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**Message from the Chair**  
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Hello Chapbook readers,

I know everyone is working hard on preparing for their Summer Reading Programs since we are only a few weeks away from the end of the school year. Right now, in addition to working on our own Summer Reading programs, your hardworking YSS Board members are very busy planning programs for the NCLA Biennial Conference that will be held in Hickory, October 16-19. We think we have lined up a good variety of programs that will be of interest to Youth Services staff across the state. Here's a look at the programs we are working on.

**Tuesday, October 16, 9:00 – 4:00**

- **Teen Pre-conference**—The morning session of the pre-conference will be devoted to YA Literature. Dr. Ruth Clark, Associate Professor at ECU, will talk about what's new and hot in various formats in teen literature
- The afternoon session of the pre-conference will be devoted to technology issues. Although we are still working on the content of the technology session, we hope to have useful information on

MySpace, blogging, gaming, and how to develop library technology programs that will appeal to teens. We may also have a segment presented by PLCMC teen volunteers talking about podcasting, Teen Second Life—a subset of the popular 3D online virtual world Second Life that is only accessible to those ages 13-17, and various animation and live action projects they have been involved with at PLCMC.

Here is some information about other programs we are working on for the conference which are all tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

- **Traditional Breakfast Program**—Judy Schachner, author of the Skippyjon Jones books, will be our keynote breakfast speaker at 7:30 a.m.
- **“Putting Down the Book”**—acclaimed storyteller Donna Washington will conduct a storytelling workshop at 9:00 a.m.
- **Children’s Literature**—Dr. Ruth Clark of ECU will conduct a book-talking/introduction of new children’s titles. No time has been set for this program yet.
- **Author Panel**—Author Judy Schachner, our breakfast keynote speaker and Joyce Hostetter, author of the book BLUE (nominated for 2008 NCCBA), will speak about their books and how they write. No time has been assigned yet for this program.

As you can see, we are planning to have most of the YSS programs on Thursday, October 18, except of course, for the Teen Pre-Conference on Tuesday, October 16. However, the schedule is not totally confirmed, so program dates and times can still be changed. As the YSS Board firms up the YSS conference schedule, I will send updates to NCKIDS so all YSS members and youth services staff across the state can make their conference plans. We may add another program to the schedule but don’t know for sure if we can do that at this time. Look for updates on NCKIDS!

I hope you all have a very successful Summer Reading Program and also find time for vacations, visits with family and friends, reading and relaxing during the summer months ahead.

Sincerely,

Loree Kelly  
YSS Chair



Dear Chapbook Readers,

Below is the **Slate of Candidates for the 2007-2009 NCLA/YSS Executive Board.**

Any NCLA/YSS member can add a candidate for any of these elective offices of this Section by adhering to the procedures listed below:

1. Notify the Chair of the Section of such action, in writing.
2. Notification needs to be signed by 10 members of this Section.
3. Consent of the nominee or nominees must be secured and so indicated on the notification.
4. Nominating petition must be received by the Chair 10 weeks prior to the biennial meeting (August 6) for inclusion in a mailed ballot.

If no other candidates are added to the slate, no ballot will be mailed and this list will serve as required notification to the NCLA/YSS membership of the 2007-2009 NCLA/YSS Executive Board members.

**CHAIR—DEBRA OLDENBURG-Hickory Public Library**

Debbie is a para-professional who for the last ten years has worked for the Hickory Public Library as their Preschool Outreach Coordinator. She plans and presents story time programs for preschoolers, babies and for families. She is trained in Kindermusic and in the “Every Children Ready to Read” program. Debbie has led workshop sessions at NCLA and for childcare teachers. Debbie came to the YSS Board in 2002 serving as the appointed membership chair, and then she served as an elected director on the board and is currently serving as the YSS Vice-Chair/Chair Elect. She lives in Conover and is married to a Lutheran minister. They have four grown children and two enchanting grand daughters. Debra lives in Conover, North Carolina.

