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Review, Renew, Reinvent

Oklahoma Library Media Director to address LASL General Session in Monroe

Jeanie Johnson, Director of Library Media for the Oklahoma State Department of Education, will be the keynote speaker at the LASL General Session at the LLA Conference this March in Monroe..

Johnson has provided leadership for the state of Oklahoma in the development of information literacy standards, has worked diligently to see that those standards are taught collaboratively in the curriculum, and has been an advocate for school library media programs statewide.

She says that she "keeps her thumb in the dike" as far as holding Oklahoma's standard library media certificate at the master's level degree. She also works diligently to see that all schools in Oklahoma have quality library media programs staffed with certified library media specialists.

Jeanie, who holds a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Oklahoma (1989) and a BS in Secondary Education from Oklahoma State University (1972). speaks at conferences, meetings and for groups across the state of Oklahoma about how libraries make a difference in academic achievement. She provides training programs such as integrating information and technology into the curriculum, promoting your library program, and utilizing the statewide online resources. She has also presented at the Nevada Association of School Libraries annual conference and at the American Association of School Librarians conference.

She has held her current position since 2000, as well as from 1992 to 1996. She has also served as Library Media Specialist, Norman High School North, Norman, Oklahoma, 1997-2000; and Library Media Specialist, Choctaw Junior High School, Choctaw, Oklahoma, 1991-1992. She has served on the AASL Bylaws and Organization Committee, 1995-96, and as a Delegate to the AASL Affiliate Assembly 1992-93 and 1993-94.

She was selected for the Oklahoma Library Association's Outstanding New Librarian Award in 1991 and the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists Technology in Education Award in 1999. She helped produce the *Information Literacy Standards for Oklahoma Priority Academic Student Skills*, Oklahoma State Department of Education, in 2002, and was a member of *Procedures Revision Committee for Procedures Manual for School Library Media Centers*, Oklahoma State Department of Education, in 2000.



Oklahoma Library Media Director Jeanie Johnson

LASL General Session Thursday, March 25 (1-3 PM)

Because student achievement *is* the bottom line.

T.A. Barron to speak at LASL Luncheon

From the attic of his Colorado home, T. A. Barron writes powerful, poetic, and inspiring books. He writes novels featuring heroic young people—enjoyed by children and adults alike; nature books about Colorado wilderness; and picture books for younger children.

All his books shine with the power of nature to renew us, and the power of individuals to make a difference. As *Family Life* magazine put it: "Barron weaves a writer's brand of magic that connects the past to the present, myth to reality, and the human heart to the infinite universe."

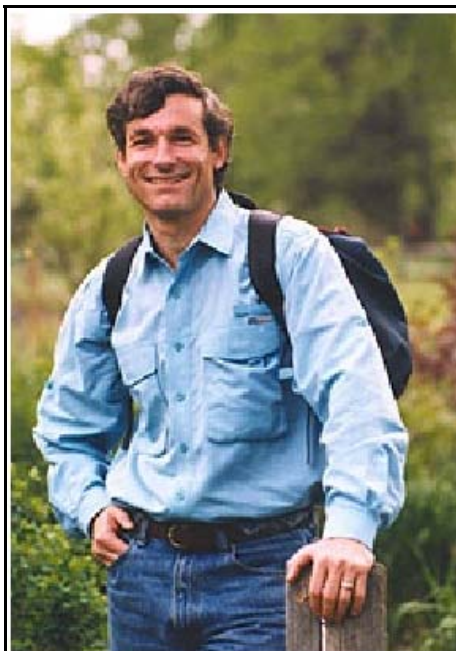
Or, in the words of fellow author Madeleine L'Engle, "T. A. Barron's books are a rare gift to be treasured for a lifetime."

Barron has led a diverse life. But it has always been marked by his love of family, the great outdoors, and writing...as well as his profound concern for humanity and our fragile planet. The seeds of those passions were planted in his youth—growing up on a ranch in Colorado, winning a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford, and traveling widely with his backpack in Asia and Africa. Later, as the president of a successful venture capital business, his own family grew, along with his passion for writing. Finally, in 1989, he surprised his business associates by resigning from his management position, so that he could move back to Colorado and write books full time.

