



# Media Matters

A newsletter for people who care about Library Media Programs



## Dr. John Barge Becomes Georgia's 21<sup>st</sup> State School Superintendent



**January 10, 2011** – Dr. John D. Barge was sworn into office today as Georgia's 21<sup>st</sup> State School Superintendent. A life-long public school educator, Dr. Barge brings years of experience and common sense approaches to improving Georgia's schools.

"It's an honor and privilege to serve as State School Superintendent," said Superintendent Barge. "I am excited about this new challenge and will hit the ground running to build a strong foundation to positively benefit our students, teachers and communities. As a parent with a child in public schools and as one who has served at virtually every level in public education, I am keenly aware of the challenges we face as a state and the challenges our students, teachers and local administrators are facing. I am committed to ensuring that the Georgia Department of Education is a service agency and is communicating directly with educators in our local districts. "

Prior to his becoming State School Superintendent, Dr. Barge served as the Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction with the Bartow County School System.

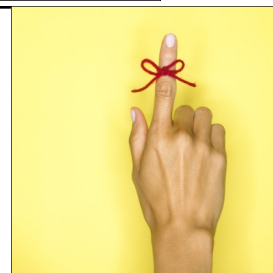
Dr. John Barge was born and raised in Cobb County, Georgia, graduated from Campbell High School in 1984, and attended Berry College in Rome, Georgia on academic and journalism scholarships where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1988.

Dr. Barge has earned three advanced degrees, a master's degree and a specialist's degree from the State University of West Georgia and his doctorate degree in educational leadership from the University of Georgia. In his 20 years in education, Dr. Barge has served as a high school English teacher, middle school Spanish teacher, assistant principal, and principal. He also served as the State Director of Career, Technical and Agriculture Education for the Georgia Department of Education. John has been recognized as a STAR teacher in 1996, as Georgia's Assistant Principal of the Year in 2001, and received the Berry College Alumni Association's Distinguished Achievement Award in 2005.

John and his wife Loraine, long-time Floyd County residents, have been married for 19 years. They have a 14 year-old daughter who attends public school in Floyd County.

## Emails

Please remember that when replying to an email it is a good idea to edit your subject line so it is more specific to your comment or questions. For example: if the email is from someone and the subject is **book banning** and you reply to the sender with an invitation to a party...change the subject in your new email from **Censorship** to **Celebration**. The receiver is more likely to open and read the email.



It is always a good idea to include a subject heading in your email. Messages without a subject may not get read.



### ALA recognizes four library programs as top cutting-edge services in second annual contest

WASHINGTON, D.C.– The American Library Association (ALA) Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) has selected programs at Creekview High School in Canton, Ga.; Orange County Library System in Orlando, Fla.; North Carolina State University Libraries in Raleigh, N.C.; and OhioLINK in Columbus, Ohio, as the winners of the association's second contest to honor cutting-edge technologies in library services.

In October 2010, OITP and the subcommittee for its [Program on America's Libraries for the 21st Century \(AL21C\)](#) issued its call for nominations for best library practices using cutting-edge technology to showcase libraries that are serving their communities with novel and innovative methods. Last year, [three libraries](#) were cited for their outstanding work.

"This year's winners represent thoughtful and creative engagement with technology trends, including smartphone applications, user-centered Web design, cloud-computing and digital repositories," said Christine Lind Hage, director, Rochester Hills Public Library, who chaired the selection committee and chairs the AL21C subcommittee.

"The selection committee reviewed many submissions, but these four projects stood out because they could be replicated by other libraries."

About the Winners:

#### • The Unquiet Library, Creekview High School Media Center in Canton, Ga.

The school librarian and sophomore English teacher at Creekview High School collaborated to create a semester-long participatory learning experience using social media and cloud computing to cultivate collective knowledge building and inquiry. Using tools ranging from Netvibes to Evernote to Google Sites, students blogged, contributed to group wikis, used social bookmarking, developed learning/research portfolios and presented learnings in ways that demonstrated an ethical use of information and licensed media. The program also was evaluated in terms of meeting Georgia Performance Standards and the American Association of School Librarian's Standards for 21st Century Learners. For more information: <http://theunquietlibrarian.wikispaces.com/media21capstone-buffy>

The remainder of the article may be found online at:  
<http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=5958>

Hurrah for Buffy and Roxanne!



Looking for Georgia authors? Take a look at a few of the resources in GALILEO that can help.

