

# East Midlands Branch Newsletter

## From the Editor

Welcome to the November issue of your branch newsletter. This issue we look at some of the conferences & training our members have attended over the summer.

The branch is also offering a free professional development workshop which is ideal for anyone looking at chartership, revalidation or fellowship

Cheryl Brooker

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## Continuing your professional development: An East Midlands Branch event

Are you looking for guidance with your chartership portfolio or thinking about going for revalidation?

East Midlands CILIP invites you to a branch event on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Worksop Library to offer advice and guidance on continuing your professional development.

The event is free to branch members but lunch is not included.

The day includes:

**Morning:** Continuing your professional qualifications

A workshop led by Joan Bray, East Midlands Branch Chair and Kath Owen, current Vice Chair and future Chair of

Chartership Board  
Find out more about CILIP's CPD proposals  
Discuss tips for putting your portfolio together for Revalidation, Fellowship and Chartership  
See examples of portfolios

**Afternoon:** A tour of Worksop Library  
Worksop Library, the newest library development by Nottinghamshire County Council, opened its doors in September 2010. The development was supported by funding from East Midlands Development Agency and is also home to other council services including Registrars and a Young People's Centre. The "two floors of inspiration" include a

Ceremony Room, Meeting Room, a Gallery and Performance space.

Book your place now: contact Linda Dawes [emboc@bc-d.co.uk](mailto:emboc@bc-d.co.uk) stating whether you would like to attend the morning workshop, afternoon library tour or both and which qualification you are working towards.

We are planning a series of library visits for 2011, hopefully to include a prison, university, college, medical, archives and Nottingham Central Library.

Further details available as soon as we have confirmed the dates and venues.

# School Library Association conference

## **The Magic Threshold: Step into New Worlds School Library Association Weekend Training Course, June 2010**

On a hot weekend in June, school librarians from all over the country converged on the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham University. Not only did this present a fantastic networking opportunity, but the quality of speakers and content of presentations and workshops were inspirational.

Kev F Sutherland, caricaturist and comic artist had the audience in stitches whilst presenting graphically, tips for inspiring school children to tell a story by drawing pictures. He convinced us that everyone can draw by just using simple letter shapes and that the comic art form can be used as a learning tool.

Anne-Marie Tarter and Marianne Bradnock told us to "Catch them when they're young" during a workshop on strategies

for tackling plagiarism. The message was loud and clear – if in doubt, give credit. Plagiarism is becoming all too easy in this cut and paste society. Anne-Marie has been involved in producing a set of excellent guidelines on plagiarism published by Ofqual (freely downloadable from their website), aimed at teachers, parents and students.

Caroline Roche urged us to Cross the Magic Threshold into Collaborative Working during her Web 2.0 workshop. Caroline gave a practical demonstration of how she uses such tools as Twitter, Skype, Voicethread, Middlespot, Livebinder, Diigo, Delicious and Dropbox. There are so many tools out there, mostly free, the only limitation is time for experimentation.

Anne Louise Anglim presented an overview of Social Networking and Young People in which we saw examples of how to use Facebook, Audioboo, Bebo, Twitter and LibraryThing all in a library context.

This is definitely the way to engage teenagers whilst proving that librarians really are cool!

Author visits included MG Harris, author of *The Joshua Files* and Catherine Fisher, author of *Incerceron*, *Sapphique* and *Crown of Acorns*. It's always fascinating to experience authors talking about their own writing and putting a face to the books.

**Linda Dawes, Librarian/LRC Manager, The King's School, Grantham**

*And another perspective from the weekend*

## **The Magic Threshold - Step into New Worlds**

Friday saw Delegates availing themselves of Trade session from Softlink, Demco and Opening the Book. I attended The Opening the Book session which gave ideas of the best ways to engage users by increasing the number of books that face forwards. The display furniture offers multiple layout options which could be changed on a regular basis and in

so doing give the library a different look to maintain student interest.

Anthony Browne, Children's Laureate gave a keynote address giving an insight to the books he writes.

Dinner on Friday evening was a buzzing affair with Henry Winkler (The Fonz) in conversation with First News editor Nicky Cox MBE. Henry provided his audience with an amusing and informative insight to the background of the Hank Zapper novels which he wrote with his partner Lin Oliver. Henry who has Dyslexia found his time at school difficult. It was his own difficulties that were the inspiration for his novels.

Sunday began with the AGM followed by the Founder Director of The Reading Agency Miranda McKearney OBE who spoke about the work of The Reading Agency, how librarians can help teachers and how libraries have changed in the last 30 years.

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# Youth Libraries Group Report

## The East Midlands Youth Libraries

**Group** met at the impressive Corby Business Academy on 29 September to discuss their shortlisted books to be submitted for the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals 2011

[www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk](http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk). A regional shortlist of six books for each award had been drawn up prior to the meeting.

