

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



It seems like an awfully long time since I wrote my first introduction to one of these newsletters and here I am writing my last! I am not really retiring as I have quite a few plans in development about my future in the children's book world, and in libraries, but I am 'leaving the day job' here at SLA. I have met so many wonderful people working in school libraries in my years here that I shall certainly miss, but I know that I will continue to see many of you in other places – so do keep in touch, and say hello!



Alison Tarrant

By the time you read this my successor, **Alison Tarrant**, will be here in the office ready to answer your queries, visit you in branches and throw herself even further into the world of the SLA. I know you will make her as welcome as you have made me over the years.

The Weekend Course in Glasgow is now ready for you to book – I do hope you are able to join us. It is called *Weavers of Dreams: Creativity and Imagination* and is based at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow. This is a lovely venue, and we have a super programme which I am sure you will thoroughly enjoy – as well as learning a lot too! (Details are enclosed with the Spring issue of *The School Librarian* and on the SLA website.)

Best wishes for the future.

Tricia Adams, Director



Chris Riddell's artwork

We are extremely grateful again to our President for providing our wonderful cover for *The School Librarian*. Chris Riddell is keen that the original of each of the illustrations used for the cover then finds a home in a school library. To be entered for a chance to win Chris's original artwork please send an email to our incoming Director (alison.tarrant@sla.org.uk) with a subject line 'School Librarian Covers' giving your name and address details – we will put all the entries into a hat and draw out one winner.

The winner of the draw for the Winter 2017 artwork is Nicola Bance at Bruton School for Girls in Somerset – a very special parcel is on its way to them! Good luck everyone!



SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the School Library Association will be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow, on Sunday 24 June 2018 at 9:00 am.

SLA Appointments

This year five members have been nominated for the five vacant places on the Board (Executive Committee) for 2018–2021. As a ballot is not required, the appointments will be confirmed at the SLA AGM on 24 June 2018.

Agnès Guyon's statement

- Senior Librarian - Schools and Young People's Services. I line manage the 6 school librarians in East Lothian and I am responsible for the service to schools (project and fiction boxes, training, Accelerated Reader etc...) as well as the YP portfolio for the public libraries.
- Past Chair of YLG (2015)
- Chair of CKG judges (2015)
- YLG Exhibition manager since 2013 (2018 is my last year)
- Member of UKLA: Led a group of teachers for the 2017 UKLA awards and now part of the longlisting group for the 2019 awards - teen section
- Regular reviewer for *The School Librarian*.

Nominated by: Amy McKay and Barbara Band

Joan Kelly's statement

B.A. degree in English & Philosophy from University College Dublin. Also, H.Dip. in Library & Information Science from UCD. I've worked in various businesses over the years - in PR in London (1987) and as Artist Representative in New York (1990-1993). I've been working as a school librarian for about ten years as job share and have been full-time in my current school for the last five years. Active on the SLARI Branch committee currently and in the past. Passionate about teens reading.

Nominated by: Joseph Peelo and Siobhán McNamara

Stephen Anthony King's statement

Since "seeing the light" in 2003 (gaining my MA (Librarianship) at the University of Sheffield in 2007), I have been a Public Library Counter Assistant, Mobile Library Assistant/Driver, Senior Library Assistant in Children's Services, and School Librarian, previously at Kilmarnock Academy, and for the last 7 years at The Duke of York's

Royal Military School in Dover. I was Vice-Convenor of SLA Scotland, and have been instrumental in launching Kent SLA, of which I am Chair. I'm passionate about literacy, and the relevance and importance of both School Libraries and all School Library staff: I will always "speak up and speak out" to defend and promote our profession. "Make us Statutory!" would definitely be my campaign slogan!

Nominated by: Beverley Humphrey and Rosalind Waltho

Ellen Krajewski's statement

I am a long serving school librarian with a commitment to advancing the profession. I have a proven record for establishing an outstanding student library assistant team, and have shown involvement in my profession by

- Being a Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Award Judge
- Involved with Eastern Youth Libraries Group
- On National School Libraries Group committee
- Helping to run Hertfordshire SLA Branch

I would be proud to represent members on the SLA Board.

