

Join the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) at ALA Annual Conference June 24 - 29, 2010

Friday, June 25
7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Preconference

Drawn to Delight: How Picturebooks Work
(and Play Today)

Corcoran Gallery of Art (500 Seventeenth
Street, NW)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

ALSC 101: Making Connections
EMB-Capital A

If you're new to ALSC or if this is your first conference as a children's librarian, then this program is for you! We'll provide you with information about the perks of ALSC membership, tips on how to get involved in the organization, and tricks of the trade for navigating Annual Conference.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ALSC Happy Hour

Gordon Biersch

900 F Street NW, Washington DC

Stop by to grab a drink with friends, old and new! Drinks and meals are not sponsored by ALSC, but we would love to see you there!

Saturday, June 26

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Listen Up! Using Audiobooks to Motivate Boys
to Become Readers

WCC-144A-C

Current research indicates that boys are not reaching their potential as readers in today's school environment. As educators, we must explore more varied avenues for meeting their literacy needs. Using audiobooks maximizes auditory learning modalities and provides an appealing, affordable alternative for experiencing quality literature for all students, particularly boys. A panel featuring a librarian, publisher, and author will discuss theoretical as well as practical issues related to the use of audiobooks with boys.

Taking Libraries into the Community: Beyond
Brick Borders

WCC-201

Learn practical ways to forge rewarding library/community alliances with limited resources of time and money. Hear a range of real-world examples, discuss suggested tools, and receive program take-aways. The Kids! @ your library® online toolkit is just one of many resources that will be explored. Find out what simple measures you can take to economically and efficiently collaborate with other agencies to better serve the entire community.

10:30 a.m. - Noon

Move Over Dick and Jane: Reconsidering
Books for Beginning Readers

WCC-101

What constitutes a book for beginning readers? Do they come in one form or many? The Geisel Award books are bold departures from the leveled series. Many of these books signal a new era of innovating writing and book design. Prepare to change your perceptions of what makes a great book for early readers. Meet the authors and editors of Geisel Award-

winning titles and see what the future holds. Learn how to match these innovative books to the developmental needs of early readers.

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Deepening Young Patrons' Literary
Experiences: A Readers Theatre Performance
in Five Acts

WCC-Ballroom B

Katherine Paterson, Christopher Paul Curtis, Jacqueline Woodson, and Ifeoma Onyefulu will give a Readers Theatre performance using scripts they have developed from their own award-winning children's books. Children's literature specialist Elizabeth Poe will share ways librarians can help children create their own Readers Theatre productions using this collaborative model. A panel, comprised of Poe and the authors, will discuss ways Readers Theatre can help children become more deeply involved and personally responsive to quality literature.

Finding the Balance: Kids' Rights, Parental
Demands, and the Librarian's Role

WCC-208A/B

How do librarians achieve harmony between their commitment to strongly advocate for a young person's intellectual freedom rights and their duty to address parental concerns over what a young person reads, views, or checks out? How does this attempt at balance influence a librarian's role in the community? Come hear a panel discussion from those who have grappled with these questions and who have struggled to make different forces in their communities understand the librarian's role in these issues.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tech Petting Zoo

ALA Member Pavilion, Booth #2525

The ALSC Children and Technology Committee will be hosting a Tech Petting Zoo where they will be showing off cool new gadgets and highlighting tech programming ideas that are easy to replicate in libraries. Committee members will also be displaying their committee presence on ALA Connect and helping other members log on and upload a profile picture.

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Back to the Future: Comics and Graphic
Novels in Special Collections

WCC-145B

Learn the value of collecting and maintaining comics and graphic novels as a special collection. Art Spiegelman, artist and author, will provide an overview of the genre's history. Georgia Higley, a librarian at the Library of Congress, will describe her institution's collecting policy and the genre's use by researchers.

Trail Blazers: What We Can Learn from Our
ALSC Leaders

WCC-102A

ALSC leaders helped map today's children's library services. Join us as we reflect on our story and chart an exciting future. Panelists include Lillian Gerhardt, former editor-in-chief of School Library Journal; Spencer Shaw, professor emeritus, University of Washington; Anita Silver, former publisher at Houghton Mifflin/ former editor of the Horn Book; Henrietta Smith, professor/ University of South Florida and leader/ historian of the Coretta Scott King Award; and Carole Fiore, former children's consultant/State Library of Florida, current library consultant, and former President of ALSC, will moderate the panel.