Colleagues from schools and public libraries across the region then discussed each book in turn, keeping in mind the intended audience for the book and the award criteria. The following books proved to be the most popular and have been submitted by East Midlands YLG to be considered for the award long list

**Greenaway:** Emily Gravett *Blue Chameleon*; Catherine Rayner *Norris, the bear who shared*  
Other books discussed: Anthony

Browne *Me and You*; Oliver Jeffers *The Heart and the Bottle*; Jane Ray *The Dolls House Fairy*; Chris Wormleighton *One Smart Fish*

**Carnegie:** Helen Grant *Glass Demon*; Marcus Sedgewick *White Crow*  
Other books discussed: Teresa Breslin *Prisoner of the Inquisition*; Mary Hooper *Fallen Grace*; Meg Rosoff *The Bride's Farewell*; Alex Scarrow *Time Riders*.

Following the book discussions we were treated to an extremely professional presentation given by students from the Corby Business Academy on their shadowing group activities, ending with a challenging game of "Carnegie/Greenaway Bingo"!

This was my first YLG meeting and I have to own up to the fact that I hadn't read any of the books before the meeting! So although I didn't vote in the Carnegie section I found the morning

very profitable. I was able to meet fellow local Youth Librarians, share good practice and learn a bit more about the Carnegie and Greenaway Awards with the aim of introducing a shadowing group in my own school.

For further details about the activities of the regional Youth Library Group please contact Jean Burbridge [jeanburbridge@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:jeanburbridge@leicester.gov.uk).

**Linda Dawes, Librarian/LRC Manager, The King's School, Grantham**



## SLA Cont.

The weekend was brought to a close by Ginette Doyle, Chair of the SLA.

Delegates then had the opportunity to complete last minute purchases from Norfolk Children's Book Centre, swap e mail address with fellow delegates and make their way home. Having crossed The Magic

Threshold, and glimpsed the New Worlds that await, librarians have to embrace new technologies not only to enhance their CPD, but interact with the students who will be using their libraries now and in the future.

**Sheila Holland, Librarian/Library Manager, Burleigh Community College, Loughborough.**

# Lincolnshire information services network

LISN has been in existence for over a decade and was started when a group of (mainly) College and University Librarians decided to network on a formalised basis. The group has evolved considerably since then and now welcomes any Lincolnshire-based information provider or library wishing to exchange ideas and information to benefit the Lincolnshire and wider community.

The group meets three times a year to share staff expertise and resources between its members, and therefore by extension, all members' users. The

benefits to the staff members are mutual support, networking and best practice exchange, and for the people of Lincolnshire, access to a more comprehensive, wide reaching network of information. Each member institution is highly individual and the range of information available varies enormously. Access to each service point may be different but the network exists to benefit the county of Lincolnshire in a way that has previously been unavailable.

Group meetings have a structured, yet relaxed atmosphere and usually include an institutional

update from members present and a themed discussion or idea-sharing, for example, Library 2.0 tools or stock selection. Meeting venues rotate around various members' institutions and will often start or end with an informal opportunity to network over lunch. The next meeting is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> December at Lincoln College.

LISN membership is open to representatives of information-providing agencies operating in all sectors (public, academic, commercial or government) within the county of Lincolnshire and the unitary authorities of

North Lincolnshire and North-East Lincolnshire. Current membership is truly cross-sector including representatives from Colleges, the University, Public Libraries, Schools, Business Link, RAF College Cranwell, Lincoln Cathedral and the Primary Healthcare Trust.

For further details please go to the LISN website: [www.lisn.org.uk](http://www.lisn.org.uk) or email Emma Sansby at [emma.sansby@bishopp.ac.uk](mailto:emma.sansby@bishopp.ac.uk).

**Linda Dawes,**  
**Librarian/LRC**  
**Manager, The King's**  
**School, Grantham**

## Get involved in your branch

We are always on the look out for new Committee members and it is a great opportunity to develop your professional skills and have your say in how the Branch is run. We are a friendly bunch who come from a variety of library sectors across the East Midlands although Northamptonshire is not

currently represented. If you think that you might be interested in getting involved contact either Joan Bray [joan.bray62@googlemail.com](mailto:joan.bray62@googlemail.com) or Linda Dawes [emboc@bc-d.co.uk](mailto:emboc@bc-d.co.uk).

**Joan Bray, Chair**  
**Linda Dawes,**  
**Honorary Secretary**

## Follow your branch online

East Midlands Branch learns how to tweet! You can now follow your local Branch on the following:

Twitter ♣  
<http://twitter.com/CILIPEMBranch>

Netvibes ♣  
<http://www.netvibes.com/cilipembranch>

Blog ♣  
<http://cilipembranch.blogspot.com>

Flickr ♣  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/emboc>

Facebook ♣  
<http://tinyurl.com/embocfacebook>

# Branch & Group Forum

## Notes form Branch and Group Forum: CILIP 11.10.2010

This meeting is held twice a year and comprises representatives from all the Special Interest Groups, the Branches and the Home Nations. I have to say it was a smaller meeting than normal – the total should be 60 people and yesterday there were about 25 there. There were only 4 English Branches represented – East and West Midlands, Yorkshire and London; Scotland sent someone and the balance were from special interest groups.