**VICE CHAIR/CHAIR ELECT—LARA LUCK-Forsyth County Public Library**

Lara is originally from Virginia but moved to North Carolina to attend graduate school. She obtained her bachelor’s degree in Biology from Bridgewater College (VA) and her M.L.I.S. from UNCG. Lara has worked for the Forsyth County Public Library for over 10 years starting as a library page and moving up to Youth Services Librarian and Assistant Branch Manager. Although she has (at one time or another) worked in each of FCPL’s 10 libraries, she is currently at the Walkertown Branch. Lara has been a member of NCLA for 5 years and has served on the YSS Board as a director for 2 years. She is the proud aunt of eight, 4 boys and 4 girls, and hopes to have more to spoil very soon.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER—JACKY MILLER—Rockingham County Public Library**

Jacky Miller is the Youth Services Librarian at the Rockingham County Public Library. As such, she does the programming and materials selection for young people age 0-18 in the five branches of the system. She has been an active member of NCLA, and in particular, the Youth Services Section for many years. She believes YSS provides an invaluable service to NC youth services librarians by providing workshops, retreats, mentoring, and the CHAPBBOK newsletter. Jacky is looking forward to serving again as Secretary/Treasurer of the section.

**DIRECTOR—DEBRA GILBERT—Wake County Public Libraries**

Debra Gilbert is currently a Youth Services librarian at the brand new West Regional Library in Cary which opened on September 16, 2006. Her responsibilities include maintenance and collection development of picture books and easy readers. She presents weekly toddler story times and plans a monthly book club for grades 3-5. She has organized several special programs such as a Story Writing Contest for National Library Week and a Gift of Giving program last Thanksgiving. She also serves on the county Youth Services Readers' Advisory committee and is working on the formation of a Wake Reads Together program for Children.

Prior to her current position, Debra was a children's librarian at the Harrison Public Library in Harrison, NY for 4 years. She received a BS in Elementary Education from Pace University and an MLS from Long Island University, both located in NY. In addition to working with children in a public library setting, she also worked as a toddler and preschool teacher at the Little Angels Daycare Center in Rye, NY.

Debra hopes that being a part of NCLA/YSS will provide enriching professional development opportunities and will further her knowledge of the many library systems throughout the state. She looks forward to sharing fresh ideas stemming from her experience in Wake County and New York. As a newbie North Carolinian, she looks forward to meeting fellow colleagues from around the state who enjoy working with children as much as she does.

Loree Kelly  
YSS Chair

## **The NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD PROGRAM announces its 2007 winners and 2008 nominees!**

(This program is co-sponsored by YSS)

### **And the Winners Are....**

The 2007 Picture Book category winner was [Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude](#), by Kevin O'Malley. The 2007 Junior Book category winner was [A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray](#), by Ann M. Martin.

A grand total of 190,483 votes were cast. Over 500 schools and public libraries participated. [Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude](#) won with 51,204 of the 159,769 votes cast in the Picture Book category. [A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray](#) won with 6,331 of the 30,714 votes cast in the Junior Book category.

Now on to next year.....

The NCCBA committee met on Saturday, May 5 to finalize the picture and junior book lists for 2008. How does this happen? Children nominate hundreds of books via [www.bookhive.org](http://www.bookhive.org) from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> (the newly increased time period). The books must have a publication date within the last three years. A committee of NC librarians focuses their efforts on one of the two categories and come to a full day Saturday meeting prepared to discuss and vote on the books for the final lists. The goal is to have the final lists offer appealing quality literature that is well-balanced, representing a variety of reading levels, genres, cultures and subject matter. Each year, it is very impressive to see this group of dedicated librarians achieve this goal! Be sure to check out the books nominated for 2008.

### **And the 2008 Nominees Are....**

#### Picture Books

- A Frog Thing by Drachman, Eric. Kidwick Books, 2006.
- The Great Fuzz Frenzy by Stevens, Janet. Harcourt, 2005.
- Hero Cat by Spinelli, Eileen. Marshall Cavendish, 2006.
- Ice Bear: In the Steps of a Polar Bear by Davies, Nicola. Candlewick Press, 2005.
- Leonardo, the Terrible Monster by Willems, Mo. Hyperion, 2005.
- Max's Words by Banks, Kate. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2006.
- Not Afraid of Dogs by Pitzer, Susanna. Walker and Company, 2006.
- Not Norman: A Goldfish Story by Bennett, Kelly. Candlewick Press, 2005.

- Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin by Barretta, Gene. Henry Holt, 2006.
- On Top of Spaghetti by Johnson, Paul Brett. Scholastic, 2006.
- Scaredy Squirrel by Watt, Melanie. Kids Can Press, 2006.
- SuperHero ABC by McLeod, Bob. HarperCollins, 2006.
- What a Day It Was at School by Prelutsky, Jack. Greenwillow, 2006.
- Wolves by Gravett, Emily. Simon & Schuster, 2006.

