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2011 SLMS Conference Update

-Jim Clark, SLMS, Windom Elementary School, Orchard Park Central School District

The SLMS 2011 Conference will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY on May 5-7, 2011. The theme for SLMS 2011 is Learning4Life @yourlibrary. This theme is part of the national AASL Plan for Implementation of Standards for the 21st-Century Learner, which is being used with permission from AASL (see <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/learning4life/index.cfm> for more information). The L4L strands of "Share", "Grow", "Think", and "Create" are being used for workshop themes.

In keeping with the 2011 theme, Dr. Marcia A. Mardis, Assistant Professor at Florida State University and a co-chair of the AASL Learning Standards Rewrite Task Force, has been selected as Opening Keynote speaker. Dr. Mardis "works primarily with school library media and children's/youth services students at the College of Information. She is also the Associate Director for the Partnerships Advancing Library Media (PALM) Center. Prior to joining the faculty at FSU, Dr. Mardis was an Assistant Professor at Wayne State University, an Advanced Networking Researcher and Program Manager for the University of Michigan's Merit Network; a lecturer for graduate-level information science, research methods, and educational technology courses at Eastern Michigan University's College of Education and the University of Michigan's School of Information; and the director of libraries and speech activities at The Keystone School for Science & Mathematics in Texas and two schools in Michigan" (<http://directory.slis.fsu.edu/Directory/profile.php?id=158&info=summary>).

Mardis is also a recent recipient of a \$300,000.00 Institute of Museum and Library Services (MLS) grant for her project entitled "Digital Libraries to School Libraries (DL2SL):

A Strategy for Lasting K-12 Open Content Implementation." This work is an investigation into how school libraries can successfully integrate digital library "open content" in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM materials) into their collections and services" (<http://cci.fsu.edu/news/?p=4322>).

The SLMS 2011 Friday luncheon speaker will be "The Unquiet Librarian" Buffy Hamilton, a famous library blogger and recent presenter at the Computers in Libraries conference. Ms. Hamilton's blog is available at <http://theunquietlibrarian.wordpress.com/>. Her workshops are always extremely popular and well-received.

Newly-announced 2011 Knickerbocker Award winner and 2002 Newbery Award winner Linda Sue Park will be the dinner speaker on Friday night. Her books include *A Single Shard* (a Newbery winner), *The Kite Fighters*, *Project Mulberry*, and *When My Name was Keoko*. For more information about Linda Sue Park, visit her website at <http://www.lindasuepark.com/>.

Susan Campbell Bartoletti, an author and teacher, will be the Saturday luncheon speaker (<http://www.scbartoletti.com>). Her works include *Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow*, *Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850*, and *The Boy who Dared*.

An important aspect of conferencing is having the opportunity to network with other librarians from across the state. The SLMS Conference committee is in the early planning stages for some exciting events that will provide networking opportunities. Great ideas are in the works for the vendor Grand Opening on Thursday night and for a Thursday "gaming in the library" night. Other ideas include a raffle to benefit the Knickerbocker Award, which will involve a Chinese auction of themed baskets donated by districts in our SLAWNY area. An anticipated event that may be included in the program is a tour of

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the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's Rare Book Collection and Mark Twain Room. Tours of the Darwin Martin House, Erie County Botanical Gardens, or the Albright-Knox Art Gallery are also being considered.

The 2010 SLMS Conference will be hard to top, but the 2011 Conference committee is working hard to provide exciting and innovative workshops to enhance professional development. If you have an idea of something you would like to see presented or if you would like to volunteer at the conference, please forward your contact information to Conference Co-Chairs Beth Stancl (bstancl@clar.wnyric.org) or Jim Clark (jclark@opschools.org). Official presenter applications for SLMS 2011 will be posted on the SLMS and SLAWNY websites.

Spotlight on... Carol Tauriello

-Charlie Kelly, SLMS Region VII Coordinator & 2010 UB DLIS Graduate



"Boring" is not an adjective. Carol Tauriello would use to describe her workdays as both the Director of ERIE 1 School Library System and Manager of Regional Library Automa-

tion Service. Her workday can be a whirlwind of excitement. According to Carol, "One nice thing about being a SLS Director is you can meet so many librarians and see the marvelous things they are doing. There are so many talented people out there."

