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ENYSLMA Notes

Message from the President

Maggie McCabe

It is amazing how quickly this school year is going. This year is particularly exciting and challenging as our local association not only continues with its usual and diversified offerings, but has had new people step up and get involved in what makes our professional organization valuable to our members. Currently, all regional school library system liaison positions have been filled - see side box for more details. Our hosting of SLMS 2010, the state-wide conference, is a rare honor. Melissa Bergin, along with her committee, is doing an extraordinary job to ensure the conference offers something to enhance your professionalism in a lasting way. You'll find answers to your conference questions inside. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

- NEW BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**
- Capital Region BOCES SLS - Cara Buckley
 - WSWHE BOCES SLS - Maria Weeks
 - Questar III SLS - Michelle Furlong
 - HFM BOCES SLS - Mary Van Patten (2nd year)

Finally, to recap our fall event, which was a private tour of the University of Albany's M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives - it was well received. Head librarian Brian Keough discussed the endeavors of preserving a wide variety of documents and books, while David Mitchell focused on the Miriam S. Mathes Historical Children's Literature Collection. The get-together at Maggie's Sports Bar & Café afterward gave us a chance to unwind and enjoy each other's company.

Remember, "It's not how good you are, it's how good you want to be." - Paul Arden

In the Spotlight

The new WSWHE BOCES representative, Maria Weeks, got her start in libraries at age 14 as a page at the Town of Ballston Public Library. She worked there until she left for

college, with no plans of every working in a library again. After earning an engineering degree and selling construction equipment for several years, she was (not surprisingly) drawn back to the library. Maria completed her MLIS at

the University of Rhode Island while working at the public library in Worcester, Mass. Maria has been the SLMS at Schuylerville Elementary School for four years, and prior to that she was the SLMS at Grafton Middle School in Massachusetts.

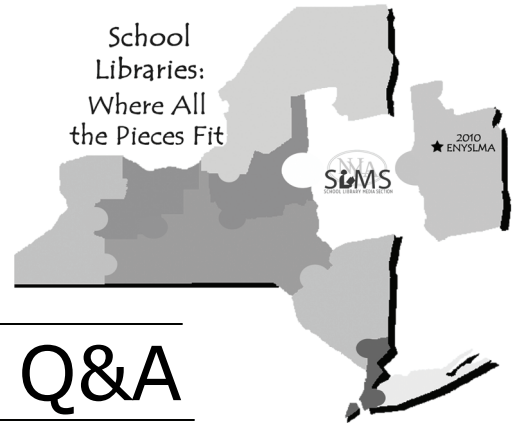
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Spring Program Snapshot
 Who: Children's author J. Patrick Lewis
 Where: Shaker Ridge Country Club
 When: 5:30 p.m. March 2nd

Conference Links

- Conference site: www.enyslma.org/slms2010
- Wiki: <http://slmsconferencewiki.wikispaces.com>
- Volunteers: e-mail slms2010@enyslma.org



SLMS 2010 Conference Q&A

Have you signed up for SLMS 2010? You should put it on your calendar for April 29 - May 1st right now, if it isn't already circled. The conference is being developed by ENYSLMA and occurring in your own backyard – both great reasons to attend. We are showcasing the local writing talent of the region with James Preller and Matt McElligott speaking at our banquets, and the organizing committee is thrilled to be hosting Laurie Halse Anderson as the 2010 Knickerbocker Award winner.

Need more reasons? The program committee has put together a wonderful program based on what the SLMS membership said it wanted in a survey last spring. There are technology workshops such as Google Tools, Skype and podcasting. Learn about topics such as advocacy, marketing and inclusion in the school library. See best practices and walk away with hands-on classroom activities. And books – how could we forget authors and books?! By the time this is in your hands the full conference program will be available on the conference wiki.

Money an issue? It is for many of us. Consider joining us for just one of the days. If you need to skip the meals as a cost-saving measure, it's easy enough to get a quick bite in downtown Albany. And parking is free.

Want to volunteer? We are looking for volunteers for the day of the conference. We need some tech-savvy people to help troubleshoot as presenters set up in the workrooms. We have discussed offering "dinner with a local librarian" on Thursday evening. Would you be able to play tour guide and facilitate walking a group to a local watering hole for dinner? Do you have daytime availability; maybe you're retired? We have some upcoming tasks that we need daytime volunteers to prepare, and lots of little things that will come up at the last minute. If you are going to be in the area, we would love to have your help. Please e-mail us at the address above.

Last of all, let us dispel the myth that you need to be a SLMS/NYLA member to attend the conference – it is open to all active, retired, student or just plain-interested librarians. Please share this information with your colleagues who may not be ENYSLMA members. There is a discount for SLMS/NYLA members (and students, retirees and unemployed librarians), and you can get it by joining NYLA at \$25 for first-time members. Early bird rates for the conference are good until March 1st - download a registration form at the conference web site.

- Melissa Bergin

NYLA-SLMS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

NYLA's legislative priority for this year is to ask the legislators to restore the cuts to Library Aid. Three million was cut in 2008, \$12 million in 2009, and proposed cuts in the governor's budget are \$2.3 million - which will bring us to a total of \$18 million. This brings library funding to below 1998 levels.

