



Literacy & Social Responsibility Spring 2013 Newsletter

International Reading Association
Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group

Multiple Literacies: Facilitating the Exploration of Pathways to a Socially Responsible World

ALL CONFEREES WELCOME

Monday, April 22, 2013

9:00-11:45 AM

San Antonio Convention Center, Room 217C*

* Please check Conference Schedule for last minute room changes.

Welcome! Andrea Karlin & Kenny Fasching-Varner, Program Co-Chairs

Presentation of the 2013 Literacy & Service Recognition Award

by Denise Stuart & Patricia Dean

to Jenna Dulin for her vision, activism, and work creating a Peace Initiative

Presentation of the 1st Annual Literacy & Social Responsibility Book Award

by Aimee Rogers, Carolyn Cook & Kenny Fasching-Varner

Opening Keynote

Sharon Draper

Author

Simon & Schuster, Inc.

Closing Keynote

Sharon Flake

Author

Scholastic, Inc.

Schedule

- 9:00 AM Welcome
Presentation of the 2013 Literacy & Service Recognition Award
Presentation of the Literacy & Social Responsibility Book Award
- 9:15 AM Opening Keynote
- 10:05 AM Roundtable Discussion (Round 1, see page 2)
- 10:35 AM Roundtable Discussion (Round 2, see page 2)
- 11:00 AM Closing Keynote
- 11:45 AM Concluding Remarks
Business Meeting (all are invited to attend)

Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG Roundtable Discussions

Round 1: 10:05 – 10:30

1. **“Brown Bear, Brown Bear: You’ve Got to be Kidding” Choosing to Read Challenged Books**
Cheryl Nelson, Andrea Karlin, Sarah Matheny, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
2. **Literacy Across the Curriculum K-12**
Kathleen Fontaine, Chris Smith, Jenne Palmer, Bay District Schools, Panama City, FL
3. **Creative Art Mapping: An Inquiry Approach Through Reading, Writing, and Art**
Mary Spring, Nipissing University, North Bay, Ontario, Canada; Andrea Bell Stuart, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Canada
4. **Exploring Local Literacies: Connecting Social Practices to Social Responsibility**
Courtney Kelly, Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY
5. **Using Urban Fiction to Build Literacy with At-Risk Youth**
Stephanie Guerra, Seattle University, Seattle, WA
6. **Collaborative Reasoning: Language Rich Discussions for English Learners**
Jie Zhang, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY; Katherine Dougherty and Kay Stahl, New York University, NY
7. **Talking About Talk: Growing Thoughtful Literature Circles, Reading Conferences, and Productive Independent Reading Structures Within a Culture of Inquiry**
Tim O’Keefe, University of South Carolina, Lexington, SC

Round 2: 10:35 – 11:00

8. **Thematic Literature Units Promote Better Citizenship**
Carrie Brandon, Casa Grande School District, Casa Grande, AZ
9. **Justice Issues Through Fiction and Nonfiction Partnered Texts**
Wilma Kuhlman, University of Nebraska – Omaha, Omaha, NE; Kathleen Hinman, Omaha Public Schools, Omaha, NE
10. **Who Cares? Developing Communities Through Poetry**
Kathy Danielson, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE; Jan LaBonty, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
11. **Cyber-Bullying: Responding to Online Harassment and Threats**
Richard Coles, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
12. **A Colossal Struggle: Bullying in the Classroom, Strategies for Prevention**
Virginia Howard and James Fox, University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.
13. **Sexual Strangers in Woodson’s Young Adult Opus**
Francis Broadway and Elizabeth Testa, University of Akron, Akron, OH
14. **Value-Based Literature Selection for Classroom Instruction**
Kathy E. Stephens and Amanda Stephens, LeTourneau University, Longview, TX

2013 Board Directory Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG

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Leaders, Book Award	Patricia Dean, Carolyn Cook, Kenny Fasching-Varner, Aimee Rogers

* 2-year parallel terms for Program Chair, President, & Past President

* Program Chair rotates to position of President for 2 years

** Past President rotates onto Board (if not an Officer)

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*To become active in the LSR SIG, please contact
Melanie Cohen Goodman at goodmanm@chc.edu
or Beth Breneman at bethbreneman@comcast.net*

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

Literacy & Social Responsibility Mission Statement

The Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group (SIG) seeks to study, understand, and promote high-quality programs that foster community service, participatory citizenship, social responsibility, appreciation for diversity, environmental stewardship, and caring behavior that occurs within 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 through our website and 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. The website is updated regularly and includes information about our SIG: past and upcoming programs, resources including reviews of professional and juvenile literature and a list of websites related to the mission of the LSR SIG, and ways to get involved in our Special Interest Group.

Please send information for the website in electronic format to Webmanager Kaye West at kwest@csulb.edu.

LSR eJournal

This independent, peer-reviewed e-Journal provides an open forum presenting practices promoting literacy development reflecting social responsibility among all learners. Each year, the editor seeks manuscripts highlighting quality programs advocating community engagement, service-learning, informed and participatory citizenship, social responsibility, activism, appreciation for diversity, and environmental stewardship.