Today, Barron's favorite pastime is hiking with his wife, Currie, and their five kids, on nearby mountain trails. He often speaks to conventions and schools around the country, and also supports an array of environmental and educational causes. In addition, he continues to serve on several nonprofit organization boards.

As a trustee of Princeton University, he helped to found the university's program in environmental studies. And he recently received The Wilderness Society's highest honor, the Robert Marshall Award, for his efforts to protect America's wilderness heritage. Barron has also created the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, named for his mother, to honor and inspire outstanding young people.

In Barron's words: "The world around us is full of wonder, mystery, and surprise. It is ours to protect—and also to explore."



T. A. Barron Photograph by Greg Harring

T.A. Barron
LASL Author Lunch (Ticketed Event)
Wednesday, March 24,
(12:00 – 1:30 PM)

The above article was derived from the LLA Conference Preliminary Program, available online at <http://www.llaonline.org/fandr/index.htm> For more information about the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes created by Barron, see page 5.



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LASL Executive Board Meeting

January 24, 2004

Lecompte, Louisiana

I. Call to order

II. The minutes were electronically excepted as sent out by Jennifer Lovitt, LASL Secretary

III. LASL Officers reports:

- 1) Second Vice President- Kathryn Arrington
- 2) First Vice President- Linda Holmes
- 3) President- Linda Lingefelt

IV. Individual reports:

- 1) LLA Bulletin Representative- Susan Cheshire
- 2) Newsletter Editor- Deb Wilkerson
- 3) LALAMP- Phyllis Heroy
- 4) AASL- Idella Washington

V. Committee reports:

- 1) Nominating- Betty Brackins
- 2) Student Relations- Ruth Blanchard
- 3) Constitution- Donna Pierce
- 4) Standards- Phyllis Heroy
- 5) Projects- Sallie Namie
- 6) Liz Bruns Award- Elizabeth Dumas
- 7) Membership- Annette Williford
- 8) Sue Hefley Educator Award- Toni White
- 9) Legislative- Anne Maverick
- 10) Publicity- Kimberly Duck
- 11) School Library Media Specialist Award- Dorothy Grimsley



VI. Old Business

VII. New Business: What are your opinions on the following to items?

1. LLA wants to change the way programming is handled for conference- they want a central committee formed to decided on what programs will be presented at conference and they want to change the time for submitting programs to a much earlier date.
2. To do away with the luncheons/meal functions and only use local authors to speak at a session.

VIII. Announcements

- 1) Resignation of two LASL Board Members:
 - ⇒ Annette Williford of Captain Shreve as the chair of the Membership committee, she stated that her husband was in an accident and she is taking extended leave
 - ⇒ Cindy Hunter of Houma Jr. High as the in coming chair of the Student Relations committee (the Louisiana Teenage Library Association).
- 2) The LASL Executive Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 24, in Monroe from 1 to 2:30 at the Civic Center.
- 3) LASL General Session will be Thursday, March 25, in Monroe at the Civic Center from 1:00 to 3.

IX. Adjournment

2004 Conference

March 23-25

Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall

Holiday Inn Holidome

Monroe, LA



The conference workshops scheduled March 23-25, 2004 are designed to educate and enlighten all conference participants. The following is a list of workshops and their presenters:

AR in the High School

Focuses on the Accelerated Reader's use to motivate the high school students to read for pleasure as well as its impact on reinforcing basic skills and providing enrichment.

Speakers: Betty Brackins, Claudia J. Fisher, Jessica Wadrop, Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Best Books for Children

Features the best children's books published in the past year.

Speaker: Dr. Patsy Perritt, LSU School of Library and Information Science

Best Books for Young Adults

Discusses best books published in the past year for young adults.

Speaker: Dr. Joy Lowe, Retired, Louisiana Tech

The Fulbright Experience for Librarians

Gives tips and pointers on how to write and implement an acceptable and implement a proposal. The speaker will recount her personal experiences relating to Japanese libraries, school systems, and literacy.