Carol, a native of central New York, grew up in Whitesboro located outside of Utica. In her senior year of high school, she really had no clue on what she wanted to do in life but she liked the library. Her high school library door had a sign that said "Free knowledge; please bring your own container" and that intrigued her. She graduated from SUNY Geneseo in three years with her Bachelors and continued on as a graduate student to receive her MLS. After graduating, Carol acquired her first school librarian job in Wyoming, NY in a small K-12 school. After working two

years in Wyoming, Carol decided to look for a job in a bigger school district and interviewed all over the Northeast for both public and school jobs. She ended up at Huth Road Elementary in Grand Island, NY. She worked at Huth Road Elementary for five years.

In 1984, BOCES decided to start planning School Library Systems in Erie. When they started advertising the position of SLS Director, Carol decided to apply for the position but she never thought she would get the job. After the second round of interviews, she was offered the job and started as the SLS Director in August 1985. To Carol it does not feel like she has been a SLS Director for twenty five years but the time did go fast and it keeps going fast. "I'm one of the few remaining original SLS Directors!" she exclaimed. She hopes to keep growing and changing as a SLS Director. The next challenge is to find a better way to present the Union Catalog.

Carol explained how there are many opportunities for SLMSs to get the most out of Erie 1 services. Recently she purchased a collection of e-books that are part of the cooperative collection development that can be used by all of the mem-

bers. Erie 1 SLS can provide professional development, interlibrary loan, and ways for schools to cooperatively purchase online resources to get better prices. If there is a question for Erie 1 members, send it to Carol ctauriello@elb.org and she will send it out to the appropriate members.

Carol remembers how difficult it can be for a SLMS to connect with teachers. Her advice to SLMSs is to be open to what other people have to contribute. She also is an advocate in the power of one. Carol explains, "One can be a very large number...if you have success with one person, one teacher in your building do not be discouraged if it's only one but think that one exists when nothing did before and it grows from there. And you do it one person at a time."

Carol lives in Elma with her husband of twenty-one years, Joe, and their daughter, Sara, a sophomore in high school. They have two cats, Alley and Bubba. When not working, Carol enjoys walking, gardening, and yoga.

June 30, 2010 - end of EdVideo (Power Media Plus) from WNEB

Notification letters were sent out quite a while ago to superintendents, technology coordinators, and library media specialists - EdVideo (PowerMedia Plus) will not continue after June 30, 2010. If teachers currently have PowerMediaPlus materials on their computers, **they need to delete those materials** at the end of June unless they, or their district, have purchased a license through PowerMediaPlus.

EdVideo will be replaced with VITAL New York, an online library of digital media resources for the K-12 classroom. VITAL is currently available on thinkbright.org. Its presence will be made much more evident beginning in July. Contact WNEB for more information:

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High School Book Review

-Morgan Kristal, 2010 UB DLIS Graduate

The Spellman Files

by Lisa Lutz, c2007

The Spellman Files, the first book in the Spellman series, is a delightful story about Isabel Spellman and her crazy, nosy, constantly fighting family. Izzy, the older daughter of the Spellman clan, has been working for the family business since her early teens as a private investigator. Unfortunately, her parents and 14-year old younger sister, Rae, are also

in the business, and don't hesitate to use their considerable talents and resources to investigate even Izzy and her private life. Alternating between the family dynamics (including perfect older brother David and amiable Uncle Ray) and their investigations, *The Spellman Files* combines laugh-out-loud humor and poignancy, creating familial interactions to which most people can relate. While the situations in which Izzy finds herself can be somewhat farfetched at times, the

book is still satisfying and entertaining, and leaves the reader wanting to continue doing his or her own "investigation" into the lives of the San Franciscan Spellmans. Written by author Lisa Lutz in 2007, there are now three additional books in the series, chronicling the growing family relationships and additional mysterious cases. The book is a New York Times Bestseller and was nominated for an ALA Alex Award.

Out of the Mouths of Students!

-Andrea R. Sullivan, Daemen College

We all know that students listen to their peers more readily than they listen to adults! "High School to College," a WNYLRC Special Interest Group, is taking a cue from this fact and is in the early stages of producing a video for students by students. In it we don't refer to Information Literacy by name, but rather present a situation in which

having an understanding of it clearly helps a college student navigate through the challenges of academic research. Coached by other undergraduates, our "typical freshman" comes to realize that he: 1.) was introduced to these skills in high school and 2.) can now further develop them for success in his college assignments.

