

Briefings...

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Special Interest Articles:

- Election Time!
- Get ready for the 2008 SRP!
- Help CLA continue to grow.

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President's Message

Happy New Year to all of you. I can't believe it is already the end of January. Where does the time go?

My January has been filled with writing quarterly reports for 3 early literacy grants we have here at Santa Cruz Public Libraries and with the continuing work of those grants.

We are a Family Place Library. Five members of our staff have been to National Family Place training at the Middle Country Library in Centereach, Long Island. One of the key parts of Family Place is the Parent/Child Workshop — a five week series in which parents and their very young children come to the library to play, meet each other, and build community. The series also offers the opportunity to talk informally with community experts on a variety of issues including early literacy, nutrition, speech and language development, and child development and physical fitness. Our grants have enabled our 11 branches to buy furniture and age and developmentally appropriate toys that have helped make our children's areas increasingly family friendly. More about Family Place in a future issue.

Thank you to Natalie Cole and the Summer Reading Committee for all the preparation and training they have already done to help us all make our Summer Reading Programs easier and more successful. The Summer Reading Committee is composed of 9-12 members who represent the diversity of the state and expertise in various age levels. Unfortunately, it is currently very heavily weighted to Southern California and urban areas. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the committee, especially if you are from Northern California or a rural area.

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SPECIAL ELECTION

CYAS Special Elections

The Children's and Young Adults Services Section is holding a special election for Vice President/ President Elect and for Secretary. Look for your ballot in your email or your mail! CYAS members will receive their ballot link through email or a paper ballot by mail. **The election ends February 7, 2008.**

Here is your chance to get a closer look at the candidates running for office. Both candidates listed are running unopposed.

Kathy Buchsbaum is running for Vice President/President Elect. Here is her professional statement:

"My name is Kathy Buchsbaum, and I am interested in the position of Children's Young Adult Vice President. I am interested in strengthening relationships between schools and public libraries, using technology to enhanced children's services and keeping the fun in summer reading programming, for staff and patrons.

For the past two years I have been the MCLS Children's Services Committee Chair, where I conduct meetings and organize workshops for the MCLS community. I am also currently serving as a board member for the Children's Literature Council.

I am passionate about children's services in public libraries. I am the very enthusiastic, excited librarian! I always have a smile on my face and I am willing to take on any challenge."

Jeanine Asche is running for Secretary. Here is her professional statement:

"As a seasoned librarian with over 30 years of library and literacy experience, including CLA Assembly and CYAS president, I believe I have the skills, knowledge and experience needed to assume a section officer position again. If elected as CYAS Secretary, I look forward to working with the other section officers for the good of the organization and the support of our members."

For any questions or comments concerning the upcoming CYAS election, please contact Laura Fisher.

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Summer Reading – The Adventure Never Ends



THANKS, PRESENTERS!

Attendees of the SRP workshop at CLA were energized by ideas on decorating, school visits, book clubs, crafts, reading for a worthy cause, and programming for 2008's themes of ***Catch the Reading Bug!*** and ***Metamorphosis***. Penny Peck (San Leandro), Nancy Carsetnsen (Oceanside), Valerie Voss (Visalia), Beth Jones (Murrietta), Pat Downs (San Diego), and myself were happy to share. Many thanks to outgoing SRP chair Penny Peck for her enthusiastic leadership and ideas.

FUTURE SRP WORKSHOPS

If you missed the workshop at CLA, several of the ideas will be presented during morning programs at the places listed below.

February 1

SRP 101 (Bakersfield)

February 5

SRP 101 (Santa Barbara)

February 13

MCLS Share Fair (Glendale)

March 14

Summer Reading Tips and Tricks A-Z (UCLA Friday Forum)

Further information on registration and speakers may be found elsewhere in this issue of Briefings or at <http://cla-net.org/summer-reading>.



**ARTISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2009 SUMMER READING
“BE CREATIVE @ THE LIBRARY”**

David Catrow, creator of the lively, colorful art for *That's Good!, That's Bad!, Cinderella Skeleton, Fungus that Ate My School*, and most appropriately *I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!* will be drawing his little heart out for the children's summer reading theme.

“Express Yourself @ the Library”

Brad Sneed, of *Smoky Mountain Rose, Picture a Letter, When Wishes were Horses*, and *The Boy Who was Raised by Librarians* fame will be the artist for the teen theme.

WELCOME, NATALIE!

