



# International Association of School Librarianship

## PRESIDENTIAL POINTS

Howdy, y'all! Halfway through 2017 – are you halfway to your yearly goals or just getting started?

As our 2017 Annual Conference approaches, I want to check in and see how you're doing with the "each one, reach one" challenges which I have been sending during my first year as IASL President.

Have you...

- reached out to a library colleague on another campus?
- thanked someone who shared library news/research?
- told the school library story to someone outside your usual circle?

Here's our fourth "each one, reach one" challenge: tell your IASL colleagues how a student has taught you something new.

We are all in IASL because of students, of course - students in the schools where we are teacher-librarians, students becoming teacher-librarians at the universities where we are professors or students. Undoubtedly, you have learned something from a student along the way, amid the countless times that you have taught things to students.

I know that you are finding the common thread of every "each one, reach one" challenge - connections.

In our world which is increasingly filled with information, fake news, data, and entertainment, it's the human connections that will prove most



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valuable to you, I believe.

Take time to build and nurture your connections with colleagues near and far, students past and present, those who share your passions and those holding other viewpoints.

I will be delighted to reconnect with you at IASL2017 (yes, you can still register at <https://iaslconf2017.org/registration-2/> through Conference opening day on 5 August 2017!), on the IASL listserv (sign up here <http://iasl-online.org/Freelists-Listserv-Discussion-Group>), and by email (Katy.Manck@gmail.com), as you tell me how your connections have grown through these "each one, reach one" challenges.

*Yours in school librarianship,*  
Katy Manck

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Support-A-Member (SAM) applications will now be accepted throughout the year! The SAM program is designed to make it possible for school librarians in developing countries to belong to IASL.

Learn more about how to apply for the award online [iasl-online.org/awards](http://iasl-online.org/awards)

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# International School Library Month Committee update

## Breege O'Brien

The newly selected ISLM Chairperson is Breege O'Brien from Ireland. Breege has been involved with IASL since 2004 when the international IASL/IFLA conference was held in Dublin, Ireland. She has been a member of ISLM since 2009 and has been coordinating the ISLM Bookmark Exchange Project since 2010. She is a member of the Irish Association for school libraries - SLARI - and is currently serving on the SLARI sub committee that organises an annual Award for debut writers of fiction for young adults. Breege is looking forward to working as ISLM Chair with the Committee's members. Currently they are:

## Sunita Malekar

Sunita Malekar, from Pune in the Western Indian state of Maharashtra. Sunita worked for the British Library for 2 years before joining the Mercedes Benz International School in 2006 where she is currently working. This school runs all IB Programs and Sunita works in the Secondary Section. She has been a member of IASL since 2008 and has been working with ISLM for the last 3 - 4 years.

## Hosea Tokwe

Hosea Tokwe, who lives in Gweru, Zimbabwe. Hosea started working as a Librarian at a Teachers' Training College in the early 1990s and is currently working at Midlands State University as a Chief Library Assistant, a position he holds since 2005. He was recipient of the 2015 Ken Haycock Leadership Award and the Books for Children Award. He has also served as National Treasurer for the Zimbabwe Library Association.

## Linda Thiebaud

Linda Thiebaud who lives in Texas, USA. Linda first became involved with IASL about 10 years ago. Her students loved creating bookmarks and participating in Giggle It. She has recently retired from 27 years as an elementary school librarian but continues to be involved with the Texas Library Association and serves as a docent at the George W. Bush Presidential Museum and Library in Dallas.

## Chhavi Jain

Chhavi Jain, the newest member of our group. The Committee is delighted to welcome Chhavi who has over 17 years experience as a librarian. She works in Manav Rachna International School, Gurugram, India, where she has been Head of Department since Oct. 2017. She is a recipient of the Jean Lowrie Leadership Development Grant and is a member of the IFLA Information Literacy Committee.

The ISLM Committee is busy putting in place the programme of activities for ISLM 2017. We plan to facilitate the usual Skype and Bookmark Exchange Project and are also in the early stages of developing a Digital Bookmark Exchange Project. Keep an eye on the ISLM page of the IASL web site (<http://www.iasl-online.org/advocacy/islm/index.html>) for updates in the coming months. We are hoping that more schools than ever will join in the month long celebration of school libraries in October. Members and non-members of IASL can participate so spread the work and invite friends and colleagues to join in!

