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SLA School Librarian of the Year Award 2011

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SLA School Librarian of the Year 2011 – Announcement of the Honour List

"Being in a post where I meet a wide range of school librarians, I had thought I had a good grasp of the highs and lows of school librarianship. However, my horizons have been stretched further this year by the amazing dedication of the school librarians who have reached this year's Honour List of the SLA School Librarian of the Year Award. However much we all know, we can all learn from these exceptional school librarians. It was a pleasure to see them in action as they all represent the exciting work school librarians do every day."

— Dawn Woods, Chair of the SLA School Librarian of the Year Selection Committee

The School Library Association created this Award in 2004 in response to the need for recognition of the excellent work that is carried out in school libraries every day, and to highlight best practice through celebrating those whose work is outstanding. Nominees do not need to be members of the SLA, and may be from any phase of education.

This year there are three exceptional school librarians on the SLA School Librarian of the Year Honour List.

Helen Emery, LRC Manager, King Edward VI School, Lichfield, Staffs

Wendy Roberts, Senior School Librarian, Ardingly College, West Sussex

Carol Webb, Librarian, Forest Hill School, London

Visit the SLA website – www.sla.org.uk – to read their profiles, which will go live from 5th September. A new profile will be added weekly.

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Their work will be celebrated at a ceremony held on Monday 3rd October 2011 at the Mermaid Conference Centre in London, when the SLA School Librarian of the Year 2011 will be announced. The celebrations will also include the announcement of the winner of the inaugural School Library Association Library Design Award.

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Previous Winners of the SLA School Librarian of the Year Award

2010: Duncan Wright - Stewart's Melville College, Edinburgh
2010: Kevin Sheehan - Offerton School, Stockport
2009: Lucy Bakewell - Hill West Primary School, Sutton Coldfield
2008: Nikki Heath - Werneth School, Stockport
2007: Ingrid Hopson - George Abbot School, Guildford
2006: Anne-Marie Tarter - Ripon Grammar School, North Yorkshire
2005: Anne Robinson - Nicholas Chamberlaine Technology College, Bedworth

Nominations for School Librarian of the Year 2012 will open in early September. Nomination forms will be included in the Autumn 2011 issue of *The School Librarian* and will be available to download in PDF format from the SLA website:
http://www.sla.org.uk/slya

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