We are most excited to welcome Natalie Cole as our new summer reading coordinator. If you attended CLA, you had an opportunity to meet her at the SRP booth. I'm impressed by how much work she has already done to make the program even better. Go to <http://cla-net.org> and click on the summer reading tab to explore the redesigned website.

THANK YOU, STEPHANIE!

Our former coordinator, Stephanie Stokes, is using her creative energy in her new position with Mister Anderson's Company. Visit their website – <http://www.misterandersons.com> and sign up for the *Puppet Tales* newsletter. You'll find plenty of ideas and new puppets to purchase to make summer reading even more fun. In my opinion, we wouldn't be where we are today if it weren't for her.

SRP COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

CYAS president Jeanne O'Grady is working to evaluate prospective members for appointment to the committee. Using the model of the California Young Reader Medal committee, members will serve a three-year term. They will be expected to submit ideas for the website and be available to present at workshops throughout the year.

BE CREATIVE AND EXPRESS YOURSELF @ CLA

We are looking for presenters for the summer reading workshop at November's CLA conference in San Jose. Too shy to stand in front of a group? How about a poster session? Or a mini-demo for Info people? Please feel free to contact myself at: pcarlson@lbpl.org or Natalie at ncole@cla-net.org with questions, comments, or offers of help.
Cheers,

Pam Carlson
Long Beach Public Library
Chair, California Summer Reading Committee
requesting your service.



More California Summer Reading Program workshops coming up!

Please join us at one of the upcoming California Summer Reading Program workshops. California teen and children's librarians will present lots of fun and lively ideas for this year's themes: CATCH THE READING BUG for children and METAMORPHOSIS @ YOUR LIBRARY for teens.

Workshops will take place in Bakersfield (Feb 1), Santa Barbara (Feb 5), and Los Angeles (March 14). There will be craft ideas for creating a buggy wonderland in your library; glow worm and firefly-inspired arts, crafts, storytelling, and snacks; programs based on backyard bugs; and metamorphosis projects for teens featuring photography, screen printing, scavenger hunts (using GPS and local businesses), and video contests (using YouTube, Geotagging, and a traveling Flickr project). You can sign up to be part of the 2008 California Metamorphosis Traveling Pants Project! And we will also help you navigate through the summer reading manual and highlight our top ten programming picks.

The Serra Cooperative System will also host its fourth annual Summer Reading Program Conference in Carlsbad on January 24, when veteran staff members will provide the buzz on ways to make summer reading programs a success.

If you can't attend the workshops, we will bring them to you at your desk. Full information about all the ideas presented by our trainers is available on the workshops' pages of our website. We will also record one of the workshops and videostream it on the site where you will be able to access it at any time. Full information about the workshops is available at www.cla-net.org/summer-reading. Or you can email me with questions at ncole@cla-net.org.

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Getting Involved – CLA Membership Committee

Interested in helping CLA Membership continue to grow? How about promoting all the benefits CLA membership has to offer? Here is your chance. The CLA membership committee wants you!

Committee members serve a 3-year term. All of Membership Committee work is done online with the exception of the Annual CLA Conference. For the conference, the committee puts together the First-timers Workshop and decorates/staffs the CLA booth with the assistance of the CLA staff.

If you are interested in being the CYAS representative on the membership committee, please contact **CLA Membership Committee Chair Sandy Imperio** at IMPERIOS@santacruzpl.org.

The California Summer Reading website has been redesigned!

While you're at the website, be sure to check out the new "getting started" pages where you can find planning and preparation resources, information about Collaborative Summer Reading Program materials, and studies showing the value of summer reading for anyone who needs to advocate for their summer reading program.

Coming soon to the website! An online forum where California librarians can chat, share ideas, and ask questions about summer reading. Come visit us at www.cla-net.org/summer-reading for all your summer reading needs, and let us help make summer reading easy and fun for you!

Visit the SRP website for up-to-date information on upcoming workshops or for workshop materials:

<http://www.cla-net.org/summer-reading/workshop.php>

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Request for Submissions/ Upcoming Topics

Interested in contributing to the next issue of Briefings? Want to share some wonderful and successful programs and partnerships at your library? Do you have any pressing topics you would like to read about in *Briefings*? We want to hear from you!

We are especially looking for early literacy programs going on at your library or any successful collaborations/partnerships. Please send submissions for upcoming issues to the editors at

patricia@ypl.lib.ca.us or juliez@ypl.lib.ca.us. We look forward to hearing from you!



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