

SSLMP Report November 2004

The dates and location for the Spring 2005 joint SSLMP and Children's section meetings are set. The dates are April 22-23, 2004 at the Thermopolis Holiday Inn. As the programs and meeting room arrangements are finalized we will be putting together an informational flyer for distribution.

A number of offerings are still being explored at this point. One possible topic is the exploration of adding another book award for nonfiction titles. Leslie Davies volunteered to make a presentation to both sections on this topic. Utah is a neighboring state that already offers this award. The following link goes to Utah's Beehive awards:

<http://www.clau.org/0405noms.html#info>

They refer to their nonfiction titles as "informational". Unfortunately this site does not include the guidelines for this award for us to look at as a reference in our exploration.

Another possible topic is a two-hour introduction to Project Wild and tying its aspects to literacy and libraries. (This free program is courtesy of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.)

We will continue looking at the section by-laws (Marylou) and have an Information Power update as well as a Fall Conference update from section chair-elect Jan Segerstrom. (This is a reminder that the fall 2005 conference is a joint WLA-MPLA event and offers us an opportunity to be a part of a regional experience.)

Laura Grott, WLA Executive Secretary, sent me a reminder that the time for us to pay our membership dues is lurking around the corner. I would like to encourage us to be certain that we pay the additional \$5.00 for our section dues at the same time as our WLA renewal fees.

The WLA Executive Board meets Nov. 20th in Riverton. I will include any pertinent information in another report at a later date, in addition to an update on our spring section meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
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