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Stories for a Saturday Evening 2009

WCC-144A-C

You have had a long day of meetings, programs and exhibits. Take a little time for yourself, kick off your shoes, sit back, and relax. Nothing is more relaxing than a good laugh, and we have some great storytellers who will share original and traditional stories that will entertain and delight!

Sunday, June 27

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sit, Paws, Read: Animal Programs in Libraries
WCC-145B

Animal programs, including reading to dogs, have proven to be popular methods for fostering reading fluency in school and public libraries. Programs that feature animals draw children to the library and encourage humane education. Participants will learn about best practices in library programming with animals from two librarians and an author, as well as learn about animal-themed books that support humane treatment of animals.

Children's and YA Book Blogs: Enhancing
Library Services

WCC-204B/C

Enhance collection development, keep current on trends and titles, and provide better readers' advisory using the collective, valuable resource of book reviews, industry news, and author interviews of children's and young adult literature blogs. Learn how to utilize this dynamic, online world of fiction and nonfiction, poetry and prose, picture books and teen titles, authors and illustrators, writing and reading, publishing insight and programming ideas.

10:30 a.m. - Noon

Grassroots 2.0: New Technologies

WCC-102A

Are state and local budget shortfalls threatening the services your library offers, perhaps even your job? Never has it been more important (or easier) to be an advocate for libraries! Learn to create messaging that will capture the attention of policymakers, find out how to build powerful coalitions that affect change, and discover Web 2.0 and social media techniques that make advocacy easier than ever and ensure your voice is heard from townhall to Washington!

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Celebrating the Spoken Word with Poetry for Young People

WCC-103A

This program celebrates the oral quality of poetry for young people by showcasing the current Children's Poet Laureate, Mary Ann Hoberman, who will speak about her life, work, and creative process; inviting participants to join in on interactive reading aloud of children's poetry using a variety of practical strategies, and concluding with a performance by young winners of the new Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest, a program for fostering children's confidence and public speaking.

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

All Discussion Meeting

HIL-Columbia 3-4

Managing Children's Services Discussion Group, Preschool Services Discussion Group, and Public Library/School Partnerships Discussion Group.

The Pura Belpré Celebración

MAY-East/State Ballrooms

Join ALSC and REFORMA in celebrating the 2010 Pura Belpré Medal winners and honorees as they receive their awards and deliver their acceptance speeches. The Celebración is a free, joyful event featuring musical performances by the Los Quetzales Mexican Dance Ensemble and book signing by the winning authors and illustrators.

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Good Comics for Kids: Building a Collection of Graphic Novels for Young Readers

WCC-152A

Graphic novels are moving out of the teen section and into the rest of the library. With so many new titles released every month, building a graphic novel collection for kids can be a daunting task. Join comics experts from School Library Journal's Good Comics for Kids blog as they discuss what comics and graphic novels are, why they are important to include in children's libraries, where to find them, and how to evaluate them.

Growing Learners Together: Successful School and Public Library Partnerships

WCC-102A

Learn the secrets behind successful school and public library partnerships. Ideas that can be implemented in individual libraries as well as system-wide will be described, including resource sharing, reading promotion and much more. Links to successful partnerships will be shared. Be inspired by this showcase of programs adaptable for your library.

6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Newbery Caldecott Wilder Banquet

HIL, International Ballroom

Join us for this gala to celebrate the Newbery and Caldecott Medalists and Honorees, authors and illustrators of the year's most distinguished books for children, and this year's Wilder Award winner. Cocktails (cash bar) available prior to dinner; doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$94 and will be available at the Onsite Registration Counter until the event is sold out, or noon on Friday, whichever occurs first. No tickets will be available at the door.

Monday, June 28

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

ALSC Charlemagne Rollins President's Program featuring Dr. Patricia Kuhl

WCC-144A-C

To help you serve your youngest patrons, Dr. Patricia K. Kuhl, PhD., Co-Director of the University of Washington Institute for Learning and Brain

Sciences will discuss her research and findings on infants' early language and later reading skills. Dr. Kuhl is internationally recognized for her research on early language and brain development, and studies that show how young children learn. Her work has played a major role in demonstrating how early exposure to language alters the brain. It has implications for critical periods in development, for bilingual education and reading readiness, for developmental disabilities involving language, and for research on computer understanding of speech.

