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1. Review of the year

March: The Copy and Paste generation

City of London Freeman's Ashted

Consultant Sarah Pavey presented a condensed version of her day course for us. She covered key points which could be shared with teachers and students and alerted us to pitfalls.

A very useful and practical session, with activities to help reinforce good practice with students.

Sadly, numbers were rather low, given that this was a topic that members had requested.

Thanks to Sue Dawes for arranging for us to meet in her library.

March: SLA Regional Training Day

Mental Health and Wellbeing in a School Library setting

Epsom College

Trainer - Maz Udall from the Self Esteem Team.

With mental health issues in young people of increasing concern, Maz talked about her experiences of supporting young people and considered the role of the school library. A well-attended and practical day providing an insight into the issues, what signs to look for in students and a chance to share good practice.

Thanks to Sally Perry for hosting the day.

June: Children's and YA publishing – what's new! (plus AGM)

Heath Educational Books, Sutton

Speaker: Imogen Russell Williams, Children's Book Editor at The Guardian

An excellent meeting with a capacity audience of 25. Imogen was a real hit; inspiring and eloquent about the current scene in publishing. She provided a fascinating insight into children's literature and reading from her perspective.

Heath's showroom was open for us all afternoon and early evening for browsing and placing orders and the staff could not have been more helpful.

October: What's happening in the school library world?

Tolworth Girls' School, Kingston

A chance for members to meet Alison Tarrant, SLA Chief Executive. Alison gave an interesting overview of the current work of the SLA, the issues she is working on for us as members and how she is flying the flag for school libraries. A wide-ranging list of topics which takes her travelling round the country. Attendance was rather low, which may have been due to timing – November may be better when all the open evenings have finished.

Thanks to Irene Marillat for letting us meet in her library.

2. Statement of accounts

The balance at the end of the year was £470.70. Funding is received from SLA Central Office and can be claimed each year as required alongside a costed programme. An application for funds will be submitted for 2020.

3. Officers and committee for 2019/20

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| Chair | Anne Thompson |
| Secretary | Frances Stanbury |
| Treasurer | Irene Marillat |
| Committee | Cathi Woods. |

Anne was warmly welcomed as our new Chair.
Many thanks to all the committee for their input and support during the year.

We do need people to join our committee; it is enjoyable and we work as a team to plan and organise termly meetings for members.
Anyone interested should please contact Frances Stanbury.

4. Membership

Membership has reduced slightly and is about 120 members.

As always, do let us know if there are any topics you would like covered in future meetings, or if you have heard an author or speaker who you would recommend.

Some recent meetings have been poorly attended, which may be because of the topic or the timing – do let us know your views.

To enhance communication, a Twitter account for our branch has been set up, so do make use of it! Follow @SLA_UK_Surrey

Many thanks to those of you who have come to meetings this year and to those of you who have hosted meetings. The chance to chat to others and have a look around other school libraries is always a very valuable part of the meetings.

Anne Thompson
Chair

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