We're in the process of the behind-the-scenes work at present, and hope to start shooting in the fall. Special thanks go to WNYLRC for their support, and to the Communications department at Medialle College who will be working with us on the video. Once completed, we'll be getting the word out on where and how the video can be accessed.

Congratulations to Anne Marie Perrault!

Anne Marie Perrault, an assistant professor in the LIS program at UB, is one of two recipients of the 2010 AASL Research Grant, sponsored by Heinemann-Raintree. Perrault's grant project is titled: *Leveraging Untapped Opportunities for Learning: Students with Disabilities and the School Library Media Program*. The focus of this explora-

tory study is to examine the perceptions and practices of school library media specialists in working with students with disabilities. The research project is intended to address gaps in the research and collect data to inform the practices of school librarians and the curricula in Library and Information Studies program. Students with a

range of physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities represent an increasing proportion of students. Existing and emerging multimodal resources offer significant opportunities to foster the learning and information literacy skills of K-12 students with disabilities, yet little information and research in this area is available.

3 Apples Visits Salamanca

-Tina Pierce, SLMS, Prospect Elementary School, Salamanca City Central School District

The library students in Prospect Elementary School participated in the Young Readers 3 Apple Book Award for grades PreK - 2. The award was co-sponsored by the Youth Services and School Library Media Sections of the New York Library Association. The Young Reader 3 Apples Book Award was developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure and to give students through second grade the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books.

During the month of October, students had the opportunity to nominate their favorite books. They could vote for ANY book, not necessarily one owned by the school library. The students accepted this challenge willingly.

When voting was complete, their choices were sent in to representatives from the New York Library Association. Just before Christmas break, the school received the list of the top 15 favorite books. As soon as we received the nominees, until they voted again in April, we read 12 of the 15 nominees. To be eligible to vote, students had to read or listen to at least 3 of the nominees. The finalists

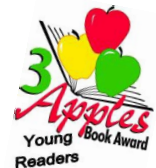


Mrs. Pierce reads one of the nominees to a Kindergarten class.

ranged from picture books to chapter books.

Voting closed on April 20 and the race was tight! It came down to the last day of voting, but *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems beat *Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus* by Barbara Park by 3 votes!! On May 10, the statewide winners were announced and the students were thrilled to learn that the book they voted for, also won across the state!

In celebration, all the Mo Willems books were displayed in the library and were available for the students to check out and explore on their own.



This Summer @ the Buffalo & Erie County Library...

Summer Reading Block Party Kickoff! Family fun to encourage reading all summer long! Free event features Nickel City Reptiles and young reader author Mick Cochrane. Craft activities by community organizations including Explore & More, Erie County SPCA, Literacy Volunteers, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, and others. Refreshments available.

Date: Saturday, June 19

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Central Library

Also, Battle of the Books titles have been announced!

***Zen and the Art of Faking it* by Jordan Sonnenblick.**

***H.I.V.E. : Higher Institute of Villainous Education* by Mark Walden.**

***The Girl Who Threw Butterflies* by Mick Cochrane.**

***Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix.**

***Bone. Vol. 1, Out from Boneville* by Jeff Smith with color by Steve Hamaker**

<http://www.buffalolib.org/events/botb2010/index.asp>

Spring Sharing 2010 Memories



SLAWNY President Debra Kozlowski.



SLAWNY members browsing the vendors.



Keynote speaker, Mark Holdren.



Britt White talking about Graphic Novels.



Weeding with Sue Bartle.

More Spring Sharing 2010 Memories



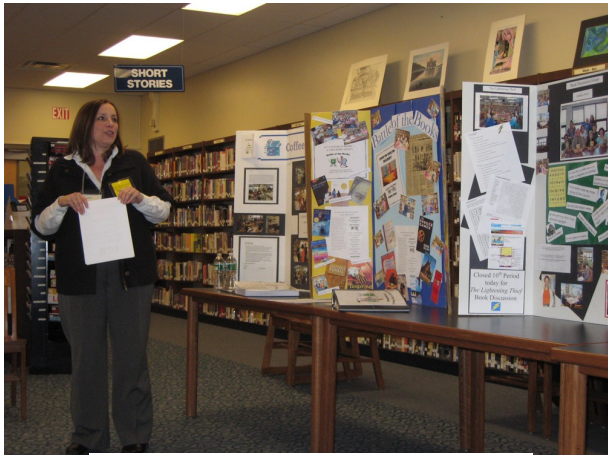
SLAWNY members browsing the vendors.