*It is with great delight that the Executive Committee of IASL announces that Breege O'Brien has been selected as Chairperson of International School Library Month Committee for a term of 3 years as outlined in the guidelines.*

*We thank Marie O'Brien for her dedication and enthusiasm undertaking this role. she achieved a great deal. The service to IASL and all that it aims to achieve cannot be underestimated through this role as ISLM touches the teacher librarians and students in so many countries linking the knowledge and sharing the love of libraries and literacy. In many ways this month's events and activities is the face of IASL to school librarians internationally and serves also as an advertising arm to garner more enthusiastic teacher librarians to join IASL.*

*We hope that each member of IASL will support Breege in her role by enthusiastically taking part in ISLM activities.*

*We congratulate Breege once more and wish her a very busy 3 years!*

*Kind regards,  
Pat Carmichael*

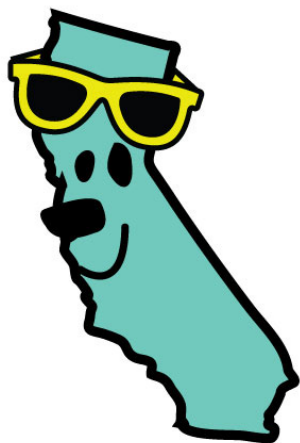


## ISLM INFORMATION COMING IN AUGUST!

# Your students write, the world reads – combine fun and learning with GigggleIT

Who are the tricksters in your culture's folktales? What about those in other lands?

For a fun creative project at your school library, combine literature resources and your students' writing talents using IASL's GigggleIT Project (and it's free!)



After students read traditional and modernized tales, they compare and contrast as each class creates a Word Cloud together. Introduce a less-familiar poetry style when they write in small groups to tell an old or new Trickster Tale as a limerick. Find these 2017 Spotlight Projects at <http://www.iasl-online.org/GigggleIT-2017-Trickster-Tales>!

For hands-on practice and fun, be sure to attend the "GigggleIT: Trickster Tales Across Borders" presentation at the IASL Annual Conference in Long Beach on Saturday afternoon, 5 August 2017.

Always free for teacher-librarians to register their school, use GigggleIT writing and teamwork resources, submit their students' work for publication on their school's free webpage on the IASL website, and



read what other students around the world have written!

*The GigggleIT Project Team at [IASL.Gigggle.IT@gmail.com](mailto:IASL.Gigggle.IT@gmail.com) stands ready to help your students become internationally published writers through your school library <http://iasl-online.org/advocacy/giggleit>.*

## HONOR A FEATURED LIBRARIAN

Do you know any school librarian who tirelessly advocates for his or her students? A librarian who deserves to be recognized for his or her outstanding efforts?

*IASL's social media has an honor called "Featured Librarian" which will run quarterly. A member of the Association will be highlighted on the Association's Facebook and Twitter.*

*Here are the general guidelines for nomination:*

- Members can only nominate other members, not self. Non-IASL members are not eligible.
- Candidates' must have a valid e-mail and mailing address
- Those who wish to nominate a librarian must send an email to the



*information coordinator, Laura Davis, for review*

- Only the information coordinator will contact the nominees

*Once a "Featured Librarian" has been chosen, Laura will send a short questionnaire to the*

*nominee. He or she will receive a certificate and his or her photo and story will be shared across IASL's social media platforms. There is no monetary gift involved in this honor.*

*We want to see the faces of IASL members, learn more about their libraries and projects, and be inspired by their actions. This is in no way a competition, but an opportunity to recognize those who do so much for others.*

*Nominations for the next "Featured Librarian" can now be sent to the information coordinator. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Laura at [laura@penman-winton.com](mailto:laura@penman-winton.com).*



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**4 - 8 August  
2017**



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Without  
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# IASL Conference: Something for Everyone

BY LESLEY FARMER

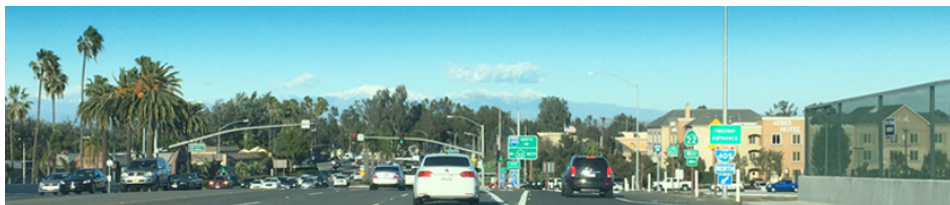
Over 70 speakers addressing a wide range of topics: collections, STEM, makerspaces, learning activities, curriculum, literacy, services for various populations, collaboration, training and professional development, advocacy, technology, and more. And research has its own strand throughout the conference. Speakers range from site-based teacher librarian “movers and shakers” to district library leaders to library researchers and educators to international figures. And Disney folks.

Children’s and YA authors will be presenting, and there’s an author lunch to “nosh” with them.

Books of authors and speakers will be on sale. Over a dozen vendors are available for you to connect with.

Two great pre-conference workshops: school library guidelines implementation in the morning, and computational literacy in the afternoon (each is \$50 registration at <http://iaslconf2017.org>). The California School Library Association is also offering an all-day set of workshops; register separately for the California workshops at <https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/csla/eventRegistration.jsp?event=587&>

The gala dinner is really gala: with a bountiful American BBQ menu, free drink, live auction, chorus singing



Two views of California State University - Long Beach. (Photo courtesy of Lesley Farmer.)

Broadway hits, and reknown Native American performers.

Storytelling evening Saturday evening open to all to share, including a Japanese storyteller who has appeared in Disney productions.

