President’s Message

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Like most commemorative months, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated with Congress. From 1979-1989 presidents passed annual proclamations for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. In 1990 Congress passed Public Law 101-283 which expanded the observance to a month for 1990. Then in 1992, Congress passed Public Law 102-450 which annually designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month site presents only a sample of the digital and physical holdings related to Asian/Pacific heritage available from the Library of Congress and other participating agencies.

The Law Library of Congress has compiled guides to commemorative observations, including a comprehensive inventory of the Public Laws, Presidential Proclamations and congressional resolutions related to Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Other Dedicated Web Sites

- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Park Service
- Smithsonian Institution
State Board Minutes

Here are some highlights from the March 4th State Board minutes:

- The board received a report on the 2017 conference and ways that the 2018 conference will be affected.
- The liaisons for CDE, ALA, and CTA gave reports to the board.
- President Elect Renee Ousley-Swank discussed her interview with Mark Keppler, Executive Director of the Maddy Institute, for their weekly half-hour TV program called the Maddy report. The Maddy Institute is a non-partisan public policy institute at California State University Fresno. He interviewed her for two different segments: one on the state audit of school librarian staffing levels in California and the other focused on Information Literacy in the Model School Library Standards and “Fake News.”
- The board discussed efforts to get incentives for the CDE Library Survey from our Sustaining Members.
- Resuming support for the Letters About Literature was discussed.
- A motion was passed to create a task force to take a look at the distribution of regions and sections.

The March minutes, full copy.

Save the dates:
February 1-4, 2018
Tenaya Lodge @ Yosemite
Lobbyist Report

SB390
This is a message from our legislative lobbyist, Jeff Frost:

On April 19, in the Senate Education Committee our sponsored bill SB 390 (Mendoza) passed unanimously out of the committee 7-0. This is our co-sponsored bill (along with CTA) that adds the Model School Library Standards (MDLS) into the code section that establishes the 8 state priorities.

This is great news. My colleague Toni Trigueiro from CTA and I worked hard lobbying all of the members of the committee. ACSA opposed the bill and argued that it added to the overall responsibilities and potential cost of compiling LCAPs. This is an issue that we are going to have to work on further as we go with the bill.

But, the real hero of the day was a former Teacher Librarian, John McGinnis, serving in his capacity as a Long Beach school board member. He provided great testimony for the importance of including school libraries and the Model Standards into the LCAP review process. **This is the first step in a long process but it was a good first start.**

The Maddy Report: Fake News & Info Illiteracy

The *Maddy Report* is a weekly public affairs TV program covering how State and Federal policy impact California, and is part of the Maddy Institute, a non-partisan public policy institute at California State University, Fresno. The show is modeled after such programs as *Meet the Press*, *Washington Week*, *This Week* and *Face the Nation*, and includes interviews with national, state and regional leaders and experts on issues of the day, as well as roundtable discussions with invited political reporters and columnists.

Maddy Institute’s Executive Director, Mark Keppler interviewed me for two different segments in my role as President-Elect of CSLA. My interview on the show titled *Fake News and Information Illiteracy* aired on March 21, 2017. In the first segment we talked about school librarians and the *Model School Library Standards*, and in the second segment we discussed the findings of the School Library Audit.

Senator Bill Dodd (D) was interviewed for a segment focusing on his bill SB 135 – integrating media literacy into the curriculum. The final segment had local reporters John Myers, Sacramento Bureau Chief of the Los Angeles Times, and Dan Walters, reporter for the Sacramento Bee providing their perspective on “fake news.”

The show can be viewed at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1K59mmPUK4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1K59mmPUK4). I encourage you to watch the video and share with administrators and parents.
VP Professional Development

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It's Spring! While spring represents a new beginning, we, as Teacher Librarians, are nearing the end of our school year; and, I'm sure many of you are switching gears in your library, evaluating your progress and setting goals for next year. As you set your professional development goals, consider what role you will play in discussions at your school about proposed legislation AB155 and SB135.

