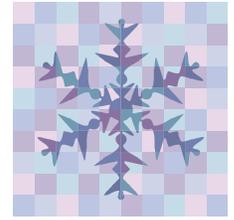




Media Matters



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Meet the Illustrator: Michael Austin



We recently filmed illustrator Michael Austin (*Martina the Beautiful Cockroach*, *Railroad John* and *the Red Rock Run*, *Late for School*, and many others) at his lovely home in Duluth for our next episode of **Georgia Read More**. *Railroad John* was read by Fred Newman, and we interviewed the author Tony Crunk for this latest edition to our literacy project.

Join the TIE Network –
GPB Needs YOU!
(see page 12 and 13 for
systems who still need a
member...or two or
three!)

Georgia Public Broadcasting



From ParaPro to Media Specialist: True Stories from the Library Media Centers of Georgia

I love my job – it is simply the best. I have been at Whitewater High School since it started, five years ago. When our school opened it was staffed almost entirely with faculty and staff that volunteered to work in the newest high school in Fayette County. One of the first things we learned about our school was that it was determined to be the best from the start. Our principal, Mr. Greg Stillions, has an annual faculty retreat to help us bond together and work outside our departments. We have climbed trees, gone on scavenger hunts, and whitewater rafted together. No one is left out. This is a great opportunity for the Media Specialist to mix with the total faculty. (See photo – yellow shirt is me!)

Whitewater started with just 9th grade and added a grade a year – we are now the largest school in the county with over 1700 students. Mr. Stillions has done great things with our school. He has embraced and supported the newest technologies. Representative of this forward thinking is the daily use of Interwrite pads with wireless connectivity in our classrooms, allowing for instant access to video, computer files and the Internet. When working with our classes, it is wonderful to be blend the high tech aspects used in education with traditional print and Internet research. As a Media Specialist we must always be looking for opportunities to integrate new technologies to improve ourselves, our faculty ,and our students.

I started as the Media Parapro, and one Masters and one Ed.S. later I work alongside Mr. Kelly Baker, the original Media Specialist. I remember when I left my airline job to raise a family, I volunteered in the school media center. I was soon working as a media parapro and then made the decision to make media my career. I couldn't be happier.

Gail L Harrell

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Media Specialist

Whitewater High School



Have a story to share? Send it to Judy Serritella at jserrite@doe.k12.ga.us

Thanks to **Doug Johnson** and **Linworth Publishing** for permission to reprint Doug's article "No Principal Left Behind" from his *Head for the Edge* column, March 2003.

Doug has 10 tips for the school Library Media Specialist to help inform and educate your school administrator about good school libraries and the positive impact they can have on students. You will find one tip each month in this newsletter.

Tip #5.

Try to speak on behalf of a group, not just for yourself.



Principals really listen to the comments of parents and community members. (Ever notice how it only takes three concerned citizens at a school board meeting to change a policy?) If you can submit the library goals and objectives, the budget, or program initiatives on behalf of an advisory group that includes parents and community members, you are more likely to be taken seriously.

See <<http://www.doug-johnson.com/dougwri/advisory-advice.html>> for some ideas about library advisory groups.

There are only two ways to live your life.
One is as though nothing is a miracle. The
other is as though everything is a miracle.

Albert Einstein



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Exemplary Library Media Programs Open Houses

Meadowcreek ES Open House will be March 26, 4-6PM

Hahira Middle School Open House will be on December 9th from 1 until 5 PM.

Contact Debra Martin or Heather Morin for more information.

dmartin@lowndes.k12.ga.us
hmorin@lowndes.k12.ga.us

Mill Creek and North Gwinnett High Schools will have their Open Houses on February 27th. 9:30-1:30



Middle School Media Specialists presented at the recent GaETC. The room was packed for the Exemplary presentations!

Debra Martin, Heather Morin, and Pam Murphy.



Whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer him with love.