Free local tours Tuesday to school libraries and public libraries, with teacher librarian drivers as guides.

Spanish translators are available.

Family-friendly city (several hotels are a short bus ride from campus) with LOTS of activities and site to visit: e.g., Disneyland, Knott’s Berry Farm, Mediieval Times, Aquarium of the Pacific, the Queen Mary ship, several shopping malls, and much more.

Webinar 9-part series for on-site and

remote attendants. The webinars will be archived, and accessed by conference attendees in real time and later. If you can’t come to Long Beach, you can still register for the webinar series if you are an IASL member: only \$50 (less than \$6 per webinar).

If you have already registered, but realize that you want to take advantage of the great dinner and/or workshops, you can register separately/specifically for these opportunities at <http://iaslconf2017.org>.

This is a totally awesome conference! Think of all you will learn and share! Register now for this unique professional development. You will be glad you did!

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MONTH AWAY ...



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[IASLCONF2017.ORG](http://IASLCONF2017.ORG)

## Charles Sturt University launched its 23 Things for Digital Knowledge

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This an online learning program is designed for university staff, students, or other interested education professionals. This is an online, self-directed course, that offers a way to improve digital knowledge and to experiment with a range of new tools.

An introduction and a task is provided for each Thing along with suggested readings and resources. The program is a

way to discover and explore new digital tools that might be useful to you and also provide a framework for evaluation, reflection and for the wider integration of digital technologies within your academic, learning and teaching practice.

**For more information, please visit:** <http://thinkspace.csu.edu.au/digitalknowledge>.

# Book sets out to make reading for everyone

**F**acet Publishing have announced the release of *Reading by Right: Successful strategies to ensure every child can read to succeed*.

Literacy has been recognized as a human right for over 50 years in several international declarations and initiatives. Every child has a right to read and parents, teachers, librarians, publishers, booksellers, campaigners and policy makers have a social responsibility to ensure that they are able to exercise that right.

Joy Court's new book, *Reading by Right*, reveals the strategies that are proving effective in overcoming barriers to reading from birth to teens. The book looks at practices and projects from around the globe and highlights the common principles and drivers that have generated success. The book sets out a manifesto to make reading for everyone including the pledges, "Everyone is a reader – regardless of their background or what others might think or say", "Everyone should have access to content to read to borrow, buy or keep" and "Everyone benefits from the social and creative opportunities tied to reading".

Joy said, "Because I am so passionate about the vital necessity of every child being able to read, I have become increasingly concerned about those children who either cannot or will not read: the reluctant, the disengaged, the struggling, the hard-to-reach. So when Facet approached me about editing another book for them, it was these children and young people that came to mind".

The book features an illustrated

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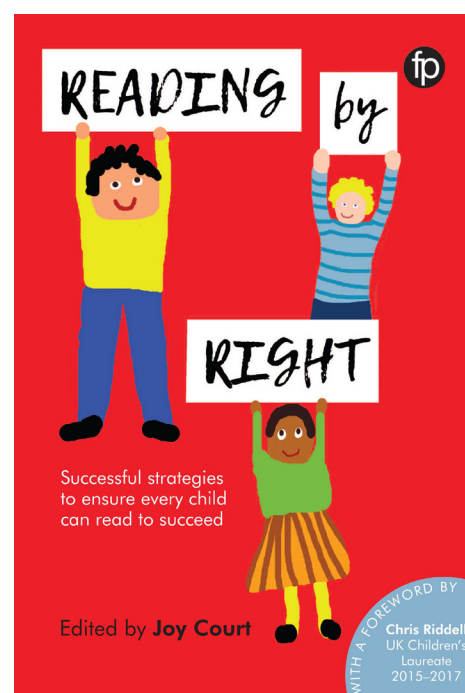
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foreword by former UK Children's Laureate Chris Riddell and contains a collection of chapters from international experts covering aspects of overcoming reading difficulties or reading reluctance in children and young people.

Joy Court is Chair of the CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Medals Working Party. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and of the English Association and a Trustee and National Council member of UKLA. She is Reviews Editor for *The School Librarian* and author of *Read to Succeed* (Facet, 2011).



## BY NANCY EVERHART



Dr. Everhart



*IASL has signed on as a partner for the Global Media and Information Literacy Week, which is led by UNESCO. We're excited for this partnership to raise awareness about the importance of media and information literacy.*

*Follow and tag @MilClicks to help promote media literacy. For more information, visit our website or <http://en.unesco.org/MILCLICKS>.*



## BY NANCY EVERHART

articles. IASL members should enjoy reading about school librarianship in a country where school libraries are extremely limited and education for school librarianship doesn't exist – which is the case in many countries

throughout the world. However, the issue highlights instances where school libraries and school librarians have persevered despite national policies. Look to receive the announcement about the completed issue in mid-July.

# *The good school library is...*

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qualified teacher librarian = good practice

+ good methods

CREATIVE PLACE talent support

+ equal opportunity

info literacy & more 😊

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the FUTURE!