The **New Georgia Encyclopedia** offers articles about many Georgia authors. Just browse through the Literature section to **General Topics** to find an **overview of literature in Georgia** as well as a list of **Georgia authors** and **Georgia works**.

Several articles include video clips of the authors as well as links to additional resources. Also, check out the **12 Great Works of Georgia Fiction** feature for a quick list of famous works about Georgia. **GeorgiaInfo** also includes a **Georgia Authors** page. Some of these links go to the New Georgia Encyclopedia article, but some go to the author's site, while a couple of links, such as those for **Sidney Lanier** and **Margaret Mitchell**, provide additional resources.

The **Digital Library of Georgia** is a good place to look for historical images and other items about Georgia authors. For example, a search for **Joel Chandler Harris** or **Corra Harris** reveals an image of the author's home and links to the full text of some of his or her works. The **Reference Shelf** section of the Digital Library of Georgia includes a short list of **Georgia authors** with links to their **Georgia Writers Hall of Fame** entries as well as the full text of a few chapters of **Georgia Authors 2002: A Reference Work**, which offers lists of nationally recognized Georgia authors, African American authors of Georgia, and Georgia authors who have published children's books.

Other language arts resources, such as NoveList and Literary Reference Center, include information about Georgia authors, although there isn't an easy way to limit searches to Georgia authors. A search for an author name or title of the work in **Literary Reference Center** generally provides biographical information and reviews of works as well as literary criticism. In some cases, you may also find full-text classics, generally for works in the public domain. Finally, while you can't limit your search just to authors from Georgia, you can limit your search to works set in Georgia. Just go to the Advanced Search page, leave the search box blank, and type Georgia in the Literary Locale field (you'll need to scroll down to see it).

**NoveList** also includes book reviews and recommendations for fiction by Georgia authors. Just search by the author or the title of the work to see these. Also, a **search for Georgia** will provide results that mention Georgia in the book information, and, by choosing the setting in the Location section on the left of the NoveList screen, you can further limit the search to places in Georgia. Finally, although these lists aren't limited to Georgia authors, NoveList includes a list of several Georgia book awards, such as the Georgia Children's Book Award for **Children's Books** and **Picture Storybooks** and the **Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers**.

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The **Kennesaw State University Annual Conference on Literature for Children & Young Adults** is looking for presenters and attendees!

Wed., March 30, 2011 (Elementary Focus)

Thurs., March 31, 2011 (Middle/Secondary Focus)

Theme: New Literacies for a Diverse World

Speakers/Authors: Joseph Bruchac, Matt Novak, Phil Bildner, Taylor, Mali, and Matt de la Pena

For more information: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/eece/childlit/>

Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. ~Kenyan Proverb



## **GALILEO Resources Bring Black History Alive**

Don't forget **GALILEO** as you prepare for black history studies in the classroom. In subscription databases and in the Digital Library of Georgia and the Civil Rights Digital Library, you will find original film footage, photographs, biographies, and more to engage your students in the movements, events, and people who are key to black history.

### **Civil Rights Digital Library**

<http://crdl.usg.edu/>

The CRDL includes a digital video archive of historical news film allowing learners to be nearly eyewitnesses to key events of the Civil Rights Movement. The CRDL is also a portal to content on the Movement across the nation. A collection of Educator Resources is included.

### **Digital Library of Georgia**

<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=dlg1>

Databases in the DLG include photograph collections, historical newspapers, and primary source materials. Browse by Peoples and Cultures, your county, Collections A-Z, or other indexes to find content appropriate to your curriculum.

### **Britannica Encyclopedias**

<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zebs>

In any of the grade-level encyclopedia home pages, click spotlights then select Encyclopaedia Britannica's Guide to Black History for biographies, a timeline, audio and film clips and more. Take a look at the other spotlights while you're there. These collections include a wealth of material on topics popular in all grade levels.

### **NoveList K-8 and NoveList**

<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zkne>

<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zknl>


Use advanced search to search for authors by cultural or national identity. Also take advantage of subject terms, reading and Lexile levels, and other tools to create bibliographies to attract all ages and topics.

