

LITERACY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of the Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group
International Reading Association
Spring 2005

ALL CONFEREES WELCOME!

Join us at 2:00-4:45 pm, Tuesday, May 3,
2005, in Marriott Rivercenter—Grand
Ballroom K, San Antonio, Texas

Organizer & Chair: Denise Stuart, The
University of Akron, Akron, Ohio

Keynote Speaker:
Joyce Carol Thomas,
Award-Winning Author

(Coretta Scott King Honors, IRA Teacher's
Choice, IRA Parent's Choice,
ALA Notable, NCTE Notable,
Selected Title for Children and Young Adults by
the National Conference of Christians & Jews,
Kirkus Editor's Choice, National Book Award,
among others).

*What's the Hurry, Fox? and Other Animal
Stories* (2004)
The Gospel Cinderella (2004)
*Linda Brown, You are not alone: Brown v.
Board of Education* (Ed.)(2003),
Hush Songs (2000), *I Have Heard of
a Land* (1998),
Brown Honey in Brownwheat Tea (1993), *A
Gathering of Flowers* (1990),
Bright Shadow (1984). *Marked by Fire* (1982)

Roundtable Presentations:

*Social Action for Young Children: A Narrative
Report* Speaker: Marsha L. Thicksten, California
State University, Long Beach CA

Meet Character "Ed" Speakers: Hillary
Schwartz, Kelly Davis, Holly Smith and Jackie
Conarton, Howard County Public Schools,
Ellicott City, MD

*Literacy and Respecting Diverse Cultures:
Avoiding the Tourist Education* Speaker:
Tamara McPherson, Texas A & M, Commerce,
TX

*Closing the Literacy Gap for Urban Students
with Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in the
Content Areas* Speakers: Ruth Oswald, Karen
Harrington, Lynn Smolen and Denise Stuart, The
University of Akron, Akron, OH

*Breaking Barriers to Get Coeds to Tutor or
How a College ESL Professor Builds
Seaworthy Boats with Sixth Graders* Speaker:
Ana Lado, Marymount University, Arlington, VA

*Social Responsibility in Seven Cross-Age
Tutoring Situations* Speaker: Greta Nagel,
California State University, Long Beach, CA

*Water, the Critical Resource: Bringing the
Incredible Water Show to your Classroom
Stage* Speakers: Debra Frasier and Julie Reimer,
Minneapolis, MN

*Using Social Interaction in an Academic
Context* Speaker: Ann Kennedy, Arlington
County Public Schools, Arlington, VA

*Using Literature to Examine Social Issues in a
Multicultural Second Grade* Speakers: Joanna
Newton and Sarah Crites, Fairfax County Public
Schools, Fairfax, VA

Getting Out the Vote Speakers: Kathy Everts
Danielson, University of Nebraska at Omaha &
Jan LaBonty, University of Montana

Working Through Injustices with Children
Speaker: Wilma Kuhlman, University of
Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE

Closing Comments: J. Cynthia McDermott-
LaCorte, President, LSR SIG

Business Meeting: Immediately following
session. All interested attendees welcome.

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*2 year term

**Program Chair rotates into Office of President

**Past President rotates onto Board

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*If you wish to become active, please contact
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Dreaming of IRA in Chicago next year?

Keep in mind that it is often easier to achieve administrative support to participate in IRA's annual convention if your name is on the program. Submit an L & SR SIG proposal for 2006, and join us in Chicago Illinois. Just complete the enclosed proposal form & send to Marsha Thicksten and Greta Nagel by May 15, 2005. We hope to see you in Chicago!

IRA Membership is required to belong to IRA Special Interest Groups. **Remember to renew Your IRA membership!** www.reading.org

Wanted: Web site Contributors

Please visit our Web site at <http://www.csulb.edu/misc/l-sr> and let us know if you have suggestions for improving or expanding it.

Web site (continued)

If you have presented for the L&SR SIG at a previous conference or are presenting this year, it is not too late to submit a summary of your presentation for the archives of past proceedings. The summary could be a paragraph or two or a handout which you prepared. Just email copy to Kaye West (kanders@csulb.edu).

We are looking for volunteers to assume leadership for the RESOURCES section of the website. Please email Webmanager Kaye West (kanders@csulb.edu) if you have an interest in a specific topic, if you have resources you would like to recommend be added to the site, or if you know of someone whom you would recommend as a potential contributor.

New L&SR e-Journal Published

The new L&SR e-journal will be available online by the beginning of May. This juried e-Journal will provide a forum for educators, authors, researchers, and the public to describe practices which foster literacy development and social responsibility in students of all ages. L&SR will feature submissions that study and promote high-quality programs which foster community service, participatory citizenship, social responsibility, appreciation for diversity, environmental stewardship, or caring behavior that occurs within the development of literacy across the curriculum.

Presenters at the 2005 IRA Conference, as well as at other professional development events, are invited to submit an article based on their presentation. Authors are also asked to submit book reviews of professional text, fiction or children's literature that deal with the focus of the journal. The editors will also consider relevant poetry submissions and student work.

If you have a manuscript to submit or are interested in becoming a peer reviewer for this new journal, please contact Rebecca Kaminski at krebecc@clemsun.edu. Please send submissions as an attached file. Complete submission guidelines are available on the L&SR website, www.csulb.edu/misc/l-sr.