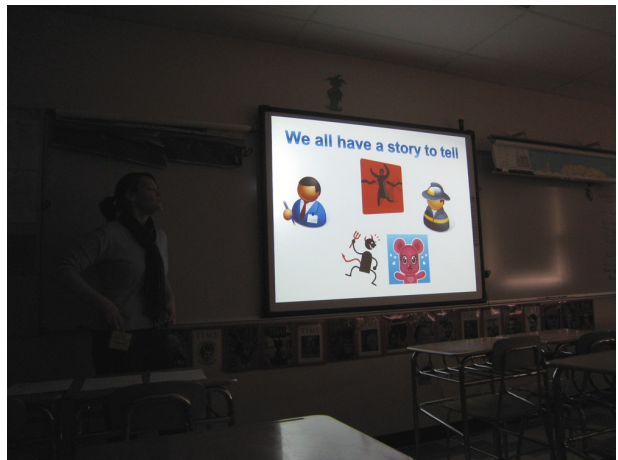
Mark Holdren and his books.



Outstanding Library Advocate, Sue Bartle.



Donn Meadows-Riggs and beyond book talking.



Bringing words and pictures to life with Britt White.

Summer Events

-Compiled by Maria Muhlbaier, SLMS, Warsaw Middle/High School, Warsaw Central School District

Listed below is just a sampling of literary-related activities hosted by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System and Talking Leaves Books. Please visit <http://www.buffalolib.org/> and <http://tleavesbooks.com/events.htm> for more information.

Visit with author Sharon Lerner

Tuesday, June 22nd at 7:00 PM

Talking Leaves - Main Street, Buffalo store

Talking Leaves Books will host Sharon Lerner, author of *The War on Moms*. Lerner, a long-time journalist covering issues of concern to women, takes a close and critical look at the current situation of women in the U.S., and isn't happy with what she finds. This is a free event. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Visit with author Lauren Belfer

Thursday, June 24th at 7:00 PM

Burchfield Penney auditorium

Talking Leaves Books, in conjunction with the Burchfield Penney Art Center, is thrilled to announce the premiere local appearance of Buffalo native Lauren Belfer to mark the release of her second novel, *A Fierce Radiance* (Harper Collins). Talking Leaves will have copies of the book available for purchase at this free event, which is open to the public. Ms. Belfer will read from the book; a reception and book signing will follow.

East Aurora - Friends of the Library Annual Used Books Sale

Friday, June 25th and Saturday, June 26th, 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Main and Paine Streets in East Aurora.

Visit with author Amy Stewart

Saturday, June 26th at 2:00 PM

Central Library auditorium

Drawing from her New York Times bestseller *Wicked Plants: The Weed That Killed Lincoln's Mother & Other Botanical Atrocities* (2009), Stewart will share some of Mother Nature's most appalling creations. Copies of her books will be available afterward for purchase and signing courtesy of Talking Leaves Books. Free and open to the public.

Visit with author Greg Lamberson

Wednesday, June 30th at 7:00 PM

Talking Leaves - Main Street, Buffalo store

Horror novelist and low budget filmmaker and film historian Greg Lamberson is coming to sign copies of his latest book, *The Frenzy Way*, just published by Medallion Press. This is a free event, open to the public. Copies of Greg's books will be available for purchase. This will be the only Buffalo appearance for the book and author, whose star in the horror fiction field keeps rising.

Used Book Sale

Wednesday, June 30th - Friday, July 2nd

Concord Public Library - Chapel Street, Springfield

Book Discussion - *One True Thing* by Anna Quindlen

Wednesday, June 30th, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Lackawanna Public Library

Book Discussion - *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Sijie Dai

Thursday, July 1st at 7:00 PM

Audubon Library (Amherst)

Book Discussion - *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross

Tuesday, July 6th at 10 AM

Angola Public Library

Monthly Journal Club

Tuesday, July 6th at 7:00 PM

Kenmore Public Library

A once-a-month informal meeting designed to enhance your journal writing experience. Learn fun writing techniques, explore your creativity. For beginners as well as seasoned journal keepers. Experience the power of writing in community. Bring a journal and your favorite pen. New members always welcome.

