

## **SLG NEWS – November Bulletin**

Welcome to the November edition of the e-newsletter from SLG! There is a veritable plethora of events you can attend around the country from Hampshire to Rutland to West Yorkshire so please check out the section 'Dates for your Diary' and see if there's something that takes your interest.

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

#### **National committee meeting**

The first meeting of the year was held on the 19 October 2009. There always seems so much business to try and get through but the highlight of the day was the productive discussion we had about professional development with Marion Huckle who is the Head of Qualifications & Professional Development and Barbara Sen who is Senior Lecturer at Sheffield Dept. of Information Studies. Watch this space for further updates as we work through the resulting 'to do' list...

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

The second round table meeting took place on the 23 October at the DCSF and included representatives from the TDA, the DCSF, and the QCDA. This was a fruitful meeting that generated further avenues the Task Force needs to explore in order to embed Information Literacy more effectively into the (wider) education agenda.

#### **CILIP meeting on Learning and Information Literacy**

Earlier in the year a Learning Round Table was convened, at the behest of the Policy Forum, to look at how CILIP should be advocating the principles set out in its learning statement. A report was produced with a suggested Action Plan and this has been the subject of consultation. The results of the consultation were discussed at the last Policy Forum meeting and a way forward agreed.

It was noted that the Learning Action Plan covered two generic areas of much broader interest to all the CILIP policy priority areas (the information society, learning, public health, professionalism) than only learning. SLG has been invited to attend a meeting on the 20 November to help take this work forward.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Annual elections 2010**

Divisional and national elections for committee members to serve for three years from January 2010: the National Committee has two vacancies and the London and South East (LSE) Branch has four vacancies.

Nominations are welcomed from candidates who can bring commitment, enthusiasm and new ideas to the committee; will engage proactively with the national issues; can operate at a strategic level; and who will contribute substantially to the formulation of CILIP initiatives and responses in order to effectively represent our sector.

Prospective candidates must be able to commit to five meetings a year including the AGM.

Submissions for National Committee to Rebecca Hemming, Secretary, School Libraries Group National Committee, c/o CILIP, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE, [rhemming@ucs.org.uk](mailto:rhemming@ucs.org.uk): and for the LSE Branch to Helen Coopland, Secretary, Elliott School, Pullman Gardens, London, SW15 3DG, 0208 394 5632, [helenlc@hotmail.com](mailto:helenlc@hotmail.com).

All nominations (forms on the SLG website) required no later than Friday 20 November, 2009.

***The Cambridge Primary Review: Children, their world, their education: final report and recommendations of the Cambridge Primary Review***

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/policy/CambridgePrimaryReview.pdf>

This is a brief analysis of the Cambridge Primary Review by the National Literacy Trust which is really helpful for getting a sense of the key recommendations and issues.

**Tackling social exclusion: Government, Government Agencies and Local Government**

***DCSF: Children with Special Educational Needs 2009: an analysis***

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STA/t000851/index.shtml>

"The Special Educational Needs (SEN) Information Act (2008) required the Secretary of State to publish information about children in England with special educational needs to help improve the well-being of these children.

This new annual statistical publication was developed to meet the requirements of the Act. This publication includes a wealth of new information on pupils with SEN alongside further interpretation of existing findings. The majority of the new analysis includes breakdowns of existing information by primary SEN type."

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Going digital – using online resources to raise achievement**

**FREE half-day conference**

**Friday 6th November 2009, 9.45-12.45, Scott Room, Guardian News & Media Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU**

A FREE half-day conference for educational professionals, advisers, school librarians and teachers from the Guardian in association with JISC Collections for Schools

This free half-day conference for educational professionals, school librarians, teachers and advisers will assess how online resources and innovative practice can raise achievement within and beyond the library and classroom.

Bringing together educational specialists, academics, advisers, librarians and teachers, this conference will explore a range of strategies for the successful deployment of online tools and content to enhance learning in schools.