Mahatma Gandhi



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

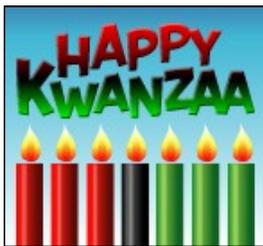
Francis P. Church

GaDOE List Service

Are you a member of the GaDOE List Service? If not, you may want to consider joining so you won't be left out on grants, workshops, newsletters, job opportunities and more. Send a blank email to:

Join-doemedia@list.doe.k12.ga.us

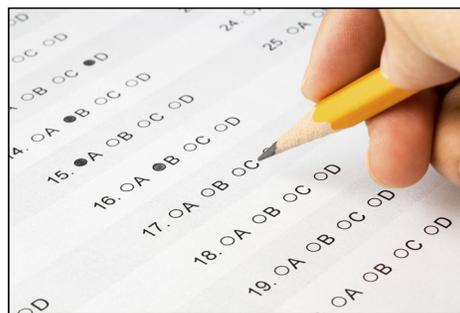
If you are a member but haven't been receiving messages, you might want to check the status of your membership. Some systems have blocked email from the list so if you think you are not receiving messages, you might want to check with your central office technology specialists.



The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.

Theodore M. Hesburgh

SAT Online is a web-based tutorial the state of Georgia makes available to all students grades 9-12, high school teachers, **media specialists**, counselors, and administrators. SAT Online gives students access to six practice SATs and provides students with explanations of answers to all questions in the online course. Plus, the program allows students to work through 18 interactive lessons which cover the SAT math, critical reading, and writing sections. The lessons feature interactive activities and multimedia content. The lessons are accompanied with practice quizzes. All quizzes, essays, and online tests in the program are computer scored, immediately. Students receive scores and detailed personalized feedback within seconds.



Educators may receive student, class, and school reports to follow students' progress in SAT Online. The detailed reports provide educators with views at item, quiz, and test levels.

All of our media specialists may establish SAT Online accounts as educators, by requesting a teacher activation code. To request a code, email satonlinecourseschool@collegeboard.com.

Upon receipt of your code, go to www.satonlinecourseschool.com. On the right-hand side of the web page in the "Educators" section, click on "**Register Now!**"

On the next web page, enter the activation code and the six digit College Board testing code for the high school .

Each code may be used only once by an individual teacher.

Once you have successfully created an Educator account, you can proceed to The Official SAT Online Course. On all subsequent visits, you will use the username and password you created. With your educator account, you can print activation codes for students by entering SAT Online, clicking on the Class Management Tab. On the Class Management web page, look to the left-hand side and click on Manage Student Accounts. This option will let you print activation codes for students.

Students follow the same registration process as educators, but must register under the "student" section on the homepage of SAT Online.

Questions? Contact the SAT support unit at GaDOE:

Georgia McSwain, gmcswain@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-657-9799; or
Bonnie Marshall, bmarshall@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-656-6854.

The Karkowska Sisters Duo's Educational Outreach Programs

DESCRIPTION:

A workshop & concert for students to teach them appreciation of music in the context of different times, cultures and art's movements. The goal is to establish a connection between contemporary world reflected in every school's daily schedule and the fine arts.

Presentation of classical music is to be enhanced by personal stories of the struggle and success that will connect with students' own experiences and encourage them to shape their own destiny.

Karkowska Sisters teach through entertainment, their programs include lots of laughter and fun in order to build a better and quicker connection with the young audience.

The Duo presents many interesting programs for the different age groups introducing to classical music from *Music for Everyone* through interdisciplinary *With the Bow and Brush* (illustrating basic techniques of *Correspondence Des Arts*) to master classes for any level of instrumental advancement.

The Duo has already lectured and performed for over one hundred thousand younglisteners in United States to great success!

Educated at the most prestigious music institutions (the Juilliard and Chopin Academy)the sisters are finding new ways of reaching the young public with overwhelming results:

EXERCISES PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM

(Optional):

1. Two weeks prior to KS Duo's program it's highly recommended to expose students to short (2-4 minutes) listening exercises choosing pieces considered to be "classical music easy" i.e.: George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, Manuel de Falla's *El Amor Brujo*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Overture to *La Nozze di Figaro*.
 2. Listening should be also an exercise in practicing good concert manners stressing the importance of an audience to the live performance.
- After the concert the KS Duo will hand out exercises to follow their performance. Their type will be determined during the performance to answer the precise needs of the young public in question.

ksduo@karkowskaduo.org

Registration for the **40th Annual Children's Literature Conference**, to be held in Athens GA, on March 6-7, 2009 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, is now available.



