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A Message From Your YSS President

If you've applied for a grant this year, or listened to Bernie Margolis, you will have already heard that school and public library collaboration is a major focus for libraries this year. And in this economy, working together is a necessity. Both school and public librarians know that we serve the same population and have the same visions for our reading community. We've been working together with varying degrees of success for a long time. Some of our best practices for summer reading are being compiled in a joint project between SLMS and YSS. Working together is just the beginning. We need to talk and read together, to envision together, and ultimately share ourselves and our resources to build a reading community for all of us. Who are your partners? Do you belong to both SLMS and YSS? Do you promote and participate in your school community? Are they invited to your library programs? None of us has time or money enough, but every program, every book recommendation, is an opening to your school community. Celebrate your successful relationships in your community as you imagine doing more with more—together. As ever, I can look to a children's book for inspiration. Liz Garton Scanlon's, *All the World*, illustrated by Marla Frazee and published by Beach Lane Books is a beautiful world imagined together. "All the world, is all of us;" all together now! It's been a wonderful year working with all of you.

Thanks!
Annette Birdsall
President

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Libraries: Peace, Love & Freedom

2009 NYLA Annual Conference
October 14-17
Niagara Falls



YSS at Annual NYLA Conference

YSS has exciting events planned for the NYLA Annual Conference in Niagara Falls: Peace, Love and Freedom. This is your opportunity to surround yourself with books, peace and colleagues, love and learning, freedom! While you're there, stop by the YSS booth for your membership gift and a chance to buy the groovy car magnets—*Got Library Card* that everyone is talking about.

Annual Conference Programs ... At a Glance

Continuing Education Workshop Wednesday, October 14, 10:00-5:00 Feeling Like a Kid Through Children's Books with Jerry Griswold

Do you remember playing underneath tables when you were young? Why don't you still do that? The very best children's authors are able to capture the emotional texture of childhood. This workshop will examine five childhood feelings (snugginess, scariness, littleness, lightness, and aliveness) and trace them in popular and enduring children's books. The Director of the National Center for the Study of Children's Literature and the author of several

books, Jerry Griswold writes for the NY Times, the LA Times, and many other publications.

Helping Teens, Helping Libraries Thursday, October 15, 10:45-12:00

VolunTeens can be a great asset to your library—if you feel comfortable enough to use them. Join Tween & Teen Librarian Chrissie Morrison as she shares her most effective strategies for recruiting VolunTeens, training, VolunTeens, and utilizing VolunTeens during both summer reading and the school year.

Telling Tales Thursday, October 15, 3:15-4:30

Listen to the wonderful storytelling talents of local storytellers from the Buffalo area with some of our favorites from Spin a Story Tellers and more. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are \$15 per person and proceeds will benefit the YSS Ann Gibson Scholarship Fund. Please see the registration form for details.

YSS Table Talks Friday, October 16, 9:45-11:00

Need some great new ideas? These are yours for the taking. Explore YA Mysteries at the Library; discover the Storytube; spiff up your stories and perk up your presentations with props, puppetry, paperfolding and participation; get inspired to start your own library club; podcast; create new summer reading crafts; learn about the NYS Council for the Humanities Together Award and The Geisel Award for Easy Readers.

Membership Meeting & Author Talk Friday, October 16, 3:45-5:00 Peace, Love and Baby Ducks with Lauren Myracle

Get Graphic! Saturday, October 17, 9:30-12:15

A professionally published graphic novel created by teens in Western NY, classroom kits centered on graphic novels, workshops on graphic novel collection development and creating a graphic novel, and visits by celebrated graphic novelists are just a few of the results of Get Graphic: The World in Words and Pictures that will be discussed in this program.



You are cordially invited to...

Empire State Awards Luncheon

Honoring Linda Sue Park

Friday, October 16th at 12:30pm



Pied Piper Award 2010

You have worked so hard this summer and inspired so many kids. Now is the time to be rewarded for those fabulous summer programs you just wrapped up. Submit your terrific promotional materials or wonderfully creative programs to the Pied Piper Award and you could win more than just the honor you deserve for your hard work. You could receive a bookstore gift card as well, the perfect gift for any librarian! Next year could be your turn to be recognized, and now rewarded, at the

YSS Spring Conference for the great work you do. Go to the Pied Piper page on the YSS website to view the application and criteria for submission. The deadline is December 4th for the 2010 award.

*Valle Blair
Committee Chair*



Are you an SLMS Member, too?

YSS and SLMS members are natural partners as we all work together to serve New York State's youngest readers. It is important that we support each other in our individual roles. Did you know 20% of the YSS membership consists of SLMS members that have a secondary membership in YSS? As a youth services librarian in a public library, that number makes me feel supported!