Literally Speaking - Downtown's Lunch-time Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, July 20th at 12:10 PM

Central Library

Selected title is *American Eve* by Paula M. Uruburu (Nonfiction 2008). Bring your lunch or order a delicious lunch from Fables Café.

Book Discussion - *Washington: the Making of the American Capital* by Ferguson M. Bordewich

Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 PM

Audubon Library (Amherst)

Literally Speaking - Downtown's Lunch-time Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, August 17th at 12:10 PM

Selected title is *That Old Cape Magic* by Richard Russo (Fiction 2009). Bring your lunch or order a delicious lunch from Fables Café.

Book Sale

Thursday, August 19th - Saturday, August

21st Lake Shore Public Library

Metamorphosis of an Excessed Teacher

-Jan Siebold, Retired SLMS

This article was originally published in the 1980's, when due to economic conditions, school districts were faced with laying off many educators. This is a timely topic once again.

Disbelief. March, 1983. The news. West Falls Elementary will be closed next year. Despite the efforts of everyone to save the school, the decision is final. While we all knew that it might happen, no one can quite believe it. I came to West Falls straight from graduate school six years ago. It is no consolation that other districts are closing schools as well.

Anxiety. People are wondering how the closing will affect jobs. As the district's least senior librarian, I am wondering how it will affect me. Maybe they will use me at one of the other schools. Maybe my foreign language and GT experience will save me.

Shock. I have been summoned to George's office. He is obviously uncomfortable as he tells me that there will not be a place for me next year. He offers assistance in helping me to find a job. I nod and thank him. I cannot say anything else. In my haste to leave, I drop my purse and the contents spill onto the floor. The agony is prolonged as I scramble to pick up my belongings. I finally leave and go to my car. I cry all the way home. My husband points out logically that I knew it could happen, and that I will find another job. I don't want to hear his logic. I want as much sympathy as I can get. The next day at school no one quite knows what to say. I don't like to think of them going about their business next

year without me, but I know that is what will happen.

Resentment. I spend my Easter vacation sending resumes and letters of inquiry. I tell myself that, if worse comes to worse, I can have my old waitressing job back. After vacation, plans for the move are made. The other librarians and I formulate a plan for dividing up the West Falls library. *My library.*

Frustration. I have begun interviewing. None of the schools is as nice as West Falls. An offer from another district is made. Although I have tenure and six years of experience, I will be starting over again on Step One. I am too desperate and insecure to even think of negotiating. I accept the position. I spend the last few months of school packing boxes in between classes.

Sadness. The last day of school arrives. At our faculty gathering, the staff gives me a beautiful watercolor painting of the West Falls countryside. I am one of the last to leave that day. I don't want to give up this place that I love.

Relief. I go to my new school several times over the summer. The drive is forty-five minutes long compared to my old ten minute route. I am the first certified elementary librarian ever hired by the district. There is much to be done. A friendly custodian helps me rearrange the entire library. The principal and several teachers pop in from time to time to welcome me. At least I have a job, I tell myself.

Challenge. The school year is under way. The library program and collection are slowly taking shape. The students have

never had weekly library classes before. I feel strangely emotional when I hear some second graders in the hallway chanting "Tikki Tikki Tembo, No Sa Rembo, Chari Bari Ruchi, Pip Peri Pembo" after a story I had read the week before. I feel that I might be making a difference here.

Growth. I change school districts again the next year. The principal is also new. He has exciting ideas for building the library program. The people are very friendly. The forty-five minute drive into the city doesn't seem so bad anymore. It gives me a chance to think and plan. A call comes from East Aurora near the end of the year. There is an opening at the high school for a librarian. The decision is extremely difficult. I have started several new projects at my school and have become active on several committees. I decide to stay there.

Security. Another year goes by. I have received tenure at my new school and made many new friends. It has been nice to learn that there are many excellent people in education everywhere, and that there is more than one way of doing things. Once again, East Aurora calls. This time the opening is at the elementary level. I think it would be nice to go back.

Appreciation. September, 1986. It is my first day back in East Aurora. It is wonderful to see everyone. I cherish being back as much as I cherish the experiences that I had while being gone. I've learned that change can be okay, and that twists and turns and hills are what make the journey of life interesting. Time to get back to work.



"LiveGreen@ your Library"



Writers needed!

Did you go to a great event? Do you have a lesson that is out of this world? Or do you have advice for a new school library media specialist? SLAWNY Direct would like you to write about it for our next issue! Contact the Publicity Committee for details!



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