The agenda included such items as Budget 2011 and Defining our Professional Future (DPF) – impact on Branches and Groups as well as the new regulations. Annie Mauger, the new CEO was also there to talk to the budget etc and introduce her self to us. To take the last first – there is no longer a need to hold an election mainly because of the cost,

but we can use all our communication routes as we do to ask for volunteers. The rule about 6 years on a committee is still there – this reflects practice right the way down the organisation – Trustees can only serve for 6 years on Council – but this starts with Year 1 in 2011, so Kath and I are safe for the time being!

The most important message which came across to me was that the organisation will be taking the clear message about advocacy from the DoPF as well as those on qualifications and networking opportunities. Annie Mauger was quite passionate about this and discussed levels of advocacy and their cost. The work we can do is relatively cheap but the high level stuff which we know has been missing is expensive. This coupled with the real problems with CILIP budget will change the organisation completely.

She pointed out that it

was member led – through the elected Trustees – and member driven. Annie is undertaking a complete reorganisation of the organisation which will take into account the opinions expressed by members through DoPF and the budget issues. Up to now CILIP Enterprises has helped prop up the organisation financially to a great extent and due to the recession this money is not there. People made redundant will not be paying the same level of subscription and therefore this income will fall. There will be an interim budget for Jan – June 2011 while this reorganisation is put into place and everything is up for grabs! By June the new way of working will be in place and a relevant budget in place. The main message on ways of working is outcome based results – Annie did not realise that we just get our capitation without having to prove what we did.

We had a long discussion about advocacy and I suspect the membership will be asked for much more involvement in that – so good news stories etc. But I rather pragmatically asked about news of next year's capitation and got the comment – budget goes to trustees on 23<sup>rd</sup> November – we will hear on 24<sup>th</sup> what the impact will be. CILIP SIGS and Branches have much of CILIP's reserves.

My feelings;

Annie Mauger will give CILIP a rude awakening but it will be a breath of fresh air and not being part of the old boys network and will tackle some sacred cows

We may not be in existence by next year – we may be part of a wider English Branch or joined with West Midlands/Eastern Region

We will definitely be using our reserves for part of our finance.

**Joan Bray, Branch Chair**

## East Midlands Events Continued

### Dealing with Difficult People: A Group Training Workshop

Friday 26 November 2010 at Bishop Grosseteste University College, Lincoln, LN1 3DY, 9.15am – 4.15pm

Do you want to:

- Practise your communication skills?
- Practise your assertiveness skills?
- Learn how to resolve difficult situations?

This workshop will help those who want to deal with difficult people and situations more effectively by providing practical ideas, techniques and examples. Costs £75

Programme information and booking details can be found at <http://liem.org.uk/events.asp>

### RMG Christmas Lunch

The 15th Retired Members Guild Christmas lunch will be held on 7th December in Burleigh Court, the award-winning hotel and conference centre on Loughborough University Campus. Partners and friends would also be welcome.

12.00 for 12.30 - cost £22.50 including wine and coffee. CILIP President Biddy Fisher will be the guest

speaker. More information from Stella Keenan - 01509 413 211 / e-mail [stella.keenan01@btinternet.com](mailto:stella.keenan01@btinternet.com).

### Across the Board: a FREE course about gaming in libraries and schools

Fri 21 Jan 2011  
9.30am – 6.00pm

at Burton Library,  
Burton - upon - Trent

Course Aims and Objectives:

- How gaming fits into your offer for young people, families and adults.
- How to start, staff and evaluate games clubs and activities on any (or no!) budget.
- Gain a broad understanding of what is happening nationally and internationally.
- Become confident talking to library users, colleagues and

management about the benefits of games in libraries and schools.

Course Outline: Presentations and practical workshops with the opportunity to ask questions and play some games.

Target Audience: Library and school staff who would like to investigate using games in their existing sessions or start new ones.

Because this is a FREE course lunch will not be provided. There are opportunities to buy food and drink both within the library and nearby.

Programme information and booking details can be found at [http://liem.org.uk/event\\_s.asp](http://liem.org.uk/event_s.asp) (closing date 20th December, 2010) at **Burton Library, Burton - upon - Trent**

## Contact Us

We welcome contributions whether it's articles, events, book reviews or letters. If you have anything you would like to include in the next issue please forward to the editor by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Feedback on the newsletter and suggestions for content also welcomed. Contact details for the editor are below

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