



SLA Minutes -November 2023
27TH November -3.40 pm-5.30 pm

Swiss Gardens, Shoreham-by-Sea

Attendees

Louise Gladwin Librarian (CNCS -Chair)
Andrea Regan LRC Manager (Worthing High)Secretary from November.
Leia Sands (Swiss Cottage and Stenning Primary School)
Julia Nixon (Lancing College Librarian)
Kate (School Library Service, West Sussex Libraries)

Remote

Hilary Kemp (Angmering School) Committee member
Deborah Ellery (Blatchington Mill) Committee member
Shauna West Librarian (New member -Lewes Prior School)
S Coveney-Bohunt School.

Visitors

Elizabeth (Ex Librarian and Yoto Carnegie judge)
Lucy Bruen (English Teacher & Lecturer U of S & UKLA Shadowing Book group)-Visitor

Apologies

Aimee Robertson
Deborah Perrin-Oathall School

Meeting agenda

- Introduction to all both virtually and in person.
- Introduce the order of the meeting.
- Lucy Bruen UKLA and lecturer and teacher
- Elizabeth -Yoto Judge, retired librarian-20 + years
- Voting in business
- AOB

Lucy Bruen -introduces a UK book group.

Lucy Bruen -(English teacher -CNCS) Introduced her Teen Reads book group for secondary teachers and librarians who meet virtually to discuss books on the UKLA longlist of the Children's/YA Book Award.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14lg1c35RNleLExcieSd0kMV4Y130KCUDbkBrkgFNYU0/edit?usp=sharing>

The