

Media Matters

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2007 Exemplary and Exceptional Library Media Programs



L-R Jill Rose, Steve Piazza (representing Marsha West), Betsy Razza, Janis Hayden, Holly Canup, and Cindy Adair.

On June 14, 2007 the State Board of Education recognized and honored the 2007 Exemplary and Exceptional Library Media Programs. State Superintendent Kathy Cox spoke highly of the recipients as well as Library Media programs around the state.

The Exemplary recipients include: **Cindy Adair**: Flippen Elementary (Henry County), **Holly Canup**: East Jackson Middle (Jackson County) and **Jill Rose**: Alpharetta High School (Fulton County).

The Exceptional Library Media program recipients are: **Marsha West**: David Barrow Elementary (Clarke County), **Janis Hayden**: Eagle's Landing Middle (Henry County), and **Betsy Razza and Kathleen Disney**: Druid Hills High School (DeKalb County).

Our Library Media Specialist of the Year **Melissa Johnston** (not pictured) was also honored.

Watch for information about the 2008 Exemplary Program.

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Thanks to Andy Spinks for this information:

A new site, <http://www.FactCheckED.org> , recognizes that kids are growing up in a world of ceaseless and instantaneous communication. Accurate and unbiased information can be an elusive commodity in this constant stream of messages many of which are attempts to persuade the recipient to do or buy something.

The website's aim is to help students learn how to become smart consumers of these messages. This website provides tools to help students dig for facts, debunk deceptions, set aside preconceptions and weigh evidence logically, and to help teachers guide students toward good consumer strategies. There is also a Lesson Plans section. Most of the plans are framed around political or consumer advertising, and lead students on a process of discovery to uncover the facts.

One section of the site, *Straight from the Source*, provides a guide to Internet research as well as a list of government, think-tank and advocacy group websites with assessments of their reliability and what they offer. The Dictionary is designed to help decode the bureaucratese and terms of art that often baffle the uninitiated. They invite you to explore.

They also invite your comments. If you have complaints about the site or suggestions about ways to do things better, they want to hear from you at Editor@FactCheckED.org. If you like the site they want to hear that, too. They will be offering more material as time goes on. You can help guide them by telling them what you find useful and what you don't.



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Congratulations to Andy Spinks who was recently named Library Media Coordinator in Cobb county.

Update

Media Specialist of the Year for Bibb County.

Cassandra Hicks-Wilson/Media Specialist
Vineville Academy

Correction:

In the May 2007 issue the calendar stated that the Boston Massacre began on 5/5, It actually began on 3/5. Sorry.

FCCLA and Georgia Read More Team Up!

Lea Copeland won a gold medal during the Georgia FCCLA STAR Events competition for her work she did with Georgia Read More. Lea scored 99 during the Regional Competition and 97 during the State Competition.

Another group of students from Babb Middle in Clayton County scored 100 on the work they presented using Georgia Read More. Their project is called *Focus on Children*. This group, along with Lea, went to the Headquarters Library in Clayton Co. and to Lake City Elementary. School to promote the Georgia Read More Program. These students will compete in the National STAR Events Competition at the FCCLA National Leadership Meeting, July 6-13.

Thank You for working with my students and sharing the Georgia Read More program with us.

Lillian Mitchell
FACS Teacher/FCCLA Adviser

It takes eighteen minutes to cool hot chocolate into a Hershey's Kiss.



Best Practices



From Cindy Adair at Flippen Elementary (Henry County)

FNN – Falcon News Network – While many schools do a daily live news show for announcements, we decided to take a slightly different approach. We produce a news magazine show. Another teacher and I work with 3 teams of students to create, research, write, videotape, and digitally edit an 8-10

minute news show that is broadcast throughout the school every other week.

