



Literacy & Social Responsibility Spring 2014 Newsletter

International Reading Association
Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group

Somewhere Over the Rainbow: The Search for Literacy and Social Responsibility

ALL CONFEREES WELCOME

Saturday, May 10, 2014

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 280*

* Please check Conference Schedule for last minute room changes.

Welcome! Andrea Karlin, Program Co-Chair & Patricia Dean, President

Announcement of the 2014 Literacy & Service Recognition Award
by Denise Stuart & Patricia Dean

Announcement of the 2014 Social Justice Literature Award Winners
by Carolyn Cook

Keynote
**Sharon
Robinson**
Author
Scholastic, Inc.

Keynote
**Doreen
Rappaport**
Author
Hyperion Books
for Children

Special
Presentation
Adrian Fogelin
Author
Peachtree Publishing

Schedule

11:00 - 11:15	Welcome 2014 Literacy & Service Recognition Award 2014 Social Justice Literature Awards
11:15 - 11:45	Opening Keynote: Sharon Robinson
11:45 - 12:15	Keynote: Doreen Rappaport
12:15 - 12:35	Special presentation by Adrian Fogelin, Recipient of the 2013 Social Justice Literature Award; introduction by Carolyn Cook
12:40 - 12:55	Roundtable Discussions (see page 2)
12:55 - 1:00	Concluding Remarks



**Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG
Roundtable Discussions
12:40 - 12:55 PM**

1. **Service Learning and Culturally Responsive Literacy:
A Caring Model for Success**
Dr. Linda Wendler, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
Dr. Ruben Garza, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

2. **Literature to Promote Recycling as a Social Responsibility**
Ms. Jennifer Bagwell, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
Ms. Jennifer Marlor, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
Ms. Bethany Stetson, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX

3. **The Correlation of Project CRISS and the CIS Model
to the ELA/CCSS**
Kathleen Fontaine, Ed.S., Panama City, FL
Jenne Frost Palmer, Ed.S., Panama City, FL

4. **Evading the History Book Police: Using Picture Books
to Fill in the Missing Gaps**
Dr. Andrea Karlin, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
Dr. Cheryl Nelson, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX

5. **Understanding Complex Text Through Storytelling**
Dr. Carolyn Cook, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

6. **The Use of Literature to Teach Professional Responsibility
in a Science Program**
Dr. Gail Goodman Snitkoff, Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany, NY

**2014 Board Directory
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- * 2 Year Term for Program Chair and President
- * Program Chair rotates into position of President
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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 Web manager 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 editors seek 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.

Social Justice Literature Awards

by Carolyn L. Cook, Kenneth Fasching-Varner, and Aimee Rogers

The second annual Social Justice Literature Awards in children's books will be officially announced at IRA in New Orleans, Louisiana, 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.

There are three 2014 winners. The fiction novel is *The Garden of My Imaan* by Farhana Zia and published by Peachtree Publishers. The picture book is *Razia's Ray of Hope: One Girl's Dream of an Education* written by Elizabeth Suneby, illustrated by Suana Verelst, and published by Kids Can Press. The nonfiction book is *Looks Like Daylight: Voices of Indigenous Kids* by Deborah Ellis and published by Groundwood Books.

The committee was co-chaired by Carolyn Cook, Kenny Fasching-Varner, and Aimee Rogers.

Literacy and Service Recognition Award 2014

by Denise H. Stuart

Over the last six years **Jillian Butler, Shelby McGee, Josh Langley, and Jaren Rinaldi of Northwest Elementary School** in Hudson, Florida, have shown exemplary leadership in engaging in and expanding a service learning project to support literacy at home and around the world. We are excited to announce these students, nominated by their **school counselor Lisa Peart**, as the **2014 winners** of the *Literacy and Service Recognition Award* established by the Literacy and Social Responsibility Special Interest Group (L-SR SIG). This award is unusual in that recipients are students (K-16+) who have been nominated by teachers, librarians and other adults for exemplary community service related to the purposes of the L-SR SIG. These four students took part in The OCHO project over time to organize the support of their entire school and reach out to children globally to support access to literacy and get books in the hands of kids.

This project began when the students were in kindergarten and they participated in the OCHO Project to provide books for summer reading to kids at their school who did not have funds to purchase materials at the school book fair. School Counselor Lisa Peart noted "The students were so excited to have books of their own to take home and read." On returning the following fall, Marilyn Perlyn of The OCHO Project suggested students implement the same project to reach out to children in Tanzania. Students organized the activity and, as Mrs. Peart noted, "they learned valuable lessons in trustworthiness, kindness, and responsibility." Books were collected, a walk-a-thon was held, and the service project grew. They presented their work to the student council and student body in a Power-Point that featured children around the world with the donated books. Over the next six years these students organized sending books to India, Viet Nam, Papua New Guinea and most recently to Namibia. Mrs. Peart points to success of the project evident in increased reading scores, in what students have learned about the lives of children around the world and, notably, in the development of compassion and kindness. She concludes that these four students "have learned many valuable lessons and at Northwest they are being educated in both their minds and hearts."

Read the detailed essays of submission written by the students and the school counselor for this award at the L-SR SIG website (<http://www.csulb.edu/misc/l-sr/>) to learn more about the inspiring work these four students have done to organize in support of literacy and social responsibility. They will be recognized by award founders Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Campoy as the 2014 recipients of the award at the annual meeting in New Orleans, Saturday, May 11 and will have time to discuss and present the project and their work in our program at the St. Louis convention of IRA in July 2015. Review the LSR-SIG website to learn about previous winners as well 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
60th Annual IRA Convention – St. Louis, MO (July 17–20, 2015)

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 6, 2014

Please return no later than June 6, 2014, to LSR SIG Program Chair, **Kenny Fasching-Varner**, Louisiana State University, 219a Peabody Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, varner@lsu.edu

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 15-25 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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