I had the recent honor of accompanying our SLMS liaison, Starr LaTronica, to the SLMS summer board meeting. While there, I asked the attendees to tell me one thing that they would like to say to their public library counterparts. The comments had one underlying message in common: **you are doing a great job—let's work together!**

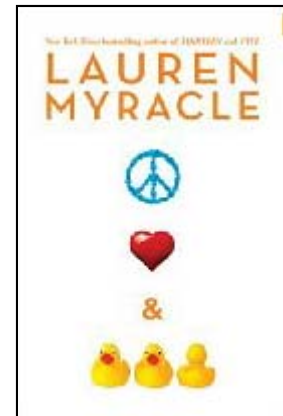
If you work in a public library, I would encourage you to make a special effort this

school year to interact with your public school colleagues. Use that school library media specialist as your contact when working with the school, send library card applications to school or go there for a sign up time, plan programs together, offer your support, and participate in your local SLMS section. You, the kids, and your town will benefit.

*Sarah Sachs
President Elect*

Featured Author

Lauren Myracle

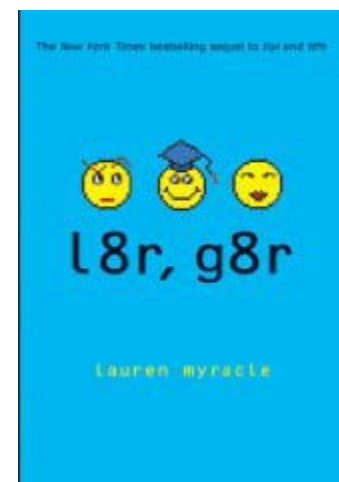


Friday

October 16th at 3:45pm



includes
Membership Meeting



Images from <http://amazon.com>



Starting this Fall

Younger students can bite into the juicy goodness of the

Young Reader

3 Apples Book Award

For students in grades Pre-K –2 (ages 3-8)

Visit the 3 Apples Book Award Site

to learn how to participate:

<http://3applesbookaward.org>



Scholarship News

Congratulations to Alexis Rose Gutierrez, winner of the YSS 2009 Ann Gibson Scholarship! This annual scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to an MLS student who is directing studies toward youth services in a public or school library and who has completed 18 credit hours of coursework. Alexis, a Children's Librarian Trainee at Brooklyn Public Library, is a student at Drexel University's iSchool.



The YSS Spring Conference Scholarship is designed to cover accommodations and transportation costs for attending the YSS Spring Conference. The amount of each scholarship is not to exceed \$250 and comes in the form of reimbursement for these expenses. The recipient's registration fee (which includes breakfast

and lunch the day of the conference) is waived. Keep a look out for information about this scholarship in upcoming editions, or check out the YSS website.

*Janet Kreason
Scholarship Committee Chair*

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Congratulations to our
Newest Officers:

Rosanne Cerny

First VP/President
Elect

Mary Ferris

Treasurer

Stephanie Kyle

Second Year VP

Laura Panter

First Year Director



See you in Niagara Falls!

YSS Active Member Form

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

I am interested in helping in the following ways:

- Presenter—YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference YSS Tabletalks _____
(Presenting a workshop based on your knowledge and expertise)
- Room Monitor—YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____
(Handing out evaluation sheets before the program and collecting them after)
- Presider—YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____
(Introducing a person(s) presenting the program)
- Running for office on the YSS Board _____
- Being on a YSS Committee _____
(See reverse side for list of committees)
- Working at the YSS booth at Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____
- Writing an article for the newsletter _____
- Planning YSS programs for NYLA conference _____
- “Local Arrangements” person for YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____
- Being on a Mentor List _____
(Willing to share your skills with other librarians—See reverse side for list of skills)
- Web/Computer work _____

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Thank you

COMMITTEES AND LIST OF SKILLS

COMMITTEES

Scholarship_____ Empire State Award_____ 3 Apples Award_____

Conference Planning_____ Pied Piper Award_____ Publications_____

MENTOR DIRECTORY

I am interested in being placed on a list of members, which will be made available to members interested in improving specific skills. I understand that this directory will include contact information and may be posted on the YSS/NYLA web site. It is understood that I will provide assistance based on my own discretion and in accordance with the flexibility and time available in my workplace.

SKILLS

Storytime: Toddlers____ Preschool____ Afterschool____

Programming: Babies/Parents____ Elementary____ Middle School____ YA____

Crafts____ Displays & Decorations (ex. Bulletin boards)____

Managing Personnel____ Budgeting____

Collection Development____ Class visits____

Booktalking____ Community Outreach____

Library instruction____ Reference____

Patron Behavior____ Policies & Procedures____ (Type:_____)

Computer/Information Literacy____ Internet access/use____

Summer Reading Game-Planning/Execution____ Flannel Board____

Grant Writing____

Other:

MEMBER NEWS

Did you have a recent career change, promotion, special activity or honor related to youth services librarianship? Has something happened in your personal life that you would just love to share (new child, grandchild, etc)? If so, let us know and we will put it in the J/YA 920's section of the YSS newsletter. Take a few moments to let other YSS members know about you.

Name:_____ Position:_____

Library:_____

Address:_____ City:_____ State/Zip:_____

Work Phone:_____ E-mail:_____

I would like to share the following information:_____