Nominated by: Amy McKay and Joy Court

Lucas Maxwell's statement

I received a Masters of Library and Information Studies degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada in 2007 and have recently earned my Chartership through CILIP here in the UK. Before moving to the UK I worked for 4 years as a Teen Services Librarian at Halifax Public Libraries in Nova Scotia, Canada. I am currently the Librarian at Glenthorne High School in Sutton Surrey. In 2017 I was fortunate enough to be named SLA's School Librarian of the Year. I would be delighted to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the SLA.

Nominated by: Lesley Martin and Caroline Roche

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 24 June 2018. CHAIR: Lesley Martin; VICE CHAIR: Sue Bastone; TREASURER: Dawn Woods (co-opted as Treasurer for 2018–2019); PAST CHAIR: Annike Dase (an invitation to remain as Past Chair will follow at the Annual General Meeting).

Update on the SLA's Overseas Branch

We are pleased to report that our 'virtual' Overseas Branch is going from strength to strength and we currently have 72 people signed up from 32 different countries. Many of those involved have contacted us to say they have really valued the opportunity to network with colleagues working in overseas schools. Due to Data Protection legislation, members' details cannot be added to the Branch list automatically, therefore, if you are not currently signed-up and wish to have your name added, please contact Ann Adams at SLA HQ (ann.adams@sla.org.uk) so that she can send you the necessary authorisation form.

As a result of feedback from our Overseas Branch members we are hoping to introduce a dedicated Facebook page to make communication and the sharing of ideas easier. More information to follow!



Resources

Britannica

Britannica Digital Learning brings together a stack of educational resources that many schools and libraries would otherwise have to purchase individually. Britannica are offering this one-stop shop at a fraction of the cost of purchasing the services piece by piece.



Britannica Online is comprehensive, accessible and versatile combining a very stylish, user-friendly interface with high quality, interactive and lively content, this allows for curriculum engagement for all. As Britannica is not just a library resources but a valuable cross-curricula whole school curriculum engagement tool where unique URL's allow safe curriculum accessibility.



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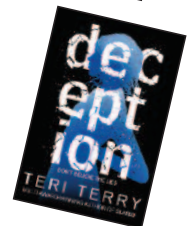
for primary schools or £995 for secondary schools.

Please contact Emma Cork for more information:
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Book Offer

Spread the Contagion...

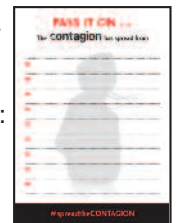
With the second book in Teri Terry's latest teen thriller trilogy publishing in just a few days, we have 35 copies of book one, **Contagion**, up for grabs. Not only that, we're offering a downloadable poster for your library, to help track the spread of the contagion as the book is passed from pupil to pupil...



Email Hachette now at education@hachettechildrens.co.uk to get your book and poster set – first come first served!

Dark Matter: Deception by Teri Terry came out on 8 February 2018. View Hachette's full range of fantastic teen fiction and non-fiction at www.hachetteschools.co.uk/catalogue/ or contact your Hachette Children's Group rep for more information.

Download the *Contagion* poster from Hachette: <https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Contagion-A4-Poster.pdf>



Launching 'Impact Through Reading' – From MLS

At BETT 2018 MLS launched their new Reading Cloud feature 'Impact Through Reading' aimed at driving up reading standards by giving parents, librarians and teachers a clear overview of each child's attitude to reading.

'Impact Through Reading' - pioneered by former SLA School Librarian of the Year Adam Lancaster – puts 'Reading for Pleasure' at the heart of reading improvement. We all know that reading is one of the most fundamental skills for young people to learn however without a love of reading it is incredibly difficult for anyone to improve. Impact Through Reading empowers librarians, teachers, parents and importantly young people by breaking down any barriers to reading that may exist. It helps guide and measure young people's journeys to becoming readers for pleasure and focusses resources in making sure they offer the right opportunities for reading to have an everlasting impact. So powerful was 'Impact Through Reading' that when Adam had a visit to his Hertfordshire secondary school from an Ofsted inspector, the work was quoted as 'Outstanding' – little wonder MLS have made Impact Through Reading available to all Reading Cloud customers!



