



Literacy & Social Responsibility Spring 2009 Newsletter

International Reading Association
Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group

ALL CONFEREES WELCOME

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

2:00-4:45 p.m.

Minneapolis Convention Center, Room 102AB*

*Check Conference Schedule for last-minute room changes.

Humor, Songs, and Stories on Literacy: Celebrations and Challenges in the 21st Century

Program Chair

Dr. Patricia Dean, Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland

We are in an Age of Social Justice, with many Americans helping one another in this time of deep reflection and change within our country. Please encourage your colleagues to join us. Our program is packed with powerhouse presenters, and we want everyone to experience the dialogues and take part in the thoughtful conversations. – P. Dean

Opening Keynote

Sharon Draper

Award-Winning Author, Educator,
and National Teacher of the Year

*Reading, Writing, and Laughter:
Dream through Reading,
Create Dreams through Writing*

Sponsored by
Scholastic Publishing/Lizette Serrano

Closing Keynote

Cambria Gordon

Environmentalist/Author
Green Earth Book Award Winner 2008

*Speaking to Children about Global
Warming and What We Can Do to
Reduce Our Carbon Footprints*

Sponsored by
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Special Entertainment

John McCutcheon

Songs & Stories by Author & Grammy Nominee Songster

Sponsored by Peachtree Publishing/Margaret Quinlin

Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG Schedule

2:00 p.m.	Welcome and opening remarks: Dr. Patricia Dean, LSR Program Chair
2:05 p.m.	Entertainment: Song/story by John McCutcheon
2:15-2:55	Opening Keynote Speaker: Sharon Draper
3:00-3:25	Roundtable I Sessions
3:30-3:55	Roundtable II Sessions
4:00-4:30	Closing Keynote Speaker: Cambria Gordon
4:30-4:35	Entertainment: Song/story by John McCutcheon
4:35-4:45	Concluding remarks: Dr. Melanie Goodman, LSR President

Brief business meeting to follow. Any interested members welcome to attend.

Roundtable Sessions

Session I

3:00-3:25 p.m.

1. **The Three "R's": Reason, Respect, and Responsibility** Presenter: John McCutcheon (Sponsored by Peachtree Publishing/Margaret Quinlin)
2. **Discovering the Power of Literacy through Books and Image Theater** Presenters: Wilma Kuhlman and Sandra Malone
3. **Who Speaks for the Children of the Poor?** Presenters: Dr. Henry Amoroso, Susan Dee, and Jacqueline Grenier
4. **Books That Teens Will Love** Presenter: Sharon Draper (Sponsored by Scholastic/Lizette Serrano)
5. **Academic Service-Learning and Teaching in a Place Called New Orleans East: Pedagogy, Recovery, Innovation, and Educational Advancement in a Post-Katrina Charter School** Presenter: Dr. Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell

Session II

3:30-3:55 p.m.

6. **Fun and Easy Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint** Presenter: Cambria Gordon (Sponsored by Scholastic Publishing/Lizette Serrano)
7. **Supporting Literacy through Service Learning Projects** Presenters: Kathy Danielson and Jan LaBonty
8. **Sharing Stories with the Next Generation: A Social Responsibility for Educators** Storyteller: Dr. Michael Lockett
9. **The Demise of Character Education: Can Children's Literature and Bibliotherapy Help?** Presenters: Dr. James A. Fox, Dr. Virginia Howard, and Dr. Donnell Peterson
10. **How Do Practicing Teachers Define and Understand Community?** Presenters: Francis Broadway and Ruth Oswald

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Melanie Cohen Goodman at goodmanm@chc.edu
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2010 IRA • Los Angeles • May 2-6

Interested in attending IRA next year? It is often easier to achieve administrative support to attend the IRA convention if you are on the program. Submit an LSR SIG proposal for 2010 and join us in Los Angeles. Please complete the proposal form (attached or online at the LSR Web site) and send to the LSR SIG Program Chairperson Patricia Dean at pkdean@salisbury.edu or Patricia Dean, 803 Bradford Court, Salisbury, MD 21804. **Proposals are due no later than Friday, May 29, 2009.**

Literacy & Social Responsibility Mission Statement

The Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group (SIG) seeks to study, understand, and advocate for high-quality programs that integrate

- community service,
- participatory citizenship,
- social responsibility,
- appreciation for diversity,
- environmental stewardship,
- character education, and/or
- caring behavior

into the development of literacy across the curriculum.

This Special Interest Group provides a forum for educators, authors, researchers, and the public to present their insights and to interact with others who share similar concerns at our annual meeting at the IRA convention as well as online on our website and through our eJournal.

LSR Website www.csulb.edu/misc/l-sr

All those interested in the IRA Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG are invited to visit our website to learn more about the organization. Send information for the website in electronic format to Webmanager Kaye West at kwest@csulb.edu.

LSR eJournal

This juried eJournal provides a forum for educators, authors, researchers, and the public to describe practices that foster literacy development and social responsibility in students of all ages. If you have a manuscript to submit or wish to serve as a peer reviewer, please contact editor Rebecca Kaminski at krebecc@clemsun.edu. Complete submission guidelines are available on the LSR website.

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

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS
55th Annual IRA Convention—Los Angeles, California (May 2–6, 2010)

Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG
Thursday, May 6, 2010
9:00–11:45 a.m.

Would you like to attend IRA and present at next year’s conference? IRAs Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group (SIG) invites you to complete this form if you would like to present a project which successfully integrates or relates literacy and social responsibility.

Please Note:

SIG Purpose: *To study, understand, and advocate for high-quality programs that integrate community service, participatory citizenship, social responsibility, appreciation for diversity, environmental stewardship, character education, and/or caring behavior into the development of literacy across the curriculum.*

Areas of focus include, but are not limited to:

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| Classroom Communities of Inquiry | Fostering Social, Emotional, & Academic Growth |
| Literacy & Character Education | Literacy & Civic/Social/Environmental Engagement |
| Language Arts & the Natural World | Reading, Writing, Critical Thinking, and Citizenship |
| Literacy & Service Learning | Literacy & Respecting Diverse Cultures |
| Authentic Contexts for Language Arts | Interactive Strategies for Optimizing Motivation & Literacy |
| Community-Based Writing | Closing the Gap for At-Risk Students |

Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG Session, Thursday, May 6, 2010, 9:00–11:45 a.m.

Note: Roundtable sessions are usually 25 minutes in length.

Name of Speaker(s) _____

Affiliation _____

Mailing Address of Contact Presenter _____

W. Phone _____ H. Phone _____ E-mail _____

Title of Presentation _____

Brief Description of Session (50 words or less) _____

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