Speaker: Judy Nicholas, South Highlands Elementary Magnet, Shreveport

Government Resources for Teachers

Government information resources useful to teachers and students K-12 in a variety of formats including the Internet, highlighting what is currently available to teachers and kids and how to locate it.

Speaker: Maureen Olle; Sponsoring Section: GODORT; Co-Sponsor: LASL



Technology Serving the Future of America's Heritage

Introduces and discusses Heritage Education Initiative, a distance-learning program for K-12 students, piloted in Louisiana as Heritage Education - Louisiana.

Speaker: Kim Bowen, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Natchitoches

Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Program

Features the State Library's Louisiana Center for the Book – a reading enrichment program. The 2004 award winner will be announced. Also includes book talks with ideas for curriculum-related activities for the titles on the 2005 ballot.

Speaker: Gale Criswell, State Library of Louisiana, Baton Rouge

Newbery Award Winners:

Reflections of American Societal Trends

Investigates social influences on the themes of Newbery Award winners and honor books presented from the beginning of the awards (1938) until the present. Informal atmosphere encouraging active participation.

Speakers: Denise Goetting, Betsy Miguez, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Co-Sponsor: Children's Interest Group

Read Aloud with POWER!

Demonstrates how factors such as vocal and facial expressions, physical space, visual focus, and listener participation can spark students' motivation when age-appropriate books are read aloud. (And while we're at it, let's see how we can expand students' literacy skills!)

Speaker: Rose Anne St. Romain, State Library of Louisiana, Baton Rouge

Renew the Pride in 2005

Apply & Win the Modisette Award

An overview of criteria necessary for becoming a winner of the Modisette Award. Former award winners will share experiences.

Speakers: Linda Holmes, Bains Lower Elementary, St. Francisville; Pat Bordelon, Tara High School, Baton Rouge
Science, Standards, Collaboration & Literacy

Focuses on incorporating state standards in the development of literacy in science. The presenters will share activities and ideas on how to achieve goals and objectives.

Speakers: Melissa Elrod, Annette Williford, Captain Shreve High School, Shreveport

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Pre-conference workshops will consist of a pre-conference technology workshop and a pre-conference tour. Make plans to come to pre-conference for professional growth through sharing of information and techniques with our colleagues.

PRE-CONFERENCE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

Librarian, The School's Technology Ambassador

The school librarian's role has evolved in such a way that we have become the resident representative for the acquisition, implementation, and integration of technology in our schools. This presentation will give some useful tips and ideas on using Microsoft Office applications through the creation of templates, PowerPoint presentations, and movie clips, and by inserting charts into Word documents. We will use the Internet for search strategies, evaluating web sites, and for the utilization of primary source documents to enhance student learning and development of technological skills.

Speaker: Doris Roseborough, East Baton Rouge Parish, McKinley Middle Magnet School

Cost: \$10.00 LLA Members (\$15.00 Nonmembers)

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR

Libraries on Parade (Ouachita Parish School System)

We will visit innovative school libraries(K-12) with cutting edge technology, displays, software, and more.

- Ouachita Parish Media Center, Peggy Wheelis
- Claiborne Elementary School, Karen de Blieux
- Jack Hayes Elementary School, Kay Austin
- Good Hope Middle School, Elizabeth Dumas
- Ouachita Parish High, Barbara Dunn and Pollye Tillman

Cost: \$5.00 LLA Members (\$8.00 Nonmembers)

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



T.A. Barron's Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Young adult author T.A. Barron has developed a set of free educational materials for exploring the concept of heroes. Teachers and librarians across the country have worked with Barron to create a *Heroes Study Guide, Curriculum, and Bibliography*. The materials are part of Barron's non-profit young heroes project, which includes the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. The prize honors young people who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. To obtain the heroes materials or learn more about the prize, visit www.barronprize.org, or contact Barbara Ann Richman, Program Director of the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, P.O. Box 17, Boulder, CO 80306, (970) 875-1448.