### **GALILEO Training**

Upcoming sessions include black history resources; Zotero for citations; enhancing student media projects with GALILEO content; science, math, language arts, and social studies resources in Britannica; and much more. All sessions are free and open to all educators. Visit the GALILEO training site to register:

<http://help.galileo.usg.edu/librarians/training/online/>

In December you were asked to share your favorite book read in 2010. Some of you shared an adult book, some shared a children's book, some didn't share their school name...and some of you shared more than one title. But there were no wrong answers.. I just wanted to know what you read and enjoyed. So here is your reading list for 2011. Happy Reading!

<i>Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter</i> by Seth Grahame-Smith	Glovis South	
<i>An Altar in the World</i> by Barbara Brown Taylor	Tommy Tatum	
<i>Angel Light</i> by Andrew Greeley	Lori McCall	
<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i> by Garth Stein	Pat Wall	
<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i> by Garth Stein	Lynn Dye	
<i>The Book Whisperer</i> by Donalyn Miller	Dianne Dees	
<i>The Book Whisperer</i> by Donalyn Miller	Ellen Reagin	
<i>Clockwork Angel</i> by Cassandra Clare	Karen White	
<i>Daring Young Men: The Heroism and Triumph of The Berlin Airlift, June 1948 - May 1949</i> by Richard Reeves	Sandy Spruill	
<i>Dewey : The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World</i> by Harlan Coben	Linda Williams	
<i>Diary of a Wimpy kid: the ugly truth</i> by Jeff Kinney	Pat Bell	
<i>The Doomsday Book</i> by Connie Willis	Amy Hayes	
<i>The Dork Diaries</i> by Rachel Russell	Sherry Windle	
<i>Dr. Tatiana's Sex Advice for All Creation</i> by Olivia Judson	Christine Miller	
<i>Each Little Bird that Sings</i> by Deborah Wiles	Lynn Bradley	
<i>Eat, Pray, Love</i> by Elizabeth Gilbert	Cheryl Goff	
<i>Eleven</i> by Patricia Reilly Giff	Barbara Long	
<i>Extra Credit</i> by Andrew Clements	Lydia Brantley	
<i>Found</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix	Jasmine McMillan	
<i>Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism</i> by Susan Jacoby.	Jim Randolph	
<i>The Garden of Eve</i> by K.L. Going.	Laura Tant	

<i>Ghost Soldiers: The Epic Account of World War II's Greatest Rescue Mission by Hampton Sides</i>	Kenneth Blum
<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry	Ruthie Hite
<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeanette Walls.	Ann Dietrich
<i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> by Shaffer and Barrows	Cheryl Youse
<i>Guji Guji</i> by Chih-Yuan Chen	Cariel Lancaster
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Trish Vlastnik
<i>The Help</i> by Katherine Stockett	Marsha Hunter
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Doreen Smith
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Jennifer Harkleroad
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Lisa Smith
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Betsy Razza
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Sayra Stone-Harris
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Alice Harvard
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Cheryl Early
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Beth Shoemaker
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Lisa Smith
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Alicia G. Moree
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Sayra Stone-Harris
<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	Belinda Chaney
<i>How Full Is Your Bucket?</i> by Tom Rath	Lydia Piper
<i>How to Say Goodbye in Robot</i> by Natalie Standford	Lori Shiver
<i>The Hunger Games Series</i> by Suzanne Collins	Holly Gougeon
<i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins	Christi Badowski
<i>Shiver</i> by Maggie Stiefvater	Nicole Lukkarinen

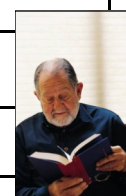




<i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins	Bobbie Strickland	
<i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins	Ginni Edwards	
<i>The Hunger Games Series</i> by Suzanne Collins	Mary Dean	
<i>The Hunger Games</i> trilogy by Suzanne Collins	Misty Jones	
<i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins	Janice Kelley	
<i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins	Anne West	
<i>Hush, Hush</i> written by Becca Fitzpatrick	Linda Burnette	
<i>In the Morning: Reflections from First Light</i> by Phillip Lee Williams.	Jamie Joyner	
<i>It's Christmas, David</i> by David Shannon	Charlene P. Stavelly	
<i>Kushiel's Dart</i> by Jacqueline Carey	Tommy Tatum	
<i>Lightning Thief</i> series by Rick Riordan	Kimberly Ramsey	
<i>Little Brother</i> by Cory Doctorow	Roberta "Robbie" Barber	
<i>Lockdown : escape from Furnace 1</i> by Alexander Gordon Smith	Stephanie Conley	
<i>Making haste from Babylon</i> by Nick Bunker	Jennifer Harkleroad	
<i>Martina the beautiful cockroach</i> by Carmen Deedy	Jermiah A. Jones	
<i>Mennonite in a little black dress: a memoir of going home</i> by Rhoda Janzen	Connie Van Brackle	
<i>The Millennium</i> series by Stieg Larsson	Paula Shuff	
<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i> by Trenton Lee Stewart	Gail Barker	
<i>Muchacho</i> by Louanne Johnson	Rebecca Amerson	
<i>The Name of the Wind</i> by Patrick Rothfuss.	Lisa Adams	
<i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia	Anne McLeod	
<i>Opening to Inner Light: The Transformation of Human Nature and Consciousness</i> by Ralph Metzner	Dale Lyles	