Via the Impact Through Reading feature within The Reading Cloud, students are able to take an 'attitude to reading' survey which asks students key questions to understanding and measuring their overall attitude to reading, it's from these results teachers can target resources and interventions to drive improvements in an individual's reading ability. Parents also learn how they can play a key role in developing a love of reading for their child as well as receiving examples and ideas on which books will be relevant for their child. Crucially, it's the young people who will gain a whole new reading experience as they are able to access and receive rewards for their reading as they improve as well as receiving personalised recommendations from the Reading Cloud based on their interests.



The MLS Reading Cloud has long been in place to drive reading for pleasure for young people, empowering them to have access to reading resources be that in school, at home or on the move. With Impact Through Reading the Reading Cloud now delivers the evidence librarians and teachers need to draw parallels between reading for enjoyment and young people's success across the wider curriculum.



Find out more about Impact Through Reading and the Reading Cloud by visiting www.microlib.co.uk or phone – 0161 449 9357.

Poster Offer

Meet Judy Moody!



Bad moods, good moods, back-to-school moods – Judy has them all! Meet Judy Moody, her little ‘bother’ Stink, her best friend Rocky and her ‘pest’ friend Frank Pearl in the internationally bestselling series by Megan McDonald and Peter H. Reynolds. Packed with illustrations and bags of humour, these laugh-out-loud adventures are perfect for fans of Jacqueline Wilson’s younger fiction and Clarice Bean, and now come with a brand-new, better-than-best-ever cover look.



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

SLA Training

Regional Courses for Spring and Summer 2018

<i>Picture and Comic Books for All</i>	Stafford – 14 March
<i>Teaching Skills for School Library Staff</i>	Weybridge – 14 March
<i>Beyond Behaviour Management: An Introduction to Effective Engagement for Learning in the Secondary School Library</i>	Penrith – 26 April
<i>Beyond Behaviour Management</i>	Oakham – 17 May
<i>Teaching Skills for School Library Staff</i>	Warwick – 6 June

For full details and online booking, see www.sla.org.uk/training

SLA Mentoring

The SLA needs you!

Would you like to pass on your experience and knowledge to someone who is just beginning their Librarianship journey? If so, Jane Cooper (SLA Mentoring Scheme Coordinator) would love to hear from you (01793 401152 / jane.cooper@sla.org.uk). The Scheme is a virtual ‘buddying’ arrangement so it doesn’t matter where you are located in the country.



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Resources

30 books to boost empathy in 2018

Teachers and parents are increasingly concerned about the potentially empathy-draining effect of social media on children, and new pressures caused by societal divisions and the rise in hate crimes. To combat this,

EmpathyLab is harnessing the power of stories to build empathy, inspired by scientific evidence showing that reading can boost real-life empathy skills. EmpathyLab asked publishers to submit their best recently published children’s books with a strong empathy angle which have been listed in the **2018 Read for Empathy Guide**.

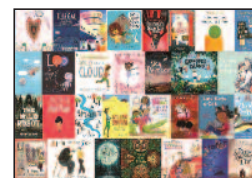
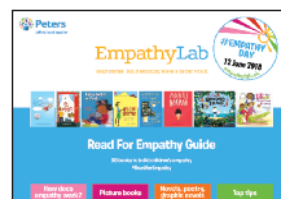
An expert panel has chosen thirty books to strengthen children’s ability to understand other people’s feelings and perspectives, spark insights into different lives and inspire them to put empathy into

action in their communities. A linked book collection for 4–11 year olds is now available from school and library book suppliers Peters. This is for parents, teachers and librarians to use in the run-up to **Empathy Day** on 12 June 2018, and beyond.

The Panel chose several strong titles which help children understand how others experience and manage their emotions, and others which illuminate the experiences of children facing challenging circumstances, such as deafness, autism or bereavement.

EmpathyLab is a new not-for-profit organisation passionate about the power of stories to build empathy and the power of empathy to make the world a better place: www.empathylab.uk

Order the **Read For Empathy** book collection online at www.peters.co.uk/empathy and enjoy 20% off plus a FREE set of bookmarks and a display poster. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Peters on 0121 666 6646 or email empathy@peters.co.uk



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