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Awards Presentation and Membership Meeting

WCC-144A-C

Join your colleagues at the annual presentation for the Batchelder, Carnegie, Geisel, and Sibert Awards. The ALSC Membership Meeting will immediately follow where Thom Barthelmess, ALSC President, will recognize the 2010 professional award winners and share the year's accomplishments and new initiatives.

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Developmentally Appropriate Practice

WCC-102A

Librarians, managers, and administrators will learn how to incorporate best early childhood practices into services and programs for young children. NAEYC has recently revised their key position statement Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood, and Dr. Jerlean Daniel will discuss the key concepts that inform how best to work with young children and their families. Dr. Marna Elliott will give concrete ideas and examples of how the concepts can be incorporated into library services and programs.

Día Is Diversity in Action

WCC-103B

Explore a world of resources to engage many ethnic groups in one celebration. The presenters will focus on Día as a tool in dually reaching the Spanish and international community for literacy as well as promoting multicultural authors and artists. Resources, strategies and background will be provided so that any library system can begin to create its own Día program and reach out to the diverse community. Ideas for promoting the program, a plan of action, and collaborating with local agencies to successfully promote the program will be included in the presentation.

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Odyssey Award Presentation & Program

WCC-145B

Celebrate the spoken word at the 2010 Odyssey Award Presentation, featuring the 2010 Odyssey winner, Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken, written by Kate DiCamillo, narrated by Barbara Rosenblat, and produced by Live Oak Media. Three honor titles will also be recognized for their excellence in audiobook production for children and young adults. A reception sponsored by the Audio Publishers Association with light refreshments will follow the award presentations and program.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

7th Annual Poetry Blast

WCC-144A-C

Poetry should be heard and not just seen. Poetry Blast celebrates the wonder and excitement of this aural tradition, featuring contemporary North American poetry for children by poets both new and established. The audience will find this enlightening and energizing event a perfect way to end a conference day. Ten to twelve poets will read. Hosted by Barbara A. Genco and Poet/Writer Marilyn Singer.

Tuesday, June 29

11:00 a.m.

Library Advocacy Day

The ALA Washington Office will host Library Advocacy Day featuring a rally on the U.S. Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C. This one-time opportunity during ALA Annual Conference is a chance for library supporters to join together to demonstrate support for libraries and for first-time advocates to get involved. Visit www.ala.org/lad

Don't Forget...

HOTEL CODES:

WCC - Washington Convention Center	FOUR - Four Points by Sheraton
HYATT - Hyatt Regency Wash/Capitol Hill	PLAZA - Washington Plaza
BEAC - Beacon Hotel	GRAND - Grand Hyatt Washington*
JW - JW Marriott	REN - Renaissance Washington*
CAP - Capital Hilton**	HAM - Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel
MAD - Madison	WASH - Washington Marriott
DOUB - Doubletree Hotel	HIL - Hilton Washington*
MAY - The Mayflower Renaissance	WEST - Westin City Center
EMB - Embassy Suites Convention Center	
MET - Marriott at Metro Center	

**Programs are subject to change. Please refer to the onsite Program Guide Supplement and daily Cognotes for changes or cancellations.

Stop by the ALSC Membership booth in the ALA Member Pavilion (#2525) to pick up a fun ALSC giveaway and new information.

Short programs will be taking place in the ALA Membership Pavilion (booth #2525) on the exhibit floor. There will be an abbreviated ALSC 101 on Saturday (6/26) at 11 a.m.

Visit the ALSC Blog (www.alsc.ala.org/blog) for the ALSC Local Arrangements Committee

Not Going to Annual?

Think about taking an ALSC Online Education Course! Registration for summer courses begins June 1. Courses include: Reading Instruction and Children's Books; Children with Disabilities in the Library; Introduction to Graphic Novels; Information Literacy - From Preschool to High School; and Out of This World Youth Programming. Visit www.ala.org/alsced for more information.

Register now for the 2010 ALSC National Institute! Taking place September 23-25, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia, this event will feature nearly 30 hours of programming, three keynote sessions, all handout materials and multiple networking events for as little as \$360. Early Bird Registration ends June 30--register now!

Check out the ALSC Web site at www.ala.org/alsc for more information on ALSC initiatives, programming, and resources.