Fifth grade students apply to be part of the FNN team from whom we select 24 – 27 students that are divided into 3 teams for the year. We work out a time with their teachers to allow them to meet once a week during the school day. We also have them stay after school about once a month. Students are taught how to research information, write an interesting and timely news story, and conduct interviews. They also learn how to operate a digital video camera, run the PowerPoint teleprompter, set up and stage a setting for taping, write transitions between stories to make the show flow, and finally, how to download video and edit a program using video editing software. Every child on the team is a reporter. They rotate through the jobs of camera operator, director, teleprompter, news anchors, and editors. The FNN students gain an understanding and appreciation of the amount of time and effort required to create a short quality video, while the other students in the school are kept up to date on school and community events and activities. They are exposed to information beyond their own four walls in the school. For example, we have conducted interviews with a child's grandfather who worked for NASA on all the Apollo space missions and with another grandfather who was part of the 1957 gold medal Olympic hockey team.

NoveList
When Gary Paulsen is out,
Kevin Henkes is on reserve and
***Harry Potter* is nowhere in sight!**

One of **GALILEO's** best kept secrets is the **NoveList** database! My goal is to make sure this secret is kept no more! I will be sharing this wonderful resource with you in hopes that you will in turn share it with your students and staff!

GALILEO's NoveList can become your own personal reader's advisor! Use it for.....

- Author's biographies & bibliographies
- Read-alikes
- Annotated book lists
- Book discussion guides
- Thematic lists
- First chapters
- Find titles in a series
- Describe the plot to find the titleand more!

Recently a post on **LM_Net** featured an article in NoveList that provides some new ideas for elementary folks. Follow this path to a great article by Judy Freeman, author of the *Books Kids Will Sit Still For* series.

From the **GALILEO** home page, you can access **NoveList** in several ways, including the K-12 database list. The fastest way is to type **NoveList** in the Find Databases search box. Click the SCHOOL RESOURCES tab, top right. Under *Teaching with Fiction*, click on Preschool and Elementary Articles. Click on Archives (link in middle of first paragraph) and scroll down to "Desperate Librarians . . .or, When You Need a Few Good Ideas." You will find some good, practical ideas there as you begin planning for the new year. Look for another Desperate Librarians article that will be posted there in late September. "Book Performance Art" is another article in the list by Judy Freeman (www.JudyReadsBooks.com).

Rebecca Amerson, Media Specialist
National Board Certified Library Teacher
Woodstock High School

Media Specialist Summer Institute



Donna Milner, Kathy Politis from GeorgiaStandards.org prepare for a presentation.

Jane Roberts & Ann Grantham enjoy a break before getting back to the Summer Institute.

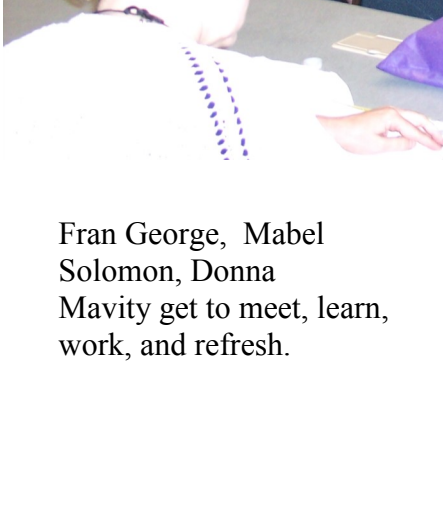


Rosalind Dennis, Kathleen Disney hard at work preparing information for the many Library Media Specialists in attendance.

Were you there? You should have been!



The Macon ETTC provided a wonderful venue for the Summer Institute.



Fran George, Mabel Solomon, Donna Mavity get to meet, learn, work, and refresh.



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Dorothy Bland & Yvonne Stuart & friend network with one another.

Check out these Georgia Library Media Center WebPages!

Want to add pizzazz and information to your current webpage? Check out these outstanding pages.



