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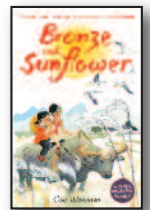
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



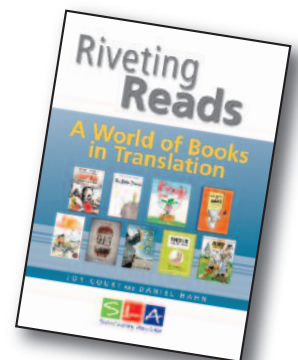
March comes around quickly – we have left the worst of the cold and the dark behind us!

SLA has had a busy time (as always!) in the past few months, but one of the highlights has been the announcement of the My Marsh Award winners. For this, schools had to upload a video review of their favourite Marsh Award shortlisted title. Brionie Underhill-Ashton of Benfield School, Newcastle upon Tyne was the winner. The SLA offered a prize to the librarian of the winning school and we are delighted to say this went to Ms Melanie Chadwick at Benfield. Congratulations to all involved.

The Marsh Award winner for 2017 – supported by the Marsh Christian Trust – was announced as Helen Wang for her translation of *Bronze and Sunflower*, by Cao Wenxuan, Walker Books, 2016 (translated from Mandarin Chinese). The Award was a prize of £3,000. In the words of one of the judges, Wendy Cooling, it is 'a warm, delightful book set in the countryside of China during the Cultural Revolution. Strong, well-drawn relationships, tough enough to survive anything, are at the heart of the story and carry the reader through great hardship.'



We were also delighted to launch the SLA's own Riveting Reads at the Marsh Award event – *A World of Books in Translation* by Joy Court and Daniel Hahn was very well received and we quickly sold out of all the books we had taken with us! If you haven't seen this do take a look – it fills a gap in the market and helps schools start a collection of books in translation from its recommendations. It is available now to order from the SLA Publications List (www.sla.org.uk/publications-list).



In March and April we are having our **Spectacular Spring Sale** – all SLA publications pre-2015 are offered at a 50% reduction (see over).



Make sure you have seen the fantastic programme for the 2017 Joint Conference with CILIP Youth Libraries Group – *Lightbulb Moments: Powered by Librarians*. The programme is included with this mailing to SLA members and is online at www.sla.org.uk/weekend-course. Book soon for your Early Bird discount. I hope to see lots of you there!

Tricia Adams

P.S. Don't forget to use your Vote in the official ballot for the new SLA Board members – more information is overleaf. Voting is open on the SLA website until 31 March 2017: www.sla.org.uk/vote

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the School Library Association will be held at the Majestic Hotel, Harrogate, North Yorkshire on Sunday 25 June 2017 at 9:20 am.

Ballot for SLA Board Members

As agreed by the SLA Board, electronic voting will be used for the ballot for the SLA Board vacancies. The candidates nominated for election are listed below. For full information on how to vote, please go to the voting page on the SLA website: www.sla.org.uk/vote. Votes can only be accepted from SLA members or their nominated representatives whose subscriptions for the current year are paid or invoiced.

ELECTRONIC VOTES MUST BE CAST BY 12 NOON ON 31 MARCH 2017

IT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION – PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE!

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The following four nominations have been received for the two SLA Board vacancies for 2017–2020:

Susan Bastone

- Chartered Librarian (MCLIP) – Fellowship application submitted Jan 17.
- 25 years' experience in school libraries includes state and independent, all ages.
- Current school: LVS Ascot, Library consultant. Formerly Head of Learning Resources 2004-16.
- External Trainer: TwoSues Training 2007-14; JCS Trainer 2014-16.
- Professional: Chair SLA Central & East Berkshire branch 2010-14. SLG National Committee member 2011-16.
- Achievements: SLA Librarian of the Year Honour List 2010; Founder member of Berkshire Book Award and Pupil Library Assistant of the Year Award.
- Extra contribution to the profession: I have contributed various articles and publications particularly on Reader Development and Information Literacy to: Books for Keeps, The School Librarian, SLiV, CILIP Guidelines for Secondary School Libraries, Caryl Press, Independent School Magazine.

