Sneak Preview of Chapter Conferences

The Children's Services Division is offering several programs at Chapter Conferences this spring. Check out the booklet for these programs:

- Scavenger Hunts and Whodunnits- Krista Tokarz
- How to Get Grants for Children's Services- Mark Guyer
- Family Storytime-Nuts, Bolts and a Booklist-Tim Protiva or Barbara Scott
- Discover New Trails*READ!- Laura Lee Wilson & Jay Burton
- Value Added Storytimes- Susan Corl
- Children's Programming 101- Deborah Dubois, Carolyn Burrier
- Storytime Pizzazz!- Charmyn Doty & Janet Hill

End of Year Wrap-up

Coordinator's Corner
by Deborah L. Dubois

I've had a great year being your coordinator. It's been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. We've had several good programs and workshops. The Come Blow Your Horn and Hundred Languages of Children workshops were successful and well attended. We produced a new brochure describing the Children's Services Division and offering the opportunity to get more involved. Each of you should be receiving it in the mail along with the new Helping Books brochure and bookmark. We began a mentoring program by accepting applications for advisors and advisees. The annual conference offered us all a chance to meet with colleagues and learn new ideas to take back to our libraries. I'd like to thank the Action Council and all who helped to make everything work this year. You made my job easier, and I know you will support Tim Protiva, the new coordinator, as well. If you have suggestions for us, or would like to help in any way, please mail Tim or me.

Deborah L. Dubois at deborah_dubois@freenet.richland.oh.us
THE VIRGINIA HAMILTON CONFERENCE
ON MULTICULTURAL LITERATURE FOR YOUTH

Celebrating 20 years! The 20th Annual Virginia Hamilton Conference on Multicultural Literature for Youth will be held on Thursday, April 1 & Friday, April 2, 2004 at the Kent State Student Center. The conference provides a forum for discussion of multicultural themes and issues in literature for children and young adults.

This year's conference "Celebrating Creative Minds" features Linda Sue Park, Jackie Woodson, Bryan Collier and Doreen Rappaport. The conference will continue with its expanded format - our Thursday evening program will feature a keynote address by the 6th Annual Virginia Hamilton Literary Award winner, Arnold Adoff, Jamie Adoff, Vince Robinson and the Jazz Poets, an autographing session, and a dessert reception. A variety of local and national speakers will present workshop sessions on Friday. Friday's conference agenda will again include a “conversation" session with two featured presenters.

Register early—the conference reaches capacity quickly! To register, contact the College of Continuing Studies at (330) 672-3100 or (800) 672-KSU2. Or register via our Web site: kentstatecontinuinged.com. For more information visit the conference Web site: http://www.kent.edu/virginiahamiltonconf

Survey Results

We gave out a survey on our table at OLC Annual asking for member input. Following are some of the results of that survey. It will also be added to the web site, so more of you can offer your input.

1. The best way to communicate with members is email.
2. Most may attend at least three off-site workshops a year.
3. If they could only attend one event, most would go to OLC Annual.
4. Most have used the OLC web site for information about the Division.

Please send your email address to the OLC office, if you haven't already. We will be using email more often to let you know what we are doing. Check out the web site on a regular basis as OLC will be revising and adding to it often. If you have ideas on how we can serve you better, let us know.

Mentoring Task Force Update

During the Annual Conference in Cleveland we introduced our new Mentoring program. The program focuses on assisting both support and professional Children’s Services staff. The task force will match an advisee with an advisor; it will then be up to the two parties to agree on how often and in what way they want to connect (i.e. e-mail, telephone, or personally).

The response from the membership was encouraging at the Conference with people asking questions, and taking applications. However, only one advisee and five advisor applications have been returned. In order for the program to be a success, we need more of you to become involved. If you are interested in being an advisor or an advisee, please fill out an application and send it to one of the ladies at the bottom of the document.

Remember, Margaret Fuller once said, “If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it.”

The following pages have the Advisor and the Advisee Applications for the Mentoring program. For more information, contact Laura Lee Wilson, wilsonla@holmeslib.org
Children’s Services Division
ADVISOR APPLICATION

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Name

Title/Position

Library

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Fax

E-mail

Are you a member of:

☐ OLC ☐ Children’s Services Division

Please select the area(s) in which you would like to participate. Choose all that apply:

☐ Programming ☐ Storytelling
☐ Reader’s Advisory ☐ Collection Development
☐ Management ☐ Reference
☐ Interpersonal ☐ Customer Service
☐ Marketing ☐ Other

Library Type:

☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large
☐ Branch ☐ Main ☐ Small, Rural
☐ Other
Who are you?

- ☐ Department Head
- ☐ Sole Children’s Librarian
- ☐ Children’s Associate
- ☐ Support Staff
- ☐ Paraprofessional
- ☐ Other______________________________

Preferences:

1. Would you prefer a ☐ male, ☐ female, ☐ no preference?

2. Would you prefer someone within your geographic location, or would someone who contacts you through e-mail or phone be acceptable?_______________________________________________________

3. Other information you would like to provide to help the advisor/advisee matching process.
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6. Please give us a brief description of your library experience:________________________________________

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CHILDREN’S SERVICES DIVISION OLC LEADERSHIP MINUTES

1. ANNUAL 2003
   • OLC Connects Table – handouts such as newsletters, recruiting brochures, helping books brochures, mentoring applications, surveys, task force sign up sheets will be available. Events’ picture display planned, as well.
   • Program evaluations collected by Leadership Team at each workshop offered.