Alan Arena, “Media Lord” at Shiloh Pt. Elementary in Forsyth County has created a wonderful, fun page. Check it out at:

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/1309208610476293/site/default.asp>

Faye Williams at Villa Rica Middle in Carroll County also has a fantastic site for teachers and students:

<http://teacherweb.com/GA/VillaRicaMiddleSchool/MediaCenter/>

Andy Spinks and Renee Marsala at Wheeler High School do an outstanding job on their school’s webpage. Take a look at:

<http://www.cobb.k12.ga.us/~wheeler/academics/library/index.html>

Want to spotlight your Library Media Center webpage? Let us know.

Some school webpages don’t even name the Media Specialist or have a link to the Media Center.

Remember do not put the GALILEO password on your website.



Library Media Specialist of the Year: District Winners Announced

GLMA has announced the District Winners for this year's Library Media Specialist of the Year. While not all districts were represented, the applications that were received show that the library professionals in Georgia are making a deep impact on student achievement. The Library Media Specialist of the Year for the State of Georgia has been selected from amongst this fine group and will be formally announced at COMO. Congratulations to the following library professionals:

Cindy Beatty, Lewiston Elementary: East Georgia

Kathi Vanderbilt, R.L. Osborne High: Metro

Cassandra Hicks-Wilson, Vineville Academy: Middle Georgia

Linda Martin, Sugar Hill Elementary: Northeast Georgia

Carole Williams, Matilda Harris Elementary: Okefenokee

Melissa Allen, Glynn Academy: Southeast Georgia

Michele Entrkin, Anne Street Elementary: South Metro

Glovis South, Heard County Middle: West Georgia

GLMA would like to thank the District Chairs who helped facilitate this year's selection with a special thanks to Betsy Razza who continues to make needed improvements in the application process. Their commitment to GLMA and to the library profession is truly impressive.

Congratulations, District Winners! We'll see you at COMO!

Susan K.S. Grigsby
LMSOTY Chair



GRANT WOOD (1892-1942), *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*, 1931. Oil on Masonite, 30 x 40 in. (76.2 x 101.6 cm). The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Arthur Hoppock Hearn Fund, 1950 (50.117). Photograph ©1988 The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Art © Estate of Grant Wood / Licensed by VAGA, New York, NY.

The National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association have announced the recipients of the Picturing America Grant.

Congratulations to:

Cascade Elementary School Atlanta, GA	Hollis Hand Elementary LaGrange, GA
Glynn Academy Brunswick, GA	Alexander II Magnet School Macon, GA
Freedom Middle School Canton, GA	Osborne High School Marietta, GA
Carrollton Junior High School Carrollton, GA	Rome Middle School Rome, GA
Central Middle School Carrollton, GA	Myers Middle School Savannah, GA
Park Creek School Dalton, GA	Cannongate Elementary School Sharpsburg, GA
Decatur High School Decatur, GA	Thomas Crossroads Elementary School Sharpsburg, GA
Oak View Elementary Decatur, GA	Matt Wilson Elementary School Tifton, GA
Coffee County Board of Education Douglas, GA	Tunnel Hill Elementary School Tunnel Hill, GA
Saxon Heights Elementary Dublin, GA	Valdosta High School Valdosta, GA
Big A Elementary School Eastanollee, GA	Russell Middle School Winder, GA
South Effingham High School Guyton, GA	County Line Elementary Winder, GA



Please consider joining a List Service (or two). It is a wonderful way to network with other media specialists, get ideas, ask questions, give advice and find out about conferences, workshops, author visits and more.

To join the GaDOE List Service send an email to: join-doemedia@list.doe.k12.ga.us

Put nothing in the subject or body of the email. You will receive a confirmation to which you will need to respond.

In the confirmation email are directions on how to unsubscribe.

Nobody
graduated from
a library.
Nobody
graduated
without one.

Anonymous



Georgia Read More will be continuing for Year 3 with exciting new changes.

Check out the GaDOE website to watch the videos, obtain the vocabulary list and view the Lexile scores.

