

SLG NEWS – September Bulletin

Welcome to the September edition of the e-newsletter from SLG! There is much to look forward to as the academic year begins and many opportunities for CPD and for developing reading for pleasure in your school, so please have your diary to hand for the second half of this e-newsletter.

WHAT HAS SLG NATIONAL BEEN UP TO LATELY?

Campaign for the book

SLG has submitted a policy statement in support of this to the Policy Forum for consideration and ratification and there will be a vote on this in early September. We are hopeful that the discussions we've been having with colleagues in other sectors will result in a positive outcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

The School Support Staff Negotiating Body will receive Royal Assent in October. To find out more about the SSSNB, the Local Government Employers website has a useful overview. Please go to

<http://www.lge.gov.uk/lge/core/page.do?pagelId=778046>

CAN YOU HELP?

Books for Ghana

Karen Usher writes:

“Through my IFLA connections I have been asked for children's books for a school in Ghana.

The son of a librarian in the Netherlands is in Tamala, Ghana and has helped build the School Library and his mother is now hoping to get help with the stock. The school teaches children from 4 - 14 years old. They have a lot of adult books.

If you have any children's books you are discarding, in good condition, please could you send them to me at my school address marked 'Ghana'. I cannot offer to refund postage but hope that you will be able to be generous - paddy bags to boxes are all welcome! I am hoping that the Ferry company will ship for free, if not my husband has agreed to do so through his business.

They are happy to receive any books - the simpler the better - they will help their English and expand their knowledge of the wider world.

Having visited a children's library in South Africa I can attest to the need for donations - money that is available is used to buy scarce local material. The gratitude felt for our donations is genuine and heartfelt.

I will happily answer any questions but there may a delay due to my attendance at IFLA and IASL.

With thanks.”

If you can help Karen, her contact details are as follows:

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Eric Fell Learning Resource Centre
South Hunsley School
MELTON
North Ferriby
East Yorkshire
HU14 3HS

(44) 1482 631208 ext. 150

karen@usher43.karoo.co.uk or library@shunsley.eril.net

Library Equipment Wanted for Ghana

Kate Regan is a retired Cilip member and school librarian now involved in setting up a school library in Ghana. Looking for any unused book circulation stationary, e.g. date labels and old issue system book pockets, reader tickets, tray date guides, etc. that might be still in a school library cupboard. Only small quantities needed. (Am Berkshire-based/would pay postage) Thanks!

If you can help Kate, please email her at pondcottage.regan@btinternet.com or phone 01488 668378

CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate 70 spectacular years of Puffin and its books in May 2010. In 2010 Puffin Books will be 70 years old. 70 years! And as part of their BIG birthday celebrations, they want libraries everywhere to join them to make this the biggest and the best celebration of books and reading. They're busy planning the biggest 70th birthday celebration ever, including NATIONAL PUFFIN DAY on 8 May, where libraries nationwide can let their imagination run wild and celebrate all things Puffin.

Here's how you can get involved:

INSPIRE your library visitors by creating an interactive Puffin display of your most borrowed Puffins

BRING TO LIFE a chapter of your favourite Puffin book with live storytelling, dressing up or music

READ a Puffin you've never read before to your book group

TELL as many borrowers as you can that it's National Puffin Day

SHARE your Top 10 Puffins with a borrower or colleague

CREATE a calendar of Puffin-themed events, parties and book groups

SHOUT about a new Puffin book you have just read

JUST IMAGINE all the things you can do!

Look out for the unique new digital archive of amazing author podcasts and online content at puffin.co.uk, The Puffin Handbook - a guide to books and reading for parents & children available to order FREE, amazing appointment-to-view author events to be shown online throughout 2010, a major year-long Puffin exhibition on the past, present and future of Puffin opening at Newcastle's Seven Stories, The Centre for Children's Books, a Puffin Film Festival of famous film adaptations of

classic Puffin titles plus an animation competition at London's BFI Southbank and launch of a brand new range of Puffin-branded merchandise.

In June you can join the nation to vote for the Puffin of Puffins from their list of specially chosen Puffin Modern Classics-what's your library's favourite book?

There's fabulous fun and new reading adventures to be had for everyone. For regular news, updates, downloads and events, please go to www.puffin.co.uk

If you would like to join in the fun please email hannah.flynn@uk.penguinroup.com with an idea of how you and your library will get involved and they'll send you a Puffin Party kit when it's hatched.

COMPETITION

Old Possum's Children's Poetry Competition 2009

On the theme of 'Heroes and Heroines' for children aged 7-11 years.

For further details please go to <http://www.childrenspetrybookshelf.co.uk>

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 and follow the link on the homepage or contact the events team at CWDC on 0113 244 6311

Integrating Independent Learning Skills and Strategies in the Curriculum

London 14th September 2009

Presenter: Patricia Carmichael
Independent Learning Centre Manager
Concordia Lutheran College, Queensland, Australia

This full day workshop will present the theory associated with Independent Learning and how to apply this theory to curriculum design as taught in the Independent Learning Centre.

The teaching and learning undertaken at the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) offers unlimited opportunities to students as part of the secondary curriculum that reflects the change in pedagogy of the 21st century. Since its inception in 2004, the pedagogical practice has resulted in a paradigm shift to a truly student-centred approach to education. The establishment of the ILC is a natural extension of the Library. This new area provides a new learning space and has created a physical focus for personalized teaching and learning within the college.

Each middle school student is required to undertake a semester-long Negotiated Independent Learning Unit (NILU) as part of the unitized curriculum. The NILU is a research-based or problem-based project which utilizes independent learning skills and strategies as cognitive scaffolding. The ILC appears to be a unique teaching and learning environment, however, accountability is required in any teaching and learning environment. This workshop will demonstrate a number of features of this program.

- The workshop will begin with the theory associated with Independent Learning Skills and Strategies (ILSS).
- Units of work will be presented that demonstrate how to integrate ILSS in the curriculum using units of work and workbooks that have been trialed in 2008.
- These units will be available for perusal as an online unit of work.
- Copies of all workbooks and handouts will be available for participants to take back to respective schools for implementation.
- Student models (DVD and text) will also be presented as examples of the expected outcomes.
- These student models are examples of the Negotiated Independent Learning Units (NILU) of research as created by students.
- The workshop will also show units aimed at the Years 6/7 cohort. The units were prepared and designed to ready the students for transition from primary to middle school and secondary education.

Cost: We are very lucky that the Information Literacy Group (ILG) of CILIP has agreed to sponsor this workshop, for up to 20 participants. Additional participants may need to pay for catering.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Bentley at ebentleysln@googlemail.com

Reading for pleasure: *Helping secondary schools strengthen the reading habit amongst their pupils*

Wednesday 23 September

The next Guardian Education Centre teachers' conference in their Reading for Pleasure series on Wednesday 23 September at The Guardian, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London, N1.

This half-day conference for secondary school teachers [and librarians?] will give strategies to inspire students to read with pleasure and techniques to maintain the reading habit. Keynote speakers include Tristram Hunt, popular and groundbreaking historian, broadcaster and columnist; Guardian children's books editor, Julia Eccleshare; as well as reading development experts and teachers. There will be workshops in sharing good practice

The conference costs £46 (£40 + VAT). We expect demand for this conference to be high.

For booking form go to <http://image.guardian.co.uk/sys-files/Guardian/documents/2009/07/10/Readingbookingform.pdf>

To book please download the booking form and return to:

Education Centre
Guardian News & Media
Kings Place
90 York Way
London
N1 9GU

For further information, please email educationcentre@guardian.co.uk or telephone 020 3353 3306

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

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