all expense paid trip the SCIRA Reading Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC in February where she was recognized with the other 23 distinguished reading teachers for South Carolina.

### **Region 11**

#### **Special & Independent Schools**

*Coordinator, Susan Easter,  
Porter Gaud*

On Thursday, March 6, 2014, Mr. Jonathan Miller, author of *The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund*, visited Charleston Day School. He presented a PowerPoint and read his latest book, *Sammy in Space*, aloud to the Primary Students in grades 1-3. He also demonstrated how he creates the collage

illustrations for his books using thousands of small pieces of colored paper. Prior to his visit, we showed them his video about his first two books, *Sammy's Last Day in Charleston* and *Sammy on Safari*, and sent home flyers about purchasing his books. He inscribed each book sold with a personal note to each child and his autograph. It was a pleasure having Mr. Miller visit with our students and look forward to having him come again. Frankie Westbrook is the media specialist at Charleston Day.





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## Upcoming Important Events Calendar

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### April

April 17, 2014

Support Teen Literature Day

April 23, 2014

World Book Night

April 30, 2014

Children's Day/Book Day El Dia de los ninos/El dia de los libros (Dia)

### May

May 3, 2014

Book Awards Committee Meetings

Locations To Be Announced

May 3, 2014

SCASL Board of Directors Meeting

Christus Victor Lutheran  
400 Harbison Boulevard

Columbia, S.C. 29212

May 5 - 6, 2014

National Library Legislative Day  
Washington, D.C.

May 5 - 9, 2014

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 16 - 18, 2014

South Carolina Book Festival

### June - July

June 26 - July 2, 2014

ALA Annual Conference  
Las Vegas, Nevada

June 29 - July 2, 2014

ISTE Conference  
Atlanta, Georgia

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