This year's conference features **Caralyn** and **Mark Buehner**, winner of the 2008 Children's Picture Storybook Award for *Superdog: The Heart of a Hero*; **Bryan Collier**, winner of the Caldecott Honor Medal for *Rosa* (2006) and *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* (2002); **Paul Janeczko**, author of *A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems*, *Birds on Wire*, and *Wing Nuts*; **Gail Carson Levine**, winner of the Newbery Honor Medal for *Ella Enchanted* (1998); **Peter Sis**, winner of the Caldecott Honor Medal for *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* (2008), *Tibet Through the Red Box* (1999), and *Starry Messenger* (1997).

Four ways to register:

Online at: http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/conferences/2009/Mar/06/child_lit.shtml

By Mail: 40th Annual Conference on Children's Literature- (#57131) Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 30602-3603

By Phone: 706-542-2134 or 800-884-1381

By Fax: 706-542-6596 or 800-884-1419

You can also register through accessing the GCBA website at: <http://www.coe.uga.edu/gcba/conference/attend.html>

Thank you for joining us and please bring a friend.

We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own.

Ben Sweetland



GLMA Mable Wyche Underwood Grants

The GLMA Mable Wyche Underwood Grants are available for the 2009-2010 school year. You can find the application on the GLMA website under Awards and Grants (<http://www.glma-inc.org>). This is a great opportunity to fund an idea that will help you have an exemplary program in your media center. The grant application is only one and a half pages long.

Grants are judged on six criteria:

Quality

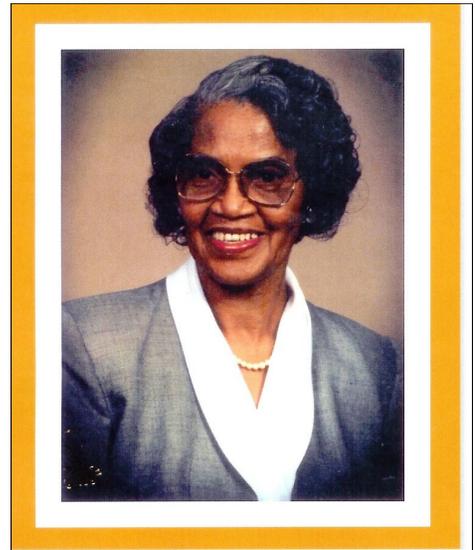
Innovativeness

Clear objective

Benefit of project to students

Budget

Evaluation plan



Mable Wyche Underwood

Three grants will be awarded in the amount of \$300 - \$500.
The deadline for submitting the application is May 15, 2009.

In order to apply for a grant, you must be a current GLMA member and have been a GLMA member last year as well. Grant recipients must agree to participate in a concurrent workshop along with other grant recipients at a COMO convention to share the merits of their projects.

Joan Abraham, NBCT
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Whether it's the
best of times or
the worst of
times, it's the
only time we've
got.

Art Buchwald



Are You Our Next Library Media Specialist of the Year?

Do you think you have what it takes to be Georgia's next Library Media Specialist of the Year? Are you a member of GLMA or GAIT? Do you collaborate regularly with your teachers and come up with great programs? Does your library program help boost student achievement at your school? Have you connected with your school's community and involve parents & families with your media center? Go ahead and toot your own horn, ladies and gentlemen! Visit the Georgia Library Media Association web page and [download the 2009 application for LMSOTY](#). Then check with your system's coordinator or your District Chairperson to check on local deadlines that may already be in place.



