

SSLMP Section Report (School Library Media)
Tuesday, February 28th, 2006
WLA Executive Board Meeting
Laramie County Library, Cheyenne, WY

The most recent SSLMP meeting was held during the WLA/MPLA Fall Conference in Jackson, WY on October 14, 2005. Thirty-two SSLMP members and interested-parties were present in the Snow King Resort Lodge Room.

- Recommended that the SSLMP review its bylaws at its spring meeting. When changes/updates have been made, it was seconded and approved that the revised bylaws be given to the WLA Executive Board to review and approval.
- SSLMP members were in agreement that the WLA Committee Chairs should be able to select members for the committee.
- The SSLMP brochure needs to be located and then a digital format of it needs to be forwarded to Troy Rumpf and the WLA Communications Committee so it can be posted on the WLA web page. Jan will begin the process of updating the brochure at the the spring meeting in Casper.
- There is an expressed need for some type of certification for classified library media personnel in the areas of paraprofessional, clerk, and assistants due to NCLB (No Child Left Behind). Natrona County is investigating this possibility through CCC.
- As of Fall 2005, UW rejected the proposal for adding a library media endorsement to its list of certificate offerings; therefore, the PTSB has also dropped the endorsement possibility for library media specialists. At this point in time, potential school librarians need to either participate in one of the school library science/information studies programs in another state or take the courses suggested in the school library endorsement and pay to submit a portfolio to the PTSB. Jan was highly encouraged by Adell at the PTSB to get certification through a library program instead of portfolio. (They have a list of programs they accept) such as Bozeman, University of Idaho (Moscow), Univ. of Utah, Pocatello (Idaho), and other surrounding state programs.
- Originally the spring joint-section meeting was scheduled for Rawlins on April 21-22, however, it was voted to be moved to Casper, WY in order to merge with the Wyoming Reading Council's Literacy Conference in Casper on April 20-21. Due to this change, the WLA Children's Section, who usually has a joint meeting with the SSLMP in the spring, changed their dates and location back to Rawlins due to a conflict for the section's officers on April 21-22.
- The 2006 Fall conference was announced for September 27-29 in Gillette and program ideas were solicited.

2005 Wyoming School Libraries Survey: The State of School Libraries in Wyoming was a research study completed by Susan Vittitow for Clarion University of Pennsylvania. It produced some very interesting results and is the most recent study conducted in Wyoming that compiles statistics and descriptive information regarding the status of Wyoming's school libraries. It can be viewed @ <http://suvittit.home.bresnan.net/SchoolLibsSurvey.pdf>

Spring Section Meeting: Friday & Saturday, April 21-22, Casper, Wyoming: The registration form for this meeting is posted on the WLA website. Friday afternoon includes a session with Ron & Barb Scherry from Great Northern Book Company, Montana followed by a 5:30-7:30 no-host dinner spring SSLMP section meeting for all members and interested non-members at the Ramkota Inn Restaurant. Saturday morning's workshop is with David Loertscher, San Jose State University, CA (Salt Lake), school library media specialist and professor in the SJSU School of Information Studies. His workshop is entitled: "Ban Those Bird Units" which promotes strategies to promote higher level thinking for students investigating information problems and analysis of information gathered during the research process. He also promotes reading of all types of sources, including online, to increase student achievement in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Costs for the spring meeting include \$45 (member) or \$50 (non-member) to hear David Loertscher on Saturday (Quality Inn Banquet Room) with mid-morning snacks. Registration forms are posted online at the WLA Website or have arrived in hard-copy format via snail mail.

Fall Conference (Gillette): Mary Jayne Jordan, chair-elect, is the coordinator of the SSLMP programming proposals for Fall 2006. Two proposals in the works for Fall Conference are inviting the AASL Past-President to visit as either a keynote or session speaker as well as bringing in the AASL School Library Leadership/Collaboration Institute (8 hours) in which the surrounding states would be invited to participate, too.

Children's Literature Summer Workshops: Each summer the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa hosts summer literacy workshops. The Children's Literature K-8 Workshop (July 12-13, 2006) is especially phenomenal! It can be attended for either \$100 for no credit, \$191 for 1 credit hour (same prices for out-of-state participants). This two-day workshop consists of book talks and reading books! It's co-taught by the University of Northern Iowa's children's librarian and a past reading/language arts UNI Laboratory School and University professor. Find out more about these courses @ <http://www.uni.edu/continuinged/programs/courses/childlit/>

There's also a university class--Lewis & Clark: Literature to Promote Literacy across the Curriculum--being taught on July 19-20 at the University of Northern Iowa by the same professors for no credit, one graduate credit or two graduate credits.