2. WORKSHOPS
   • One Hundred Languages of Children 11/3 @ Center for Leadership in Education in Elyria.
   • Helping Books 10/20 in cooperation with NOLA
   • Joint Conference With YA…in planning stages

3. CHAPTER CONFERENCES 2004
   • Signed forms to Chapters by 11/7
   • Hosts need to contact speakers to inform them of acceptances, declines and times scheduled.
   • See attachment for full listing.

4. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
   • See attachment (below)

5. PROGRAMMING 2004
   • Annual Program Ideas…working on concepts such as Reading Levels and Reading Assessment, Guest storytellers, educator/researchers, technology gurus, publishers and authors, Academic standards and their effects on libraries, creating learning environments and CIPA…
   • Other ideas…Tech workshop in late 2004 – working with the tech person at your library or on your own to create good web pages…using the web to enhance children’s services in the library…Carrie Burrier, Celia Huffman and Jenny Sullivan; Helping Books workshop in Southwest area; YA/Children’s Joint Conference in 05; Come Blow Your Horn…

6. PUBLICATIONS
   • Children’s Services Recruiting Brochure – will be sent to each library when completed
   • Helping Books brochure and bookmark – will be sent to each library
   • Newsletter – Laurel Rakas will publish online…next issue to appear January 1, 2004

7. TASK FORCES
   • Mentoring – Laura Lee Wilson, Chair, Deborah DuBois, Celia Huffman and Tim Protiva assisting; first distributed at Annual 2003…if you want to be a mentor, or be mentored, contact Laura Lee at Holmes County District Library
   • Literacy – Barb White, Chair, Celia Huffman and Mary Bird assisting; will be working on an action plan to encourage developmentally appropriate practice in libraries
   • Helping Books – Tony Petruzzi, Chair, Cathy Norman assisting; will have review party and plan workshop for Southwest Ohio
   • Best Practices – Deborah DuBois, Chair, Laura Lee Wilson, Tim Protiva, Valerie Lukoff and Kay Webster assisting; will meet to discuss ideas for sharing best practices.
8. BUDGET

- Tim Protiva, Incoming Coordinator and Deborah DuBois will meet to plan expenses for task forces and committees, mailings of brochures and other funding needs which might include a CSD Listserv

9. NOMINATIONS

- Ideas for possible candidates given to Secretary Laura Lee Wilson; e-mail any additional names to Laura Lee at Homes County District Library

10. ANNUAL REPORT

- Completed by Deborah DuBois

11. NEXT MEETING

- May 7th 10:30 OLC Office at Easton Town Center

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**2004 Chapter Conferences**

**Accepted Programs**

Northeast March 24, 2004 Kent State U.
- Scavenger Hunts and Whodunnits- Krista Tokarz
- How to Get Grants for Children’s Services- Mark Guyer
- Family Storytime-Nuts, Bolts and a Booklist-Tim Protiva

Southwest March 30, 2004 Dayton Masonic Center
- Discover New Trails…READ!- Laura Lee Wilson & Jay Burton
- Children’s Programming 101- Deborah Dubois

North April 7, 2004 Cleveland Airport Marriott
- Children’s Books to Read and Own- Celia Huffman
- Scavenger Hunts and Whodunnits- Krista Tokarz
- Family Storytime-Nuts, Bolts and a Booklist- Tim Protiva
- How to Get Grants for Children’s Services- Mark Guyer

Northwest April 16, 2004 Toledo Hilton/Dana Conf. Ctr.
- Children’s Programming 101- Carolyn Burrier
- Scavenger Hunts and Whodunnits-Krista Tokarz
- Family Storytime-Nuts, Bolts and a Booklist- Barbara Scott

Central April 22, 2004 Ramada Plaza, Columbus
Children's Services Division Purpose and Objectives 2003-2004

"The Children's Services Division is devoted to assisting children's services providers in their development as professionals and in helping all children achieve their highest potential through the use and enjoyment of library services."

1. To identify and address at least two specific issues relative to developing children's services in public libraries and to the changing needs of children in the early 21st century.

2. To contact Youth Services classes at Kent State University to promote membership and participation in OLC and the Children's Services Division.

3. The Literacy Task Force will develop a plan of action to support and encourage developmentally appropriate practices in libraries.

4. To continue the Helping Books Connection Task Force to promote techniques of reader's advisory with children's literature in situations involving crisis or emotional growth; and to encourage contribution to and maintenance of the online database supporting these efforts.

5. To print and distribute a recruiting brochure for the Children's Services Division.

6. To explore with OLC the possibilities of an extended web presence.

7. To create a Mentoring Task Force to plan a statewide mentoring program for children's services providers.

8. To explore and identify possible avenues for enhancing cooperation between schools and libraries.

Current Task Forces:
- Best Practices-Chair-Deborah Dubois
- Helping Books-Chair-Tony Petrucci
- Literacy-Co-Chairs-Celia Huffman & Barb White
- Mentoring Task Force-Chair-Laura Lee Wilson

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