<i>Out of my Mind</i> by Sharon Draper	Denise Borck
<i>Out of my Mind</i> by Sharon Draper	Andy Plemmons
<i>The Overton Window</i> by Glenn Beck	Debbie Smith
<i>The Red Umbrella</i> by Christina Diaz Gonzalez	Myra Springfield
<i>Ruby's Wish</i> by Shirlin Bridges	Christine Bunn
<i>Sarah's Key</i> by Tatiana de Rosnay	Jessica Karp
<i>Scumble</i> by Ingrid Law	Sylvia Gaillard
<i>Secret Sanction</i> by Brian Haig	Kathy Bonnell
<i>A Simple Christmas</i> by Mike Huckabee	Cindy Mailey
<i>Song of Ice and Fire</i> series by George R.R. Martin	Tera Fulmer
<i>South of Broad</i> by Pat Conroy	Phyllis Autry
<i>South of Broad</i> by Pat Conroy	Ruth Molaes
<i>Speak</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson	Christie Clements
<i>The true Saint Nicholas: why he matters to Christmas</i> by William J. Bennett	J.. Nick Hopper
<i>The Twelfth Imam</i> by Joel Rosenberg	Cissie Burley
<i>The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration</i> by Isabel Wilkerson	Jamie Jones
<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee	Melissa Camp
<i>Unlocked</i> by Karen Kingsbury	Shan Peters
<i>Washington: A Life</i> by Ron Chernow	Marsha Hunter
<i>Water For Elephants</i> by Sara Gruen	Kim Marshall
<i>Water for Elephants</i> by Sara Gruen	Naomi Craver
<i>We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes</i> by Patrick Jennings	Jennifer Burke
<i>Wolf Hall</i> by Hilary Mantel	Becky Robinson



Didn't submit your favorite book? It's not too late. We can include an addendum in the next issue.

Send an email with your name, name of the book AND the author to: [jserrite@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jserrite@doe.k12.ga.us)



Our lists are always interesting and varied. Your title can be any genre, any format, any age level, any copyright date....the only rule is that you read it in 2010.

I guess my next book is *The Help*.

## Young Georgia Author's Writing Competition

The Georgia Department of Education is sponsoring the YGA Competition again this year. There was some discussion about cancelling this program because of the lack of staff, but it was decided to carry on with this project. Information has been sent to all English Language Arts Coordinators and you can find details at:

[http://www.gadoe.org/ci\\_services.aspx?PageReq=CIServEnglish](http://www.gadoe.org/ci_services.aspx?PageReq=CIServEnglish)

### Young Georgia Authors' Writing Competition

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the students who participated in this year's Young Georgia Authors' Writing Competition. We had many engaging and well-written entries. Please click on the link below to see the list of names for 2009-2010 winners. You may access the official rules for the 2010-2011 competition by clicking on the links below. We again look forward to many outstanding entries from our young Georgia writers!

- [2010-2011 Official Rules Booklet](#)
- [2010-2011 Registration Sheet Word Document](#)
- [2009-2010 State and RESA Winners](#)
- [2009-2010 scans of writings for first place Winners at the State Level](#)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. ~Margaret Meade

## From UGA



If you are interested in hearing from some of the nation's top authors of children's books (including Alma Flor Ada, M.T. Anderson, Karen Beaumont, Gail Gibbons, and Mary Downing Hahn) and attending other engaging and informative sessions, don't forget to register for the **42nd Annual Children's Literature**

**Conference.** The conference is to be held in Athens GA, on

March 4-5, 2011 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. For general information about the Georgia Book Award Program and the conference, please go to: <http://www.coe.uga.edu/gcba/>. For more detailed information regarding the conference, please go to:

<http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/cch/register/42nd-annual-conference-children-s-literature>.