Here's the 411:

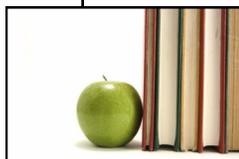
- 1) Each school system will have to select a date for their application deadline in order to get their system winner's application to the GLMA office by **April 1, 2009**. There should be a committee in place at the system level to select a Library Media Specialist of the Year and then appropriately recognize the winner. Check with your System Coordinator or veteran colleagues if you are unsure of your system's process and deadlines.
- 2) The system applications must be at the GLMA office by **April 1, 2009** so that they can be forwarded to the District chairpersons for the selection of the District LMSOTY.
- 3) The District LMSOTY committee must have their final selection made and to the GLMA LMSOTY Chairperson for selection of the State winner at the Summer Conference. The GLMA Chairperson will head a committee of GLMA and GAIT representatives for this final judging.
- 4) You **MUST** be a current member of GLMA or GAIT to be considered for this honor. Applicants without membership in one or both organizations will not be considered.

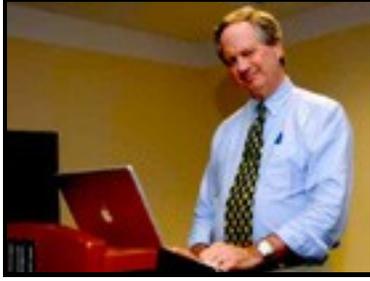
Don't go through life being an unsung hero! Share your successes! If you think you've got what it takes (and you probably do), visit the [GLMA Website](#) today, download your application, and get started! You may just have the best program in the State!

Marie Salter
Media Specialist
West Town Elementary School

The library is the temple of learning,
and learning has liberated more
people than all wars in
history.

Carl Rowan





Columbus State University will be hosting **Dr. Jamie McKenzie** for a full-day workshop on **January 14th** from 9 am - 4 pm. This hands-on workshop will concentrate on "**Designing Digital Lessons**" and "**Strategies for Blending Demanding Questions in Daily Lessons.**" Participants will be utilizing Classroom Performance Systems to

incorporate the lessons from this seminar into effective formative assessments.

Dr. Jamie McKenzie is an international speaker with a focus on questioning, thinking skills, information literacies and the smart use of new technologies. His work takes him from Singapore to Sweden and inspires teachers to challenge students at a high level of rigor.

Jamie is the Editor of "From Now On - The Educational Technology Journal," a publication with some 8,000 subscribers, a third of which are from outside North America. He also publishes "The Question Mark," a journal devoted to effective questioning and thinking.

Jamie has published and spoken extensively on teaching and learning strategies designed to transform classrooms to support student centered, engaged learning.

You can learn more about this workshop at: <http://fno.org/atlanta.html#5>

You can register at: <http://cctl.colstate.edu/offerings/instructional/default.asp#mckenzie>

Seating is limited, so register early!

Date: January 14, 2009

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 PM

Audience: All Educators

Location Columbus State University
Cunningham Conference Center
Columbus, Georgia

Format: I-Day Workshop

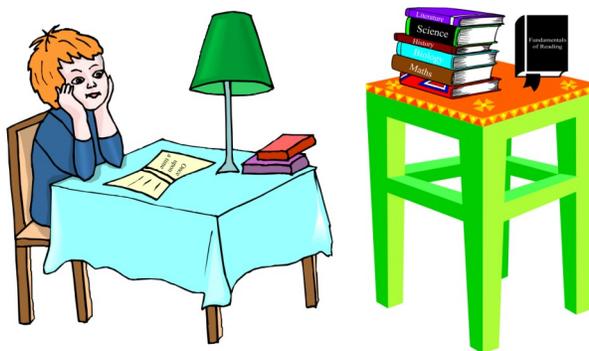
Cost: \$150.00

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GEORGIA READING ASSOCIATION

28th Annual Reading Conference

Read with Purpose



The Omni Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia
March 1-3, 2009

2009 Georgia Reading Association Annual Convention

The Georgia Reading Association will host its Annual Convention March 1-3 at the Omni Hotel, CNN Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme of the convention is "Reading with Purpose". Join the hundreds of literacy leaders and reading professionals who will share with educators at every level their research and teaching experience.

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Robert Cooter

University of Memphis

Editor *The Reading Teacher Journal* and Renowned Author

Dr. Joyce Many

Georgia State University

Professor and Coordinator of Georgia's Reading Consortia and Author

Steve Swinburn

Stephen R. Swinburne has turned his personal enjoyment of nature and photography into a series of books on wildlife for children.