LASL Committee reports

Nominating

The Nominating Committee submitted two candidates for Second-Vice President: Susan Cheshire and Dawn Pinkston. Due to personal reasons, Dawn Pinkston had to decline the nomination. Therefore, Susan Cheshire will serve as Second-Vice President and Anne Maverick will serve as Secretary for LASL 2004-2005.

We would like to thank these individuals for agreeing to serve as officers for LASL

Betty Brackins
Chair

Christine Henry and Susan Gaharan
Members



Student Relations

Plans are underway for the LTLA annual conference in Alexandria at the Louisiana Conference Centre on February 12-14. A new slate of officers will also be elected.

Students will be participating in the different contests, social, and banquet with guest speaker, Mr. A.V. Margavio, a professor of sociology at the University of New Orleans who has written the book, *Bread and Respect: the Italians in Louisiana*.

All the events are associated with books and around the conference theme "LTLA goes to Hawaii," selected in the spring by the students. Membership is open to students in grades 6 through 12 and the school librarian has to be member of LLA and LASL

Ruth Blanchard
Chair

Constitution, Bylaws, and Official Policy Committee

In December, at the request of LASL President Linda Lingefelt, I contacted LLA Parliamentarian Randy DeSoto about recent LASL Constitution changes. I have yet to receive any reply from him. Therefore, I cannot report on what changes have or have not been received since convention 2001.

Also, as requested by President Lingefelt, I sent a copy of the proposed changes to the Sue Hefley Educator Award Committee to Beverly Laughlin, LLA Executive Director.

She requested authorization to print a copy of the changes and mail it with the ballots to the LASL section. This was confirmed and authorized by President Lingefelt.

From Toni White, I requested and received a copy of the LASL handbook: the March 2000 revision. As committee chairman, I wanted to update the handbook. I have a copy of the "electronic approval of minutes" changes that were approved at the 2001 convention. I need a copy of the "Liz Bruns Award Committee." This should be in the same format as the other award committees. If anyone has a complete copy of this committee, please send it to me.

I have enjoyed serving on the LASL Executive Board, and I regret leaving so much undone for the next chairman of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Official Policy Committee to do. However, this concludes my three-year term on the Executive Board. Thank you for friendships made and enriched.

Donna Pierce
Chair

Standards

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved new library media guidelines at their December meeting. The guidelines are posted on the Louisiana Department of Education website. To access the document, go to <http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/index.html>. Click on Publications. A search screen will appear. Type "library" or "library media" in the search box and then click Search. When the next screen appears, scroll down to see a list of publications. Look for documents with the title Guidelines for Library Media Programs in Louisiana Schools with a posted date of 1/7/04. The guidelines are available as a Word document or in PDF format.

Members of the Standards Committee and/or other LASL members who helped with developing the guidelines will

work on a power point presentation for district in-service or other use. Information on the power point will be distributed at the LLASL General Membership meeting at the LLA conference.

Phyllis Heroy
Chair

Projects

The projects committee has not worked on anything since the last meeting when we reported on automation systems in each parish.

Sally Namie
Chair

Liz Bruns Award

The committee received several excellent applications from librarians around the state. Members of the committee selected this year's winner after careful consideration of all the applications. The award will be presented in March during the LLA state conference.

Elizabeth Dumas
Chair

Membership

Annette Williford resigned and has no report and Pat Tatum will be taking over as chair.

Sue Hefley Educator Award

The Sue Hefley Educator of the Year Award committee has received and reviewed applications for this year's award. The 2004 award will be presented at the LLA Annual Conference

Award's Program on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, Monroe Civic Center, Monroe, LA. The time is 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Letters of notification, dated January 23, 2004, were sent to each person nominating a candidate and each nominee. Copies were also mailed to the recipient's Superintendent of Schools and school district supervisor.

The recipient has been contacted regarding biographical information and a photograph for a conference display.

Antonia White
Chair
Catherine Brooks and Claudia Fisher
Members

Publicity

Publicity Committee is gearing up to promote the LLA Conference in Monroe and the members of the team will contacting the parish contact in each parish by email and other means to inform them about the LASL workshops and speakers.

