



School Library Association

SLA School Librarian of the Year Award 2012

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SLA School Librarian of the Year 2012 – Announcement of the Honour List

“Librarians all over the country are standing up and are being noticed. Our current school librarians are at the forefront in finding innovative ways of working in these challenging times. School librarians have demonstrated the vitality of the one place in school that pupils can visit to develop skills for life that does not judge, that offers an equality of which dreams are made. Reaching out to even the most reluctant reader, the school librarian can offer the right book at the right time for readers to be immersed in reading for pleasure for the right reasons. Developing independent learning is achieved in the school library when librarians harness new technologies to equip our young people with a thirst for learning. The three outstanding school librarians who this year have reached the Honour list of the School Library Association School Librarian of the Year Award for 2102 offer three very different approaches in their school libraries, but all are united in the excellent, efficient service they provide to pupils and school staff alike.”

— 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.

There are three exceptional school librarians on the SLA School Librarian of the Year Honour List.

Rosalind Buckland, Librarian, Ripley St Thomas CE Academy, Lancaster

Adam Lancaster, Librarian/Associate Assistant Headteacher, Monk’s Walk School, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire

Gill Trueman, Library and Information Manager, Peasedown St John Primary School, near Bath

Visit the SLA website – www.sla.org.uk – to read their profiles, which will go live from 10th September. A new profile will be added weekly.

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Their work will be celebrated at a ceremony held on Monday 1st October 2012 at Dexter House in London, when the SLA School Librarian of the Year 2012 will be announced. The celebrations will also include the announcement of the winner of the School Library Association Library Design Award.

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Notes for editors

The School Library Association is committed to supporting everyone involved with school libraries, promoting high quality reading and learning opportunities for all. For information log on to: <http://www.sla.org.uk/>

Previous Winners of the SLA School Librarian of the Year Award

2011: Carol Webb – Forest Hill School, London
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 2013 will open in early September. Nomination forms will be included in the Autumn 2012 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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