### Junior Books

- All of the Above by Pearsall, Shelly. Little, Brown Young Readers, 2006.
- Angus and Sadie by Voigt, Cynthia. HarperCollins, 2005.
- Babymouse: 1: Queen of the World by Holms, Jennifer. Random House, 2005.
- Blue by Hostetter, Joyce Moyer. Calkins Creek Books, 2006.
- Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow by Sidman, Joyce. Houghton Mifflin, 2006.
- Clementine by Pennypacker, Sara. Hyperion, 2006.
- Each Little Bird That Sings by Wiles, Deborah. Harcourt, 2006.
- Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich by Rex, Adam. Harcourt, 2006.
- The Homework Machine by Gutman, Dan. Simon & Schuster, 2006.
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Selznick, Brian. Scholastic, 2007.
- The Lightning Thief by Riordan, Rick. Miramax, 2006.
- Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor by McCully, Emily Arnold. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2006.
- Room One: A Mystery or Two by Clements, Andrew. Simon & Schuster. 2006, .
- The Year of the Dog by Lin, Grace. Little, Brown Young Readers, 2007.
- Younguncle Comes to Town by Singh, Vandana. Viking Juvenile, 2006.

For more information about the NCCBA program, please visit [www.bookhive.org](http://www.bookhive.org)

### **Interested in joining the committee?**

We need more public library representation! Committee members are required to serve a 2-year term (minimum). New members start between July and November. Please email Sally Baron [sbaron@co.wake.nc.us](mailto:sbaron@co.wake.nc.us) or Lisa Tucker [LTucker@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:LTucker@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) for an application and more information.



### **ANECDOTE...by Storyteller Claire Ramsey**

#### Storytelling Tip #1

“ I once began to tell an Irish myth to a preschool/early elementary audience. Only when I was halfway through did I realize the story revolved around poteen. Mountain dew. Not the soft drink, but the alcoholic beverage. I managed to finish the story by calling the beverage in question a “special tea”, but the change did nothing for the story, or the audience.”

As many children’s librarian are aware, it can be a real challenge to pick a book that will suit a varied audience, (for instance, in the context of a storytime when both tots and their siblings in school show up). It is no different when storytelling without the book. If storytelling in a public place, like a festival, when families and/or children of all ages are likely to be present, make sure you have a variety of stories at your fingertips, including tot-friendly ones. And make sure you review your tale before you start!

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## **My Big Sister**

**By**  
**Bandit the Boxer**

Hi! My name is Bandit and my big sister, Mary Kleinfeldt, is the New Membership Chair for the YSS Board. She works for the New Hanover Public Library in Wilmington. When she was asked to write a one to four



page biography of herself, she panicked and said, "I'm too young to have a four page biography!" I offered to write it for her. She's such a scaredy cat.

She began working at the Main Library part time in 1999 with their Smart Start outreach program, Growing Readers. She enjoyed driving all over the county and reading to almost 1,000 children every month, usually presenting seven storytime programs every morning. While she read at several preschool centers and Headstart, she primarily worked with the smaller home daycares. Three years ago she began working full time in the Children's Department.

While I'm a Wilmington native, my sister Mary moved around a lot when she was a puppy. She lived in four different U.S. cities and Germany by the time she went to kindergarten! When she was four, she and our mom moved to Orlando, Florida. That's where she grew up. But she was always interested in living in North Carolina and attended the NC School of the Arts for several summers.

She attended Florida State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities. Her major areas of concentration were music and the Medieval and Renaissance periods. While she was at school, our parents and a grandmother moved to Wilmington. After she graduated, she joined them here.

When she moved to North Carolina, she worked as a professional harpist for almost ten years. She had a lot of fun and enjoyed the chance to sniff out some of the most interesting places in southeast North Carolina and South Carolina. She played at many different locations- from Thalian Hall to weddings on the beach. Now that she's a semi- retired musician, she mainly plays at the library, church, and for a few weddings a year. Sometimes she plays for me, but I always let her know that her time would be better spent petting me.

