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We believe that every pupil is entitled to effective school library provision. The SLA is committed to supporting everyone involved with school libraries, promoting high quality reading and learning opportunities for all.

The Oldest Library in Merseyside

Anita Barry from Merchant Taylor's School for Girls in Crosby sent in this fabulous photograph of her school library.



Merchant Taylor's School for Girls: The Library was built in 1620

It was built in 1620 and is Grade II Listed Building.

Do you have pho-

tos of your library that you would like to share?

Best picture goes in the next newsletter!



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2008 National Year of Reading

Jenny Clemson from Great Sankey High School is running a competition to celebrate the start of the National Year of Reading.



Everything starts with reading

She has asked students to send her pictures of themselves reading in unusual places either in school, or anywhere at all!

The prizes for the best photograph in the most unusual place will be a GIANT EASTER EGG

Jenny has also issued a stamp card for students so that they can be rewarded for how many books they read. There are prizes for students who borrow 6 books from the library.

For more information about the National

Year of Reading, please check their website on <http://www.yearofreading.org.uk/>.

Please send in details of your events to mark the National Year of Reading, with pictures too if possible!

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Welcome to Our Newsletter!

This is the first newsletter of the Merseyside branch of the School Library Association. Hopefully, school librarians will be sending in news of their activities from across the boroughs

of Liverpool, Knowsley Sefton, St Helens, and Wirral.

It is planned to publish the newsletter each term. This is our opportunity to share ideas and best practice.

Please feel free to make any comments on the newsletter. From the layout, to the style or content.

The Cinderellas of the library profession? - NEVER!



Public Libraries on-line reference resources

Maureen Bryning from Wirral Schools' Library Service sends this timely reminder about freely available electronic reference resources

Save your school some money – use the Public Libraries on-line reference resources, eg OUP dictionaries, Heinemann World Book, Who's Who, KnowUK and NewsUK.

All you need is a current public library membership and log on using your membership number. Some business services may only be available from within the public library – but try it and see!

Thanks to Julia Hale at Wirral Grammar School for Boys who pointed this out!

www.wirral-libraries.net

www.liverpool.gov.uk
»leisure and culture »

libraries » reference

www.sefton.gov.uk
» leisure and culture »
libraries » reference



Writer workshop

Dyane Basinger from Cowley Language College in St Helens wants to let librarians know about Dave Cryer. He can do several types of work-

shop.

His website can be found at www.davecryer.co.uk and his email is davobarbus@aol.com

He has been particularly good for Booked Up and Carnegie Shadowing and he is relatively inexpensive £185.00 for a full day.

Competition

Please can you give some thought to a name for our newsletter. "Merseyside SLA Newsletter" whilst being accurate doesn't do justice to the activities of the School Librarians of

Merseyside.

E-mail me with your suggestions please to:

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SLN: School Librarians' Network

School Librarians' Network is a forum where UK school librarians and school library staff can exchange news, views and ideas and give each other mutual support on such issues as budget preparation; ICT ; literacy; opening hours; staffing; book selection; information skills, etc.

We welcome members from other parts of the world whose input and perspective we value.

We aim to maintain a supportive environment for everyone, and while we admit a small number of commercial members whose main interest is in supplying school

libraries, we expect them to be equally supportive to members.

NB: All subscription requests are replied to and a response is required for subscriptions to be accepted. This is to protect all present and future members.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sln/>



A Spooky Experience

Pupils at St Ambrose Barlow, Netherton recently had a spooky visitor, when award-winning author Joseph Delaney was in school for a day. Joe's series of Spooks books about the adventures of young Tom Ward who is destined to

take over the role of Spook, have proved so popular with years 7 to 9 that there was no shortage of volunteers to spend time with the author. Pupils listened to Joe talk about the background to his books, worked on their own

ideas about some of the minor characters and got all the latest gossip on the much-anticipated film. Best of all they were treated to a sneak preview of the new book 'The Spook's Mistake' due to be released in June.



World Book Day 6th March 2008

To celebrate World Book Day, Ruth Clarke at Deyes High School in Maghull, ran a Book Quiz.

Twelve teams of 4 took part, with every student receiving a

Cadbury's Cream Egg. The quiz questions were set by a member of the School Librarian's Network (SLN), and the competition was extremely tough.

The questions ranged

from easy: The Boy Who Lived is chapter one of which book?; to quite tricky: Who is in Room 13? The winning team all received an Easter Egg each, and commendations for their form.