If you read last month's article by Glenn Warren, you know how significant these two proposals are to our profession. Both pieces of legislation charge school districts to provide instruction to students to better prepare them for the challenges of fake news, media credibility, digital citizenship and the importance of creating an information literate population. As Glenn discussed in his speech at the 2017 Conference Legislative Session, a Teacher Librarian is the best person at a school site to lead this charge.

We can find a variety of ways to be a part of the conversation at our school sites. We can support the integration of this instruction with a team based approach, working with content area teachers in the classroom; or, if your Teacher Librarian credential includes the Special Class Authorization (SCA), you can provide direct instruction on both Digital Citizenship and Information Literacy as the teacher of record.

If you don't yet have the SCA authorization, now is a perfect time to consider adding it to your professional portfolio. The authorization can be completed with one 3 unit class. CSULB happens to be offering the course online during summer session June 17th - August 18th. Check out the web page at: https://www.ccpe.csulb.edu/continuinged/course_listing/programdescription.aspx?ProgramID=182&Content=2

Be an advocate for yourself and information literacy by making sure your school principal and your district administrators know your qualifications, expertise and value as they begin discussions about how to provide excellence in media and information education for their students.

How can you advocate you might ask??? Well, the CSLA website (csla.net) has a page for advocacy and it has a lot of great ideas. Begin with the Advocacy Toolkit http://csla.net/csla-advocacy-information/ and move on from there. Be sure to check out the Teacher Librarian Research Update http://tlresearchupdate.csla.net/ which focuses on a wide variety of research which impacts our profession. Consider taking up a research project yourself! You can contact Lesley Farmer at <Lesley.Farmer@csulb.edu> for more information.

VP Membership

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Did you know the International Association of School Librarianship Conference is coming to California this August? CSLF is helping to organize this event. Follow this link to find out more information on this once in a great-while opportunity.
VP Communications

Social Media: How to Search Current Topics of Interest

Remember when #1 meant “number one” or “1 pound?” Well, thanks to Chris Messina (article) who decided to shake up our world by changing the standard definition and usage of the # to a means of archiving and searching for information on social media, we now have the HASHTAG. Well, use that to your advantage by finding some useful information about current library trends. Hashtags “#” are searchable in Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Twitter, for example, aggregates the results into 7 categories and even has search filters (see screenshots below).

Using some of the library hot topics listed on the right, enter one in the search bar in Twitter to find out what other people around the world are saying about your topic. Then, “follow” or “like” or “retweet” some of the information. You can “like” or create “lists” that you can later peruse. You also might find like-minded people who you can “message” to find out more about a shared interest. Now all of this is because of the simple HASHTAG that once was a pound! Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook are all social outlets that you can use to build your own PLN. Find one, and build upon your expertise. Learn how to use it to your advantage.

CDE Updates

In the 2015–16 academic year, the CDE modified collecting teacher librarians as part of the Pupil Services job classification (considered a “non-classroom based or support assignment”). They are now collected as part of the teacher job classification, and the number of teacher librarians reported dropped by 75 percent. One of the recommendations in the audit of school library programs was educating districts on this change and how to accurately report teacher librarians. This webinar details why this decision was made, outlines the appropriate method to report teacher librarians in CALPADS, and CCTC reviews the credentialing requirements for teacher librarians.

Viewing this webinar is critical so districts are accurately reporting library staff. Please share this with your administrators.

2018 Science Adoption

Is science your passion? Are you interested in having a voice in what the new science instructional materials contain? If you answered “yes” to either question then submit your application to be an adoption reviewer. Application to Serve on the 2018 Science Adoption Review Panel will remain open until 3:00 p.m. on July 21, 2017. Direct questions to Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division | CFIRD@cde.ca.gov | 916-319-0881.
One location, numerous authors and hundreds of readers! CSLA SR Section 6 sponsored a trip to the 2017 Ontario Teen Book Fest on March 25. In its 6th year, the annual book fest is produced by the Ontario City Library at Colony High School. This year's fest began with three keynote speakers. E. Katherine Kottaras (How to be Brave and The Best Possible Answer); Julie Buxbaum (Tell Me Three Things and What to Say Next) and Elana K. Arnold (What Girls are Made of and Infamous). Each shared advice for the audience as both readers and writers.