The proposal can be found on www.georgiareading.org. Submit your proposal to Dr. Sallie Averitt Miller at miller_sallie@colstate.edu.

GPB TIE Network Statewide Membership Update

Since the beginning of November, the TIE Network has grown to **1,087** members statewide and includes public and private K-12 classroom teachers, professors of education, pre-service teachers, media specialists, instructional technology specialists, counselors, graduation coaches, RESA personnel, ETC personnel, etc. While **150 (82.87%)** of the **181** school districts in the state of Georgia are currently participating in the TIE Network, **our goal is to reach 100% involvement by December 31, 2008.**

The map below shows GPB TIE Network membership across the state of Georgia with participating districts colored in green. The list below is getting shorter and shorter on a daily basis, and we're closing in on our 100% district participation goal. Help us fill in your county or school district by joining today!



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The TIE Network

We're still looking for members in the 31 school districts listed below:

Bacon County
 Bleckley County
 Buford City
 Burke County
 Butts County
 Chattahoochee County
 Chickamauga City
 Clay County
 Commerce City
 Crawford County
 Dade County
 Dodge County
 Dooly County
 Early County
 Echols County
 Emanuel County
 Haralson County
 Jeff Davis County
 Marion County (joined!)
 Oglethorpe County (joined!)
 Peach County
 Pelham City
 Randolph County
 Taliaferro County
 Taylor County
 Trion City
 Turner County
 Walker County
 Wheeler County
 Wilcox County
 Worth County

Please tell your colleagues in neighboring districts about the TIE Network so we can reach our end-of-the-year goal of 100% district participation!



Thank you to the following educators who have become the FIRST TIE Network members in their individual school districts

Ben Hill County - Angela Booth

Brantley County - Gail Barker

Calhoun City - Sylvia Brumbelow

Charlton County - Judy Weegar

Chattooga County - Leann Lowry

Jenkins County - Sylvia Gay

Morgan County - Lisa Adams

Pike County - Karen Merrick

Polk County - Monica Damron

Webster County - Marcia Roberts

Wilkes County - Beth Jackson

Wilkinson County - Felicia Cummings

Why Books Make the Best Presents!

1. Books don't need to be assembled before being given.
2. Books don't need batteries.
3. Books never come in the wrong color or size
4. Books don't need to be serviced by a dealer
5. Books don't need spare parts
6. Books are easier to wrap than footballs
7. Books look good with any decor.
8. Books don't need watering or fertilizing
9. Books don't irritate your allergies
10. Books don't go out of style
11. Books don't get aphids or draw ants
12. Books don't bark or need to be walked in the middle of the night.
13. Books don't stretch, shrink, or fade
14. Books don't need extension cords
15. Books won't scratch the coffee table
16. Books don't get stale before they arrive
17. Books never need ironing
18. Books don't have zippers that break.
19. Books can be used over and over by many people
20. When you are finished with a book, it is not empty.
21. A book is a gift you can open again and again and again.



GALILEO Online Classes

There is space available in several GALILEO online classes scheduled in December. There is no cost and no travel time, so joining in a class is easy.

For some classes, you will need a computer and a phone, but for most you will just need a computer with internal or external speakers.

Many individual libraries or departments have found it useful to set up a lab or meeting room with speakers/speaker phone and a projection screen so that several staff can attend together. Specific instructions for connecting to classes will be sent before the class date. Certificates of participation are sent to everyone who attends a class.

A summary of the classes offered is listed below. To register for a class, visit <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/library/training/>.

December 9--Current Contents Connect

December 10--Britannica for Public Libraries

December 10--Britannica for Elementary Schools

December 11--Britannica for Academic Libraries

December 11--Britannica for Middle and High School

If you have any questions or need more information, please use GALILEO's Contact Us feature or contact OIIT Customer Services at helpdesk@usg.edu.

These classes are offered through GALILEO/Board of Regents.



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It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.
Antoine de Saint-Exupery