<http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/it.aspx?PageReq=ITReadMore>

Remember the Georgia Read More DVD and the Film Clips DVDs are for the entire school. Be sure to let the faculty and staff know about these resources.

News you can use...and share.

Film Clips Study Guides (Character Education) are now online and downloadable.

Go to <http://www.filmclipsonline.com> and choose "Download Study Guides".

GAIT announces Technology Mini-Grant winners!

Betsy Razza (Druid Hills High School) will use her grant to purchase computers for the Career/College Counseling Center. These computers will help students with test preparation, scholarship needs, career decisions, and college choices.

Kathi Vanderbilt will use her grant to purchase audio books for the ESOL population at her high school. These books will allow the students to improve their reading by participating in paired reading along with additional instruction by the ESOL teachers.

Congratulations!

Two more grants will be awarded in spring 2008. Please consider applying for one. Information will be posted regarding when applications will be accepted.

Juanita Buddy
Ginny Harrell
Suzanne Mittenzwei
GAIT Awards Committee

In English, "four" is the only digit that has the same number of letters as its value.



This article appeared in the May issue of Media Matters, but I neglected to include Kelly's contact information.

**MEET GEORGIA
AUTHOR
KELLY BINGHAM**



Kelly Bingham is the author of a young adult novel entitled *Shark Girl*. It was published in April 2007 and has been nominated by the American Library Association for a Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers. It is also being featured in a special insert on debut fiction in Kirkus Reviews.

Kelly Bingham was a story artist and later director for Walt Disney Feature Animation, where she worked for twelve years. She received her MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College in 2004. Kelly lives with her husband and their five children in Ellijay, Georgia.

Shark Girl is her first novel and recently received a starred review in School Library Journal.

Kelly can be reached at: vermontgrad04@yahoo.com.

Kelly's website is: www.kellybingham.net

Congratulations to the Georgia recipients of **We the People** Books on the Pursuit of Happiness

A. Philip Randolph Elementary School : Alpharetta

Alpharetta High School : Alpharetta

Hopewell Middle : Alpharetta

Manning Oaks Elementary : Alpharetta

Milton High School : Alpharetta

Ocee Elementary : Alpharetta

Webb Bridge Middle : Alpharetta

North Springs High : Atlanta

Sandtown Middle : Atlanta

Westlake High : Atlanta

Sue Reynolds Elementary : Augusta

Glynn Academy : Brunswick

Banneker High : College Park

Camp Creek Middle : College Park

Frank McClarin High : College Park

Harriet Tubman Elementary: College Park

Heritage Elementary : College Park

Long Branch Elementary : Dahlonega

Lumpkin County Elementary : Dahlonega

Lumpkin County High : Dahlonega

Lumpkin County Middle : Dahlonega

Herschel Jones Middle : Dallas

Blackburn Elementary : Dawsonville



Abbotts Hill Elementary : Duluth
Findley Oaks Elementary : Duluth
Shakerag Elementary : Duluth
Wilson Creek Elementary : Duluth
Conley Hills Elementary : East Point
Hamilton Holmes Elementary : East Point
Paul D. West Middle : East Point
Tri-Cities High : East Point
Bear Creek Middle: Fairburn
Renaissance Elementary : Fairburn
New Quitman County Elementary : Georgetown
Daughtry Elementary : Jackson
Kanheda Elementary: Lawrenceville
Wilkinson County Middle and High : McIntyre
East Fannin Elementary : Morganton
Arnall Middle : Newnan
Bryan Co. High : Pembroke
Bryan County Middle : Pembroke
Lanier Primary : Pembroke
Bryan County Elementary : Pembroke
Hembree Springs Elementary : Roswell
Mimosa Elementary : Roswell
River Eves Elementary : Roswell
Campbell High : Smyrna
Redan High : Stone Mountain
Northwest Whitfield High : Tunnel Hill
Tunnel Hill Elementary : Tunnel Hill



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What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance. Jane Austen