The complete conference program is also available at

<http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/sites/default/files/child-lit-brochure.pdf>.

Four ways to register:

**Online at:**

<http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/cch/register/42nd-annual-conference-children-s-literature>

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

You can also print the form available at

<http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/sites/default/files/child-lit-reg-form.pdf>  
and mail it or fax it.

**By Mail:**

Annual Conference on Children's Literature – #69174

The Georgia Center

The University of Georgia's Conference Center & Hotel

1197 South Lumpkin Street

Athens, Georgia 30602-3603

**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.

The theme for the **Union Elementary** (Paulding County) Book Fair was “Creatures of the Night”. Students learned about nocturnal animals when the Atlanta Zoo came to visit on Book Fair preview day.



Before the Book Fair, students created nocturnal animal art projects. The winner of the “Creatures of the Night” contest received a \$50.00 gift card to use at the Union Elementary Book Fair! Below left is the winning entry – a white owl by Liz Robinson.



Creative nocturnal animal art projects decorated the media center beautifully for the Book Fair.



Students and adults loved the “nocturnal animal snack room”!



Kohl's Cares volunteers donate their time to help us at the Book Fair. We also receive a grant for \$500.00 just because Kohl's cares volunteers come to help out!



## Be A Part of the Georgia Outdoors Earth Day Video Contest

"We're taking a fresh look at Georgia," **Georgia Outdoors** host Sharon Collins says of the Telly Award winning series, which premieres its 19<sup>th</sup> season in April. Each week, viewers get an amazing view of all that Georgia has to offer through spectacular photography and narrative storytelling that showcases wildlife, plants, and other aspects of the state's natural beauty. And now, viewers have a chance to be a part of the series by submitting their work to the **Georgia Outdoors Earth Day Video Contest**.



"Part of what we're trying to do with **Georgia Outdoors** is to raise people's awareness of what they can experience in their own backyards," Collins says. "We hope viewers will follow our lead and spend their weekends and vacations in the natural playgrounds of our environment, whether they shoot a video on an unmarked trail or in their backyard."

Since joining **Georgia Outdoors** as the host, executive producer and writer last season, Collins, whose past work includes stints with CNN Headline News' "Down to Earth," and CNN's award-winning weekly environmental program "Earth Matters," says she's seen many surprising things while driving around the backroads of Georgia. "We did a show in season 18 on the Okefenokee Swamp, and it's like something out of another time period. It's beautiful and mysterious. Who knew?"

Besides the episode on the Okefenokee, the largest swamp in North America, Collins has also traveled from Georgia's coast, where among other things, she's captured the beauty of a colony of wading birds for the episode "Herons and Heroes," to the north Georgia mountains, where she's showcased Amicalola Falls, the state's highest waterfall, in the episode "Crashing Water."

What did she learn while shooting these episodes from season 18 and preparing pieces for this season? "Nature rules, and we follow along," Collins says. "Rain, extreme heat and bugs are just some of the challenges we face in an uncontrollable environment, and it can be hard on my videographer Shane Keating and the camera."

If you're up to the challenge of shooting in the great outdoors and you'd like to be a part of **Georgia Outdoors'** special Earth Day episode premiering on **Friday, April 22**, send us your video that showcases how you enjoy nature and your favorite outdoor activities. We want to find out what Earth Day means to our viewers.

The submission deadline for the **Georgia Outdoors Earth Day Video Contest** is **Friday, March 25**. Please be sure to include a brief background about your video submission in one hundred words or less, your full name, address and daytime contact number. Information must be typed and mailed to ATTN: Georgia Outdoors Earth Day Video Contest, GPB, 260 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

GPB will only notify persons whose videos have been selected to air as part of the special Earth Day episode of **Georgia Outdoors**. Video entries may not air in their entirety.

What's Collins' advice to all of you aspiring videographers? "You can't make birds appear. You have to be there. I've learned patience. I've learned that if you want a really beautiful shot, you have to wait. There's always something worth the wait."

**Georgia Outdoors** airs **Fridays at 8:30 PM** and **Saturdays at 6 PM** on GPB. To learn more about what's coming up this season, visit us online at [www.gpb.org/georgia-outdoors](http://www.gpb.org/georgia-outdoors).