During her time as a musician, she also earned certification as a Kindermusik teach and a Master Gardener. She taught Kindermusik for four years and still enjoys seeing her former students when they visit her at the library. We both enjoy gardening together, but I prefer my digging to her herbs and native landscaping. When she's not

gardening, she likes to take me for walks. We are always going new places and sometimes we even get to go hiking! She also does needlework (which doesn't smell very interesting), collects Depression glass (which she doesn't let me eat off of), and also collects what she says are elephants (but they don't smell like elephants to me.) Obviously, I need to work with her some more in the hobby department. At least she likes to cook.

She tends to read four or more books at the same time. I suppose it isn't as odd as it sounds. After all, I have a different bone for every room in the house. She primarily reads fiction; especially science fiction, fantasy, and history. This week she is reading Tropical Plants for Home and Garden, The Privilege of the Sword, Moon Riders, Blaze of Silver, Cracker, and Red Scarf Girl. Usually she reads new picture books to me. She learned to do that from one of the PAWS for Reading canine therapy dogs. When she reads to me, I like to pretend that we're surrounded by children listening to that book for the first time, too.

While I'm at home with mom, she goes to the library and gets to meet children from all over town. She is one of the two people who plan the more than 30 weekly storytimes New Hanover County offers for three different age groups at their three latest locations from fall to spring. She is excited about the New Hanover County Library's new Lapsit storytime for babies. During the summer, there are an additional eight weeks of storytimes for four different age groups. She especially enjoys all of the special programs she gets to create and present. Some of her favorites have included the Children's art contest, the latest of which had more than 150 entries and awarded almost \$1500 worth of prizes; developing and presenting 12 months of craft and activity programs highlighting different periods in history for the recent library centennial; and most recently working on a "Children + Fun = Fitness program series this May. Of course, she had to dance for the last program. I'm a much better dancer than she is.

For the last two years, she has participated in the regional Summer Reading Program committee for the eastern part of the state. She enjoyed her time planning for the workshops and looks forward to working on future workshops as part of the YSS roundtable and meeting other library staff as Membership Chair. I think you'll enjoy working with her. She's pretty good about giving me almost as many doggie bones as I deserve, even if she won't let me eat any of her chocolate cake.



## Mother and Daughter Tea is a Seasonal Hit Another Year At Beatties Ford Road

by Elisha T. Minter



The Beatties Ford Road Public Library (BFR), one of the 24 branches of the PLCMC system in Charlotte, NC, hosted its annual 'Mother and Daughter Tea' for the fourth year in a row. The tea was once again well attended and enjoyed by everyone and was hosted by Elisha T. Minter, Sr. Library Assistant for the library.

This year's theme was *"Mirror This: Reflections of Me and You"*. Mothers and daughters were asked to come and enjoy each other and the activities provided by the branch Sr. Library Assistants such as crafts, music, guest speakers and a warm and excited staff that pitched in wherever needed to make it a memorable evening. This is a collective program and would not be possible without the help of everyone at the branch level and other staff members throughout the system as well.

As we coordinate this program, it is our goal to have an enjoyable evening for our mothers and daughters, which is stress free, educational, and promotes the library and reading as well as some health and beauty aspects that will remain with our families forever.

The guest speakers this year were Dr. Teresa McIlwain and Mrs. Pat Caldwell. Dr. McIlwain holds a doctorate from Michigan State Theological Department in the area of Aids Awareness and Health Issues. Mrs. Caldwell is the founder of LOCHMA Ministries, which is an agency of helps for the underprivileged. These ladies were selected not only for their qualifications but they also have daughters and are frequent borrowers at our branch.

Dr. McIlwain addressed the growing statistics of Aids in our community and how mothers and daughters owe it to each other to keep the lines of communication open. She also stated that it is imperative that they heighten the awareness levels of all ladies to the trends in today's society as far as dress and behavior in the schools and the community is concerned.

Mrs. Pat Caldwell, founder of LOCHMA Ministry, spoke about giving back to the community and the availability of help for mothers who had need for furnishing their homes and clothing and feeding their children through this ministry.

In addition to craft activities and great speakers, there was live music furnished by Mr. Arthur Minter, an elementary music teacher at Reid Park Elementary School, the wrapping of the May Pole, and a satisfying reception with homemade Russian tea to tickle everyone's taste buds.

Mothers and daughters have a special bond and no matter how far apart they may seem to drift, it is hoped that they will always find their way back to the common ground of love that exists between them. Our library does its part to establish family unity while instilling the love of books and life long learning in our borrowers throughout the city at any age.



For more information about other wonderful programs at all of our branches, please check out our web site at [plcmc.org](http://plcmc.org).

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