

WHAT HAS SLG NATIONAL BEEN UP TO LATELY?

Campaign for the book

Having followed the proper democratic process, SLG National is delighted that our proposal in support of the *Campaign for the Book* to the CILIP's Policy Forum was passed and then ratified by the CILIP Council ten days ago. Some of you may have seen the press release that was circulated on the 28 September announcing that CILIP now formally supports the Campaign and will be signing the e-petition on the Number 10 website. This means SLG can now also encourage all SLG members to sign the petition as well. Please go to <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/literacy/>

School Library Research

SLG National has made a successful bid for a grant from the Wendy Drewett Bequest to conduct research into the current state of school libraries. This will take place between October 2009 and February 2010. More information will be published in an article shortly. We hope that all of our members will help towards the success of the research by encouraging all of their contacts in school libraries to take part when the time comes.

'Free' Library consultancy

SLG has become aware of booksellers offering a 'free' weed and tidy up of individual school libraries in return for the placing of large orders of books with them. SLG is concerned about this as it appears to place booksellers in direct competition with School Library Services and undermines their professional expertise and impartiality. SLG would like to receive any comments from members who have had any experience of this so that we can formulate an informed letter to the booksellers concerned. Please send any comments to rhemming@ucs.org.uk

The Chair's Diary

Sue Shaper is the Chair of SLG National and will be representing SLG at the SLA School Librarian of the Year award on Monday 5th October at the London Zoo.

Sue also represents SLG on the Youth and School Libraries panel which is currently reviewing and updating the Primary School Library guidelines. Watch this space for further news!

DID YOU KNOW?

Discover how children and young people in your school feel about reading

The National Literacy Trust is launching an online survey which will look at attitudes

towards reading, attitudes towards writing and the extent to which pupils engage in literacy activities at home with their family. They are looking for 9 to 16-year old boys and girls from a variety of socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. Participating schools will need to provide pupils with access to the online survey and will receive a school-specific report that will outline some of the findings for their school. The survey will be running from 16 November to 4 December and can be accessed at http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/research/attitudes2009.html?dm_i=73S,21DL,XVBLL,6I4S,1

Those schools who wish to take part will need to register their interest before **23 October 2009**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SLG London & SE Branch is planning a one-day course with Phil Bradley

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 CILIP109 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

Going digital – using online resources to raise achievement

FREE half-day conference

Friday 6th November 2009

9.45am - 12.45pm

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

Led by Sarah Masters and Misty Killip who are SSAT Lead Practitioners for Librarianship / Literacy, this one day course will look at:

- Literacy and the role of the 'school library' using Virtual Learning Environments and
- How English departments can use stylistic imitations to teach writing and improve literacy

For further information please contact either
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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

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

For more information on *No Such Things as Dragons* please email:
ARichardson@scholastic.co.uk

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