## If I Were President Writing Contest

Middle and High School students are invited to participate in this writing contest. Information about Presidents and Presidents' Day activities can be located at [www.jimmycarter.info](http://www.jimmycarter.info) . Additional teacher resources and information about President Jimmy Carter can be located at [www.cartercenter.org](http://www.cartercenter.org)

Each classroom participating can have a first, second and third place winner. If you have any questions concerning the contest, please contact **Annette Wise at 229-824-5843 or [plainsed@jimmycarter.info](mailto:plainsed@jimmycarter.info)** .

### Directions:

1. Student writings must be completed at school and be their original work. Each entry should be one page (single side) either handwritten or typed.
2. Teachers will select a judge or will judge their students' entries.
3. Each classroom can have a first, second and third place winner.
4. Teachers will mail a copy of the winning entry for first, second and third place and the information sheet.
5. Winning entries should be mailed by February 4, 2011.
6. Mail only the winning entries and the information sheet to: Annette Wise, Jimmy Carter NHS Education Program, 300 North Bond Street, Plains, GA 31780. **Winners:** 1-First, second and third place winners will receive a certificate and ribbon. 2-Winning entries will be displayed at Plains High School Museum which is the main visitors center for the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

## If I Were President Writing Contest Information Sheet

(must be received with winning entries) **Number of students in my class**

**participating:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First place winner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second place winner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Third place winner:** \_\_\_\_\_

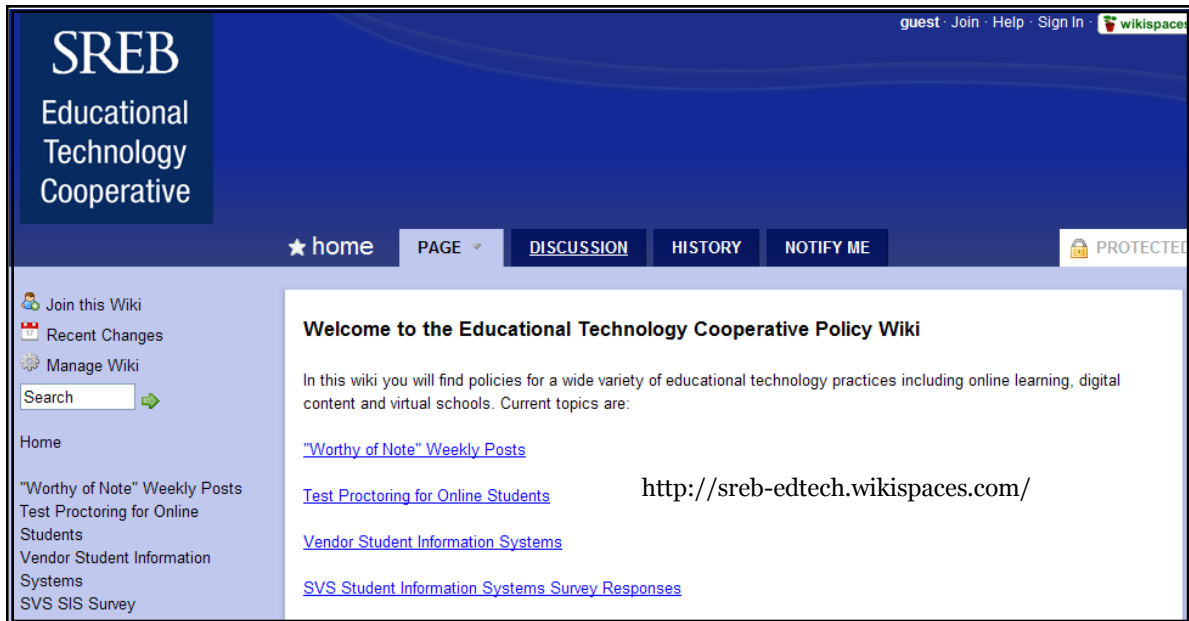
**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Check Out These Great Websites



The screenshot shows the homepage of the SREB Educational Technology Cooperative Policy Wiki. The header features the SREB logo and navigation links for home, page, discussion, history, and notify me. A search bar and a list of recent changes are on the left. The main content area welcomes visitors and lists current topics: "Worthy of Note" Weekly Posts, Test Proctoring for Online Students, Vendor Student Information Systems, and SVS Student Information Systems Survey Responses. The URL <http://sreb-edtech.wikispaces.com/> is displayed.