To view the journal and the call for manuscripts, visit www.csulb.edu/misc/l-sr/ejournal/ejournal.html.

LSR On Facebook

Please join us on Facebook (www.facebook.com) and search for **Literacy.Responsibility**. Log on, check it out, and add your own comments and connections.

Literacy & Social Responsibility Book Award

The first annual book award for literature and social responsibility in children's books will be officially announced at IRA in San Antonio, Texas, at the annual meeting of the Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group. The winning books were noted for fostering respect and understanding of others and for inviting reflection and analysis by the reader.

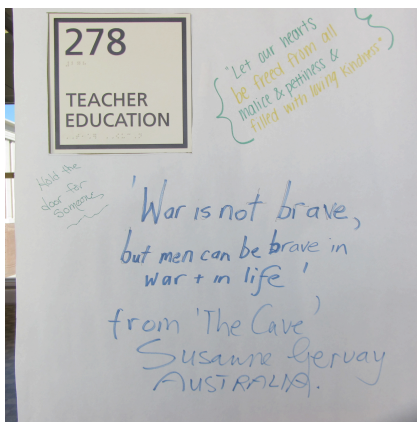
This year's winners are *House on Dirty Third Street* by Thomas Gonzalez and *Summer on the Moon* by Adrian Fogelin. Both books were published by Peachtree Publishers. The committee was co-chaired by Carolyn Cook, Kenny Fasching-Varner, and Aimee Rogers.

Compassion to Action: Literacy & Service Recognition Award

We are excited to announce the third recipient of the *Literacy and Service Recognition Award* established by the Literacy and Social Responsibility Special Interest Group (LSR SIG). This award celebrates the work of students (K-16+) who have been nominated by teachers and librarians for exemplary community service related to the purposes of the LSR SIG.

This year the work of a university student is celebrated. The winner is preservice teacher **Jenna Dulin of Salisbury University**, nominated by her professor and mentor Dr. Patricia Dean. The award committee commends Jenna's initiative and creativity in promoting peace, understanding, and caring behavior at her university and beyond. In remembrance of Sandy Hook children, she challenged her peers to complete 26 random acts of kindness and write about them on a displayed Peace Wall and in a Peace Book she developed at her college. She created opportunity for dialogue about important issues through this Peace Wall and on a [Peace facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/SuPeaceBook) (facebook.com/SuPeaceBook) she developed. She challenged and invited others to reflect on experiences, put ideas into action, and talk about these. From this emerged international dialogue as evident on the Peace Wall. She also worked to build bridges to understanding and appreciating difference in developing a manuscript for a book, featuring a canine character that questions the negativity of difference and finds a way into acceptance and celebration. We thank Jenna for the thoughtful work she has begun and suspect there is more to come! Jenna closed her submission essay saying "I wish this project to be infectious. It is important to be reminded of the impact that you can make on other people. Something as simple as a smile could change someone's day." And she added a favorite quote:

"Love is the key to the problems of the world" – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Please join us at our annual meeting at the International Reading Association in San Antonio, Texas, to be held **Monday, April 22, 2013 9:00-11:45 a.m.** Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Campoy, who played a significant role in launching this award, will be part of the recognition. And do consider nominating your students for their important service work in literacy and social responsibility; follow our [website](#) for application details.

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS
59th Annual IRA Convention – Location and Dates To Be Announced

IRAs Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group (SIG) invites you to complete this form if you would like to present a project that successfully integrates or relates literacy and social responsibility.

Proposals Due June 1, 2013

Please return no later than Saturday, June 1, 2013, to LSR SIG Program Co-Chair **Andrea Karlin**, Lamar University, P.O. Box 10034, Beaumont, TX 77710-0034, karlinar@lamar.edu or to Co-Chair **Kenny Fasching-Varner**, Louisiana State University, 219a Peabody Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Please Note:

SIG Purpose: *To study, understand, and promote high-quality programs that foster community service, participatory citizenship, social responsibility, appreciation for diversity, environmental stewardship, and caring behavior that occurs within the development of literacy across the curriculum.* Areas of focus include, but are not limited to:

Classroom Communities of Inquiry
Literacy & Character Education
Language Arts & the Natural World
Literacy & Service Learning
Authentic Contexts for Language Arts
Critical Literacy

Fostering Social, Emotional & Academic Growth
Literacy & Civic/Social/Environmental Engagement
Reading, Writing, Critical Thinking, and Citizenship
Literacy & Respecting Diverse Cultures
Best Literacy Practices + Pro-social Enhancements
Closing the Gap for At-Risk Students

Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG Session (Date and Time To Be Determined)

Note: Roundtable sessions are 25 minutes in length.

Name of Contact (Organizing) Speaker _____

Professional Affiliation _____

Affiliation Address _____

E-mail _____ W Phone _____ H Phone _____

Member of IRA ? Check one: Yes _____ No _____ IRA # _____ Expiration Date _____

(IRA Membership not required for presenters)

Title of Presentation _____

Brief Description of Session, 50 words or less (Continue on separate page or on back, if needed.)

See next page for additional presenter and reply information.

Names, Contact Information, Membership Status for All Presenters

(Continue on separate page or on back, as needed.)

Name of Speaker _____

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