Nominated by: Emma Keeler and Barbara Band

Amy McKay

I have been a school librarian for an amazing 12 years and have held my current position for 9 years. SMT describe my library as “an outstanding library in an improving school”. In addition to running this library, I also support the development of other secondary and primary libraries across a trust of schools. I am an active member of YLG, having previously chaired EMYLG and represented them as a CKG judge. I am currently CKG National Coordinator. In 2016 I was delighted to be named SLA School Librarian of the Year. I am passionate about the power and importance of school libraries, with a particular focus on engaging non-traditional readers and library users.

Nominated by: Carl Cross and Juliet Walsh

Alison Tarrant

I am the Librarian for Cambourne Village College, Cambridgeshire, and have been since 2013. Previous to joining Cambourne VC I worked in a school library with a sixth form, and completed my Masters in Information and Library Studies at Aberystwyth, with modules in Youth Librarianship; Management, and Research in the Profession. In 2016 I achieved CILIP Chartership and was shortlisted for School Librarian of the Year. I have been the Chair of the Youth Libraries Group – Eastern since 2012 which has given me experience in leading AGMs, planning training days, liaising with speakers, and supporting committee members in their roles. I have completed 'Middle Leaders' training at school and am undertaking research to support advocacy for school libraries.

Nominated by: Lesley Martin and Carl Cross

Océane Toffoli

I would like to stand for election because I want to actively contribute to providing support and advice for School Librarians. I am also committed to my own CPD, regularly attending talks and conferences run by SLA and CILIP YLG.

My qualifications are as follows:

- BA Library and Information Studies (Uni. Toulouse Le Mirail, France)
- MSc Econ Library and Information Studies (Aberystwyth Uni., Wales)

After working several years in academic libraries, I took the opportunity to create a library from scratch in the brand new Lycée International de Londres Winston Churchill. Once I felt the foundations were laid, I decided it was time to embrace the British educational system and applied for a Senior Librarian role at Wimbledon High School, which is my current position.

Nominated by: Marion Le Lannou and David Rose

As the nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are not contested, the following candidates will be declared elected at the SLA's Annual General Meeting to be held on 25 June 2017. CHAIR: Annike Dase; VICE CHAIR: Carl Cross; TREASURER: Dawn Woods (co-opted as Treasurer for 2017–2018); PAST CHAIR: Karen Horsfield (an invitation to remain as Past Chair will follow at the Annual General Meeting).

SPECTACULAR SPRING SALE

A WEALTH OF BOOKS NOW ON OFFER



Special half price offer on all SLA titles published before 2015

50% off the list price of qualifying products

Offer open for orders placed in March and April 2017

Discount will be applied to your invoice after checkout

Standard delivery charges apply

50%

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BETT Show 2017 – Report from MLS

The future for school libraries is here – unveiling our new augmented reality technology, system designs and interfaces – MLS at the BETT Show 2017

The banners are down, the lights are out and the dust has settled on the BETT Show for another year. For the uninitiated, this annual event attracts over 30,000 visitors from schools, colleges trusts and local authorities, all keen to learn about the latest advances with technology designed for their libraries and classrooms.

We brought some new Reading Cloud interfaces to the show, to test the waters on some new designs, and were really pleased with the feedback from customers. We also knew that a lot of schools were keen to see how our fully integrated eBook collections, known as eMLS, worked inside the Reading Cloud. Given the level of interest at the show, it'll no doubt be a busy year for our Library Advisory team who curate eBook content for these collections!

Innovation is built into the DNA of our development team and BETT is our playground, a space to showcase what we're working on. We were the first school LMS provider to introduce a biometric ID solution, the first to release a mobile and tablet application and in keeping with our history we have become the first to introduce Augmented Reality (AR) technology.

This proof of concept took the form of an additional feature built into the forthcoming version of our iMLS app.