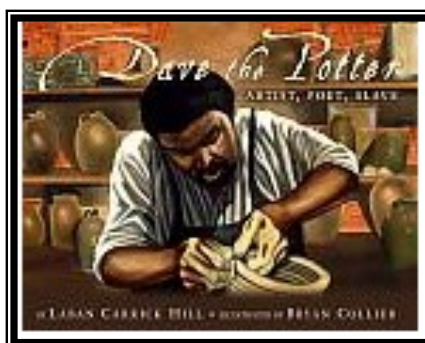
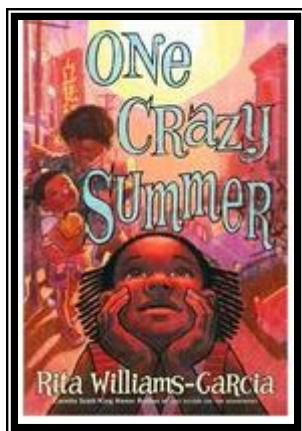
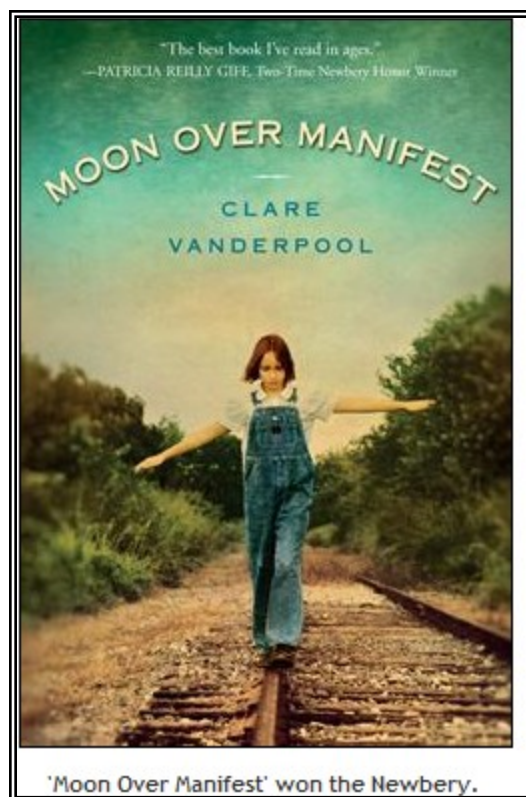
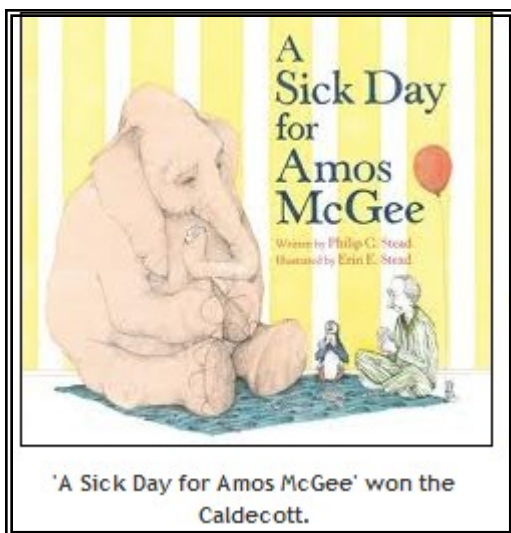


The banner features the title "Free Technology for Teachers" in a large, serif font, with "written by Richard Byrne" below it. On the left is a book cover for "FREE TECH 4 TEACHERS" with the subtitle "There's a mountain of free technology out there. We help teachers find it and use it." On the right is a photo of Richard Byrne, the author. Below the title, the text "FREE RESOURCES AND LESSON PLANS FOR TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY" is displayed.

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2010/12/super-book-of-web-tools-for-educators.html>



## 2011 ALA Awards!



The 2011 Exemplary Library Media information is now posted to the GaDOE website.

[http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/sia\\_as\\_library.aspx](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/sia_as_library.aspx)

Be sure to look at the new information that is included.

The deadline for nominating a Library Media Program is **March 11, 2011.**



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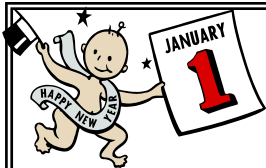
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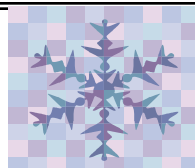
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