Kimberly Duck
Chair

School Library Media Specialist Award

Communications were sent to a number of administrative personnel across the state asking them to publicize the LASL School Library Media Specialist Award and/or to recommend qualified school library media specialists for the award. These communications included pertinent information and the deadline for applying.

Since there were no applications received, the committee would welcome suggestions for publicizing the award and creating an interest in receiving the award.

Dorothy L. Grimsley
Chair

Accessing World Book On-line from Home

Changes in the Louisiana Department of Education website has led to some changes in the address used to access the state World Book Online database. The new address is <http://www.louisianaschools.net/worldbook>. The Login remains **louisiana** and the password remains either **elementary**, **middle** or **highschool**. The old address will direct visitors to the new address. Problems can be directed to Andy Snelling at World Book Inc., 318-797-9556 or 1-800-975-3250.



AASL News

Learning through the Library Best Practices Archive

The Learning through the Library Best Practices are brief snapshots of successful teaching-learning projects, units of study, and strategies in K-12 schools and school districts. These practices reflect the Information Literacy Standards for Student Learning and demonstrate strengths in some of the following areas:

- integration of information literacy learning with various content area learning.
- evidence of improved student performance.
- use of technology as an effective teaching and learning tool.
- support of school reform efforts and national curriculum standards.

Organization and access

Best Practices are organized by grade level clusters:

- [Elementary](#) (K-5)
- [Junior High / Middle School](#) (6-8)
- [High School](#) (9-12)

Please note: The Learning through the Library Best Practices are reprinted here as they last appeared on the original Learning through the Library Web site, including Web addresses (if any) and the contact information for each project's leader. No attempt has been made to update the contents, and it is very likely that much of the contact information is now out of date.

Other sections of the original Learning through the Library Web site have not been included on the current AASL site.

Promote school library issues with new online print PSAs

The role of school library media specialists in the Information Age, recruitment to the profession, and the importance of school library media specialists to student achievement are highlighted in a new series of downloadable print public service announcements (PSAs) now available.

The ads, developed by the ALA Public Awareness Committee and AASL, are some of the new advocacy tools available as part of an @ your library campaign developed in collaboration by ALA and AASL to promote the value of school library media programs and media specialists in the 21st century. The campaign is kicking off at the AASL 11th National Conference, October 22-26, in Kansas City, Mo.

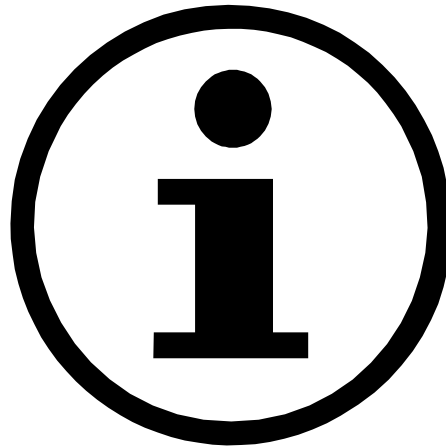
One PSA encourages the reader to, "Make sure your school library media center is staffed with full-time, certified school library media specialists" while another reminds the reader that, "School library media specialists are trained information experts who can put the world at your fingertips."

The PSAs are available in pdf format and can be sent to local print media or used in internal library publications, such as newsletters, or in flyers to distribute to school boards, teachers or parents. They can be downloaded from @ your library® Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary under the "School Library Campaign" section. Alternate file types and a limited variety of other sizes are available upon request. Please send inquiries to atyourlibrary@ala.org.

School librarians are asked to send copies of any clips they receive to the ALA Public Information Office at atyourlibrary@ala.org or mailed to the ALA Public Information Office, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.



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<http://www.laonline.org/membership.htm>

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<http://www.ala.org/aasl/>

AASL Online Continuing Education

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aasleducation/onlinecontinuing/onlinecontinuing.htm>

Includes School Library Media Education Programs, Recruitment to School Librarianship, Conferences & Events, Calendar of Events, and National Board Certification