Elana K. Arnold feels that words are an incredibly important vehicle for showing how experiences shaped her; they give her the vocabulary to work through the past. She said that as a young woman, she “desired ... boys the way a dog seeks to serve its master,” but now works to empower teens. Buxbaum advised teens to “discover your voice. Use it, scream from the hilltops, make the world hear your every word.”

Feeling both joyous and empowered, the audience moved on to attend morning breakout sessions that included techniques for writing science fiction and fantasy; the challenges and joys of writing the second novel; and ‘girl writes boy’ (how females write from a male POV). Afterward, everyone enjoyed a free lunch catered by Panera, and then participated in author ‘speed dating,’ where they had the chance to hear about the authors’ latest projects as well as to ask questions about books, characters, and the writers’ processes. Afternoon breakout sessions included how to write thrillers with heart pounding plot twists; writing about the difficulties of growing up; and ‘girls to the front’ (writing strong female protagonists).

Throughout the day, Once Upon a Time bookstore sold copies of books by the book fest authors. CSLA members received $10 toward their purchases. As the sessions concluded, participants lined up for author book signing.
Sandy Patton listens to author Charlotte Huang during the Author Speed Dating.

Connie Joyce, TL at Rancho Cucamonga High School, and some of her students enjoy the Author Speed Dating with author Julie Buxbaum.

Cindy Nemecek, TL at Etiwanda High school, brought her book club to the event.

Mark your calendar! Next year, New York Times bestselling author Ellen Hopkins will be the featured speaker on March 3, 2018! Don’t miss it!

Sandy Patton listens to author Charlotte Huang during the Author Speed Dating.
Upcoming Events

“Learning Without Borders”

46th Annual International Conference & 19th International Forum on Research in School Librarianship

California State University Long Beach
4-8 August 2017  http://iaslconf2017.org

International Association of School Librarianship

Join Us! We have a conference for YOU!

☑ Opportunities to meet and network with 500 school library movers and shakers from around the world
☐ Three days of sessions featuring real teacher librarians’ experiences, good ideas, and research
☐ Spotlight speakers Stephen Krashen, Hall Davidson, Dr. Amber Rose Gonzalez, Disney librarian, Center for Media Literacy CEO, and more
☐ Pre-conference workshops— including with CSLA— conducted by top notch school library experts
☐ Three days of exhibits by vendors who support school libraries
☐ Gala dinner, storytelling, library tours and other fun activities on campus and off
☐ Easy access to Southern California many attractions

For over 40 years school library workers and educators around the world have been meeting at the IASL conference to share best practices and research to optimize school library programs. This is the ONE international conference that is completely dedicated to school librarianship: people who value the unique contributions that school libraries make every day in students’ lives. AND CSLA won IASL’s innovation award in 2011. You can see past conference information at http://www.iasl-online.org

This conference has the strong endorsement of CSLA, CSL Foundation, CUE, and the California State Department of Education. “Thank you for the important work the IASL conducts to improve education students around the world. The CDE is happy to support your 2017 conference at CSULB” (Tom Torlakson). Your learning can be limitless!

All this for a conference cost of only $400 if you act before May 1 – and that price includes one year’s IASL membership so you can join SIGs (e.g., information technology, BI focus, and more) and continue to access valuable resources. http://iaslconf2017.org
SR Section 3 Book Repair Workshop
Bring a Box of Books to....
- Restore broken spines with the Cover One Machine
- Extend the life of your books with the CoLibri Cover System
- Number your Series Books with the Brother P-Touch

May 20, 2017 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library
5870 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach, CA 90805

Please RSVP by May 13 if you will be there for lunch.

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AASL Information

Dr. Lesley Farmer receives AASL Distinguished Service Award! Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to school library services. More information in June’s Newsletter.

Who is going to Phoenix in November? Check out the Padlet page. Add your name to the list of people attending AASL in Phoenix in November. Click here for general information about “Beyond the Horizon” AASL Conference.

The CSLA "members only" May Newsletter article links will remain active until July 31, 2017. All articles then will be archived and accessible only at clsa.net and require CSLA member log-in credentials.

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