



Literacy & Social Responsibility Summer 2015 Program

International Literacy Association
Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group

Step by Step, Day by Day: Transforming Lives through Social Responsibility and Literacy

ALL CONFEREES WELCOME

Saturday, July 18, 2015

3:00-5:00 P.M.

St. Louis America's Center, Room 226

* Please check Conference Schedule for last minute room changes.

Welcome! Andrea Karlin, Program Chair & President

Keynote

Dana Sullivan

Author/Illustrator
Sleeping Bear Press
Ann Arbor, MI

Presentation by the 2014 Literacy & Service Award Winners

Northwest Elementary School, Pensacola, FL

The OCHO Project: Read for a Need

**Guidance Counselor Lisa Peart with students Jillian Butler, Shelby McGee,
Josh Langley and Jaren Rinaldi**

Announcement of the 2015 Social Justice Literature Award Winners

by Andrea Karlin

Presentation: "Lifetime Social Justice Literature Award"

This is a one-time recognition award to Australian author Susanne Gervay for her body of work, through both Picture Books and Young Adult novels, focusing on Social Justice issues, presented by Andrea Karlin.

Schedule

3:00-3:10	Welcome
3:10-3:40	Opening Keynote: Dana Sullivan & Discussion
3:40-4:00	2014 Literacy & Service Recognition Award Presentation
4:00-4:10	2015 Social Justice Literature Awards, announcement of the 2015 winners in 4 categories
	Announcement of the one-time "Lifetime Social Justice Literature Award" to Australian author Susanne Gervay
4:15-4:35	4 Roundtables (1-4)
4:35-4:55	4 Roundtables (5-8)
4:55-5:00	Concluding Remarks

Business meeting immediately following this session. All conferees invited to join us.



Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG Roundtable Discussions 4:15-4:55 P.M.

- 1. Follow the Reader: "Teens for Literacy" Student Leaders Launch a Cultural Exchange***
Dr. Anne Katz, Armstrong State University
- 2. Children's Books and Character Education***
Dr. Kathy Danielson, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Dr. Jan LaBonty, University of Montana
- 3. Newpoint Framework***
Kathleen H. Fontaine, Newpoint Schools
- 4. Our Favorites in Children's & Young Adult Literature to Inspire with Heart and Hand***
Patricia Bloem, Grand Valley State University
Sarah Nixon, Missouri State University
Denise Stuart, The University of Akron
- 5. Stories Unlocked: Using Visual Prompts & Wordless Picture Books to Engage At-Risk Teen Writers***
Stephanie Guerra, Seattle University
- 6. Is This Childhood?: From def Poetry to a Children's Picture Book***
Francis S. Broadway, The University of Akron
Thomas Merrill, The University of Akron
- 7. Project CRISS.***
Jenne Palmer, Ed. Specialist, Rosenwald and CC Washington Literacy Coach
- 8. Evading the ELAR Book Police: Using Picture Books to Fill in the Missing Gaps***
Andrea Karlin, Cheryl Nelson, Margaret Swope, Lamar University



2015 Social Justice Literature Award Winners

The 2015 Social Justice Literature Award books:

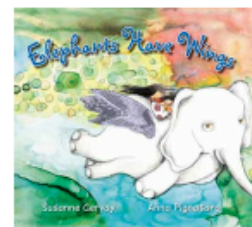
Fiction Novel: *Voices from the March on Washington* by J. Patrick Lewis and George Ella Lyon, published by Word Song

Nonfiction Chapter Book: *Children Growing Up with War* by Jenny Matthews, published by Candlewick Press

Fiction Picturebook: *Lend a Hand* by John Frank and illustrated by London Ladd, published by Lee and Low Books

Nonfiction Picturebook: *Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank* by Paula Yoo and illustrated by Jamel Akib, published by Lee and Low Books

Presentation: "Lifetime Social Justice Literature Award"



**Australian Author
Susanne Gervay**

has been awarded the

Lifetime Social Justice Literature Award
for her body of work in Social Justice by the
Literacy and Social Responsibility Special Interest Group



**International Literacy Association
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To view all of her work, visit Susanne's web page: <http://www.sgervay.com/>

Social Justice Literature Award Committee

The 2015 Committee was co-chaired by Carolyn Cook, Kenny Fasching-Varner, and Aimee Rogers. The Committee is currently taking nominations from publishers for the 2016 award. Please contact Aimee (aimeearogers@gmail.com), Carolyn (cook@msmary.edu), or Kenny (varner@lsu.edu) with book submissions or questions. The 2016 Committee will consist of Patricia Bloem, Shanetia Clark, Patricia Dean, Char Moffit, Marguerite Penick-Parks, and Zanthia Smith. Nominations for joining the 2017 committee are being accepted.

Literacy and Service Recognition Award 2014 - 2015

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 were recognized by award founders Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Campoy as the 2014 recipients of the award at the annual meeting in New Orleans and will attend and present the project at the St. Louis conference of ILA on July 18, 2015, at 3:00 PM in St. Louis America’s Center, Room 226. Review the LSR-SIG website to learn about previous winners and do consider nominating your students for their important service work in literacy and social responsibility; follow our website for application details. Cheryl Nelson will be the new Award Chair.

2015 Board Directory Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG

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Rotation:

*2 Year Term for Program Chair and President
Program Chair rotates into position of President; Past President
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**To become active in the LSR SIG, please contact:
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**ILA membership is required to belong to ILA Special
Interest Groups. Remember to renew your ILA mem-
bership 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 ILA conference as well as online through our website and our eJournal.

LSR Website

www.csulb.edu/misc/l-sr

All those interested in the ILA 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 kaye.west@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.

Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell, Associate Professor, School of Education, Louisiana State University, stepped down in recent months as Editor and Co-Editor of the LSR eJournal. Co-Editor, Tynisha D. Meidl, Associate Professor of Teacher Education at St. Norbert College in DePere, WI, continues in this capacity with the newest Co-Editor, Leah Katherine Saal, Assistant Professor of Literacy at Loyola University Maryland. The email address is lsrejournal@gmail.com.

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.

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS
61st Annual ILA Conference – Boston, MA (July 9-11, 2016)

ILAs 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 August 5, 2015

Please return no later than August 5, 2015, to LSR SIG Program Chair, Janet Wong, 4580 Province Line Road, Princeton, NJ 08540 or janet@janetwong.com

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 minutes in length.

Name of Contact (Organizing) Speaker _____

Professional Affiliation _____

Affiliation Address _____

E-mail _____ W Phone _____ H Phone _____

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

(ILA 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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