Plus, now-proposed cuts to Education Aid are threatening school librarian positions – particularly elementary. We need to continue in our advocacy efforts. School Librarians whose positions are being threatened should use the SLMS and AASL crisis kits

to advocate for restoration of their positions.

➔ Get involved in Lobby Day

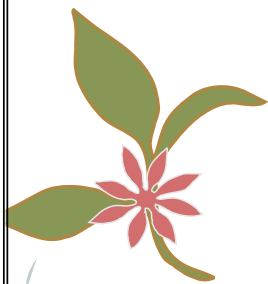
Lobby Day is March 2nd. The Political Action Committee (PAC) annual Gala is at the Albany Marriott the night before. Please consider attending. Also, look for a message about Virtual Lobby Day, where you can send e-mails and faxes to legislators asking them to restore library funding. Use the "Contact Your Legislator" button on the NYLA web site.

We all need to act together and support each other in these hard times.

BROADWAY TICKETS SOLD OUT Bus seats still available

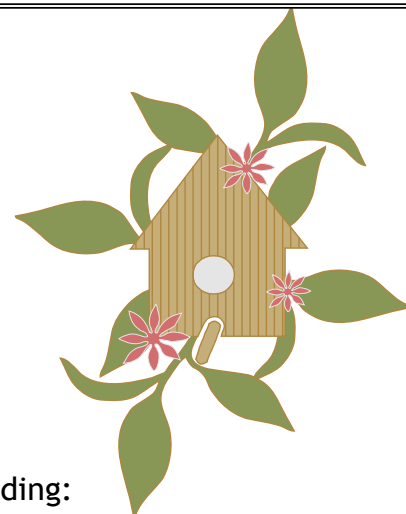
The Addams Family - A New Musical, has proven to be a very popular draw. All theater tickets for our summer trip to New York City have been sold. There are still 10 bus seats available for those who wish to take a day trip to NYC and create their own itinerary. The prices for the seats are \$45.00 for ENYSLMA members and \$50.00 for non-members.

If you are interested, registration forms are on our site: www.enyslma.org



AN EVENING WITH J. PATRICK LEWIS MARCH 2ND, 5:30 P.M.

SHAKER RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
WWW.SHAKERRIDGE.COM



J. Patrick Lewis has written over 50 children's books including: Please Bury Me in the Library, First Dog and A Hippopotamusn't. He will be speaking about his inspiration for writing poetry and sharing anecdotes from his many school visits and life experiences. Please complete the registration form and return with a check for \$21.00 members, \$23.00 nonmembers to Susan Kirby-LeMon. For more information, email: Kali Nagler k_nagler@saratogaschools.org or Maria Weeks weeksm@schuylerville.org

RSVP by Friday, Feb. 12

Name: _____

School: _____

Members \$21.00/Nonmembers \$23.00 **Checks payable to ENYSLMA**

Send this form with your check to:

Susan Kirby-LeMon
1117 Balltown Rd
Niskayuna, NY 12309

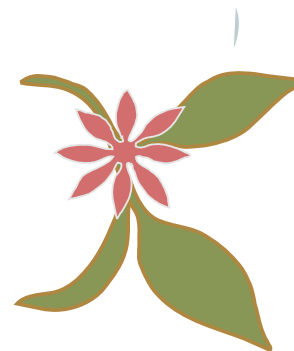
All meals include: Soup du Jour and fresh baked bread. Select one:

____ HANGER STEAK SANDWICH
SERVED WITH FRESH CUT FRENCH FRIES

____ CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP
SERVED WITH FRESH CUT FRENCH FRIES

____ POACHED PEAR SALAD

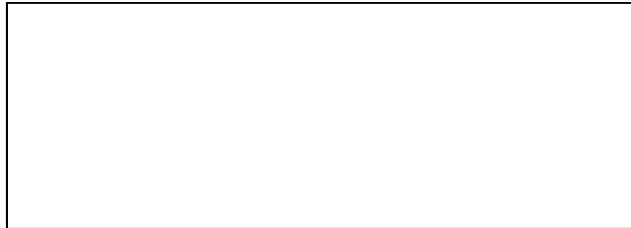
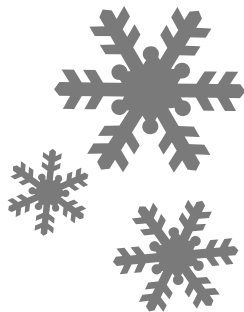
Coffee, Tea, Decaf and Cookies



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Check it Out



Calendar of Events

ENYSLMA Spring Event: March 2nd



Guest Author J. Patrick Lewis - more inside!

- ***SLMS/NYLA Carol A. Kearney Educational Leadership Retreat***

This year's leadership retreat is set for August 2-3 at Cornell University in Ithaca. The topic is Learning for Life (L4L), which is the implementation plan for the AASL Standards for the 21st Century Learner. The speakers will be Sara Kelly Johns, New York State L4L Coordinator and past AASL President; Fran Roscello, past AASL President, and Cathie Marriott. Whether you are new to the profession or are well-seasoned, this conference is for you. Information will be available soon at the SLMS webpage: www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=52

- **Also of Interest:** *Evidence Based Practice for the 21st Century Library*

A new four-session program, facilitated by Mary Ratzler, begins February 22nd. Contact Linda Fox at Capital Region BOCES at 464-5104 or lfox@gw.neric.org, for more information.