Utilising the camera built into a mobile or tablet, iMLS

augments additional content such as author movies or eBooks when pointed at specific targets such as book covers or our product logos. This proved to be a real hit at the show, with many librarians expressing their delight at how this new AR technology will enthuse their readers, hungry for digital content to complement their physical stock.

Back in the tangible world of books, we were thrilled to have children's author Tom Palmer join us on the stand. We gave away more than 100 signed copies of Tom's books, possibly our best BETT give-away to date, and Tom enjoyed getting to know some of the librarians who use our Reading Cloud library software.

The MLS team returned feeling we've been a part of one of the most exciting BETT shows yet, but there's no rest for us as the preparation for BETT 2018 is already underway!

To find out more about all our latest developments contact us at info@microlib.co.uk Follow us on Twitter @MLSLib



Poster Offer

Meet Triangle!

From the award-winning team behind *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen, the Kate Greenaway-winning creator of *This Is Not My Hat*



and *I Want My Hat Back*, comes this April the first tale in an exciting new trilogy. Meet Triangle. He is going to play a sneaky trick on his friend, Square. Or so Triangle thinks...

Visually stunning and full of wry humour, *Triangle* a perfectly-paced treat that flips the traditional concept book, and approaches it from a whole new angle.



For your free *Triangle* poster, simply contact: jo.humphreys-davies@walker.co.uk

Calendar

Thank You

Peter Sheldon writes:

Another new year and another new **Friends Calendar** is now hanging in over 500 homes throughout the country with a few even venturing abroad. Thank you all for supporting the venture, and a thank you also comes from the Farms for City Children Charity who have again benefited from your generosity, selling all the copies they ordered through their online shop, plus another £400 so far (cheques still arriving) from our sales.

I will shortly be making contact with our unsuspecting illustrators (although I think by now they will be 'suspecting') requesting artwork donations for the next edition – is it too early to actually say 2018? – Oops!

So Anne Marley and I will be in touch later in the year to confirm the line-up of luminaries. In the meantime enjoy the talents of Posy Simmonds, Arthur Robins, and Sir Quentin, and that's just for the start of 2017.

SLA Branch News

New Overseas Branch

In an effort to improve our services to members working around the globe we are pleased to inform you that the SLA now has a new Overseas Branch. This will operate as a 'virtual' branch, giving overseas members the opportunity of networking with one another via email. If you would like to sign-up, please contact Ann Adams at SLA HQ (ann.adams@sla.org.uk) who will email a quick authorisation form for you to complete. We look forward to your feedback on this new development.



Bookshop Spree

Siobhan Dowd Trust announces Bookshop Spree grants to continue in 2017 (and beyond)

In 2016, over 50 schools nationwide benefitted from the Siobhan Dowd Trust's bookshop grants. The idea was simple: tell the Trust what you do to encourage reading, with the winners awarded a grant for pupils to choose books from a local independent bookseller. We organised it regionally, and so far have worked with over 30 bookshops. This year instead of organising by region, we will organise it to give away £1,000 monthly. It still requires a simple email and is open to any group which works with disadvantaged young people (it's not just for schools, one lovely application came from the 45th cub scouts in the Ardoyne!).



How to apply:

Please send a short email to our director Kate Powling (director@siobhandowdtrust.com) explaining what you do to encourage a love of reading – small anecdotes about particular young readers can work well. We also need your school's FSM and PP figure. (A low number isn't necessarily a bad thing as we know those schools have less funding.)

We don't need: lots of educational information about progress – we know that's important, but we're more about the love of reading.

The Trust Chairman Tony Bradman said: 'The idea is very simple – a bookshop spree for pupils to experience and enjoy the art of browsing and feel a sense of ownership over the books chosen. The feedback we've had from schools and bookshops has been terrific, I'm delighted to announce we'll be extending this opportunity for the next 3 years.'

For more information, please see:

<http://siobhandowdtrust.com/teachers-and-librarians/>

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