

## **SLG NEWS – August Bulletin**

Welcome to the August edition of the e-newsletter from SLG! We've had a busy time during the last month so there is much to tell you about. Please sit comfortably and read on...

### **WHAT HAS SLG NATIONAL BEEN UP TO LATELY?**

#### **Umbrella 14-15 July 2009**

Once every two years, the CILIP 'family' comes together for a conference to share what's current in each sector as well as celebrate each other's notable achievements. At this year's Umbrella, SLG's participation took the form of a joint presentation with ELG, CoFHE and UCR in which Carol Webb from Forest Hill School in Lewisham shared the stage with Andy Priestner from the University of Cambridge and Chris Powis from the University of Northampton to talk about Information Literacy at the secondary and tertiary levels. This was one of the over subscribed sessions and despite the crowded conditions, the observed response by those attending the session was very positive indeed.

#### **Information Literacy Task Force**

The Youth and School Libraries Joint Committee (YSL) is comprised of a group of partners who are actively trying to advance the position of youth and schools libraries across the whole leisure, education and reading agendas.

To this end, YSL are restarting the Information Literacy Task Force, which originally met during 2008, to continue various strands of work. To progress this work, SLA took the lead and arranged a round table at the DCSF on the 17 July at which representatives from ELG, ILG and SLG attended in order to construct a plan which would engage not just our groups but also include the TDA, the DCSF, and the QCA. The next meeting is planned for October at which we hope these bodies will be represented. Watch this space for further updates!

#### **Campaign for the book**

SLG has submitted a policy statement in support of this to the Policy Forum for consideration and ratification.

#### **CILIP Survey on librarians, librarians and learning**

##### *Background to the survey:*

A Learning Round Table was convened on 8 April 2009 by Bidy Fisher, Vice-President and Chair of the Policy Forum. Its aims were to review current activity in regard to learning; scope an overarching approach to the learning agenda and suggest a programme of activity. These are to be discussed within the Policy Forum, and if approved, recommended to Council.

All Nations, Branches and Groups have an interest in the learning agenda. Only representatives from a few were able to contribute directly to the Learning Round Table. As part of the process it was agreed that there should be full consultation with

Nation, Branch and Group representatives on the Policy Forum. By the time you read this, SLG will have made a submission to the consultation.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **Manifesto for Education Libraries**

You may be interested to know that an Early Day Motion (No.1939) was presented to the House of Commons on the 21 July 2009 by a small cross-party group of 25 MPs. The motion reads:

*"That this House notes the contribution made by more than 20,000 UNISON members working in libraries and resource centres in schools, colleges, universities and local authority settings; acknowledges that libraries are at the heart of learning; welcomes the publication of UNISON's manifesto for education libraries designed to keep libraries at the heart of learning; supports its key objectives to promote and enhance the role of library staff in teaching and learning and to campaign for well resourced libraries with modern facilities; encourages the education sector to prioritise professionally-run libraries; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the value of school libraries by putting them on a statutory footing."*

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/edmi/>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **SLG Conference 2009 Report**

The School Libraries Group conference report has just published in the Update Digital edition (July/August). If you want to have a look at your feature online, log on at <http://www.cilip.org.uk/publications/updatedigital/aboutdigitaledge.htm> and go to p53. Please note, you must be registered with the CILIP website in order to access this.

### ***School Libraries in View***

The 27<sup>th</sup> edition of *SLiV* is now available online. What's extra-special about this edition is that it is Lloyd Evans' last edition as Editor and we would like to publicly acknowledge and thank him for all his work over the years in bringing *SLiV* to press. We'd also like to welcome Tia Afghan to this role as she picks up the Editor's baton from Lloyd.

To see the current edition of *SLiV*, please go to

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/specialinterestgroups/bysubject/school/publications/journal/sliv27>

### ***The Innovative School Librarian Book: Thinking outside the box***

This has been written by a group of five UK school librarians, some of whom you will have met and / or heard speak at the SLG Conference 2009. To find out more about this book, please go to <http://www.facetpublishing.co.uk/title.php?id=653-4>

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) national conference**

Entitled '*Together leading change*', the conference is aimed at all those in the children and young people's workforce. It is being held at various locations around the country this September.

Conferences are **free** and run from 09:30 – 16:00 on the following dates:

Cambridge, Friday 4 September  
Bristol, Tuesday 8 September  
Leicester, Friday 11 September  
Birmingham, Monday 14 September  
Newcastle, Thursday 24 September  
Manchester, Friday 25 September

Last year the workforce's input informed DCSF's *2020 Children and Young People's Workforce Strategy*. The CWDC now want to work with the workforce to ensure this strategy is delivered.

The events include:

- Keynote address by Jane Haywood, CEO at CWDC
- Interactive sessions exploring integrated working
- A look at matters affecting your area with your CWDC Regional Manager
- Networking with a variety of people from across the children and young people's workforce

For more information, please go to [www.cwdcouncil.org.uk](http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk) and follow the link on the homepage or contact the events team at CWDC on 0113 244 6311

### **Internet Librarian International 2009**

**15 & 16 October 2009**

**Workshops 14 October**

**Novotel London West, London, UK**

Internet Librarian has an industry partnership with CILIP. This means that all CILIP members are entitled to a 20% discount on the conference fee at this year's Internet Librarian International. All SLG members have to do to claim their discount is to enter CILIPIL09 in the priority code field at the registration page. And if you book before 25 September, it's even cheaper!

For further information about this year's conference please go to [www.internet-librarian.com](http://www.internet-librarian.com)

### **SLG Conference 2010**

It's never too early to let you know what we are planning! This will be held in March and will be a one day conference. Further details will be released as venue, date and speakers are confirmed.

## **SLG COMMITTEES 2009**

You can find regional contact information and also contact the National Committee on the SLG web pages – <http://www.cilip.org.uk/slg>

## **PLEASE HELP**

If you know of other SLG members who haven't received this, then please encourage them to register with the CILIP website so that they can be included on the distribution list in future. Make sure that the CILIP e-news box is ticked in the section under eBulletins in the 'My Profile' section.

If there is anything relating to School Libraries that you would like included in the future bulletins, please email [rhemming@ucs.org.uk](mailto:rhemming@ucs.org.uk)

## **Finally...**

We wish you all the best for a restful and sunny summer holiday!