The Guardian is at the forefront of online publishing, serving over ~ 30 million online users worldwide. The Guardian's Northern Editor, Martin Wainwright, will discuss recent developments and our keynote speaker, Dr Baldev Singh, will explore the latest technology for schools and how it can be employed creatively. Key speakers will include Sharon Markless, the UK's leading expert on information management in schools and digital literacy, alongside sessions from practising teachers and librarians.

### **Who should attend?**

School librarians, teachers and local authority advisers with responsibility for online policy and resources who want to:

- Develop their online resources strategy
- Gain practical ideas, advice and guidance in using online tools and resources for learning and teaching
- Engage students and colleagues in developing digital literacy skills

This conference is ideal for those working at secondary and sixth form level, but many of the themes and messages are applicable to any Key Stage.

### **Reluctant Readers, Reluctant Writers:**

*Developing Literacy through new technologies and developing creativity in Teaching and Learning*

### **Wednesday 18th November 2009**

**9.45am – 3.00pm**

Thomas Deacon Academy  
Queen's Gardens  
Peterborough  
Cambridgeshire  
PE1 2UW

### **Lead Practitioner Seminar (cost £81.00)**

Delegates can choose from two morning sessions, one addressing the use of stylistic imitations as a way to engage students, teach writing and improve literacy and the other looking at the use of Virtual Learning Environments and Web 2.0 technology to promote Literacy and Information Literacy. The afternoon will bring the whole group together to focus on using new technologies and creative approaches to teach and promote Literacy.

### **Who should attend?**

Anyone in English, Literacy or Library/ Media areas who want to gain hands-on experience of using new technologies and creative ways of teaching and learning to encourage reluctant readers and reluctant writers.

Attendance could be used as evidence towards CILIP revalidation or certification. Led by Sarah Masters and Misty Killip who are SSAT Lead Practitioners for Librarianship / Literacy

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## **BOOK LAUNCH**

**Wednesday 18th November 2009**

**6.30pm for 7pm start**

Oxford Children's Books and Scholastic Invite you to join the award-winning authors **Geraldine McCaughrean and Philip Reeve** in conversation with **Nicolette Jones** Children's Books Reviewer, *Sunday Times* to mark the publication of two thought-provoking new novels *The Death Defying Pepper Roux* and *No Such Things as Dragons*. Join Geraldine McCaughrean's fantastic Pepper Roux as he attempts to escape fate and cheat death on his fourteenth birthday, and explore the mythic legend of dragons from a new and contemporary perspective in Philip Reeve's latest novel.

**Venue:** Scholastic Children's Books  
5th Floor, Euston House  
24 Eversholt Street  
London  
NW1 1DB

**RSVP:** by 9th November to [katie.hovell@oup.com](mailto:katie.hovell@oup.com)

**Please note** this is a free event but because places are limited we will be issuing e-tickets to all RSVPS on the week of the 9th November, if after that point you know you are unable to attend please contact us and we will assign your ticket to another person.

For more information about *The Death Defying Pepper Roux* please email:  
[harriet.bayly@oup.com](mailto:harriet.bayly@oup.com)

For more information on *No Such Things as Dragons* please email:  
[ARichardson@scholastic.co.uk](mailto:ARichardson@scholastic.co.uk)

## **AN EVENING WITH CHILDREN'S LAUREATE ANTHONY BROWNE**

**Bertie's Banqueting Rooms**

**Brook St, Elland HX5 9AW**

**Monday 23 November 2009**

**7pm for 7.30pm**

Children's Laureate 2009-11 Anthony Browne will be holding court at Bertie's Banqueting Rooms in Elland on Monday November 23 at 7pm.

This special dinner event has been jointly organised by Kirklees Libraries, the Children's Book Shop at Lindley and Kirklees and Calderdale Children's Book Group.

Born in Sheffield, Anthony was brought up in Hipperholme, near Halifax; he is internationally known for his children's book illustration, for which he has won many prestigious awards.

A highly entertaining speaker Anthony will be talking about his stunning picture books: 'Gorilla', 'Willy the Wimp', 'Voices in the Park', this year's 'Little Beauty' and the

forthcoming 'My Brother'. He will also be talking about his work as Children's Laureate, raising the profile of picture books for children.

There will also be a bookstall, for people to see and buy some of Anthony's work and Anthony will be available for signing.

This is sure to be a popular event and early booking is advised to secure a place. Tickets are priced at £19.50 and include a three course meal and coffee. They can be purchased from the Children's Bookshop tel: 01484 658013, or by contacting Dianne Hird on 01484 226365

### **CAMPAIGN FOR THE BOOK**

**Wednesday 25 November 7.00 - 8.00pm (*refreshments will be served from 6.45pm*)**

**Fernhill School & Language College  
Farnborough GU14 9BY**

The national campaign to support libraries in schools has now come south to Berkshire/Hampshire/Surrey and you are invited to attend this local public meeting

*Chaired by author Alan Gibbon; speakers include teachers, students and library professionals*

**DO COME AND SUPPORT US - REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

All welcome - please bring a friend!

PLEASE EMAIL: [sue.bastone@lvs.ascot.sch.uk](mailto:sue.bastone@lvs.ascot.sch.uk)

You can also sign the petition at: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/literacy/>

### **Engaging the disengaged: repositioning services for NEETs**

**CILIP**

**27 November 2009**

What can libraries do to help young people in recessionary times? Record numbers of young people are now NEETs: Not in Education, Employment or Training, with one in five young people now jobless. As the recession continues, libraries must urgently address the needs of this disadvantaged group. CILIP's second NEETs Executive Briefing will seek to stimulate a culture change to enable all young people and to change preconceptions. Full details of the programme and speakers can be found at [www.cilip.org.uk/neets09](http://www.cilip.org.uk/neets09)

### **15th Birthday Celebration of the Smallbone Library, Oakham School**

**Thursday 3 December, 18.30 – 20.00**

The Smallbone Library  
Oakham School  
Ashwell Road  
Oakham  
LE15 6QG

**RSVP:** Darryl Toerien *Head of Library and Archives* Tel. 01572 758 648 or email [dt@oakham.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:dt@oakham.rutland.sch.uk)

Harold Howe, former U.S. Commissioner of Education, said that what “a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it thinks about education”, and it is in this context that the significance of the Smallbone Library is rightly understood.

Opened in 1994 after seven years of planning, covering 2,400 square metres over two floors, and built at a cost of £2 million during a recession, the Library remains an extraordinary and profound educational statement by the leadership of the School.

A library is more than its building, though, and it takes time for words to call a reality into being. Fifteen years on we revisit the vision of a Library truly central to the intellectual and academic life of the School, and invite you to join us in celebrating its coming of age.

### **Programme**

- **18.30 – 19.00: Reception**
- **19.00 – 20.00: Inaugural *Smallbone Library Lectures***
  - Darryl Toerien, Head of Library and Archives: *Contextualising the school library*
  - Graham Smallbone, Headmaster of Oakham School (1985-96): The Smallbone Library at Oakham School: *The robustness of a vision for the future*
  - Sir James Hill, formerly Chairman of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust: *The library at the heart of the school* (as a preface to the *Lectures*)
  - Lynn Barrett, formerly Information Services Manager at Dixons City Academy and co-editor of the ‘CILIP guidelines for secondary school libraries’: *The academic school library*
  - Jonathan Douglas, Director of the National Literacy Trust and co-editor of the ‘CILIP guidelines for secondary school libraries’: *The reading school library*
  - Nigel Lashbrook, Headmaster of Oakham School (2009-): *Concluding remarks*

### **Refugee Council Policy Update Conference – From theory to practice: how asylum policy impacts on the refugee experience**

**5 Feb 2010, Holiday Inn Bloomsbury, Coram Street, London, WC1N 1HT**

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/conferences/conference2010/>

Workshops at the Conference have just been announced. One which may be of interest to school librarians is a workshop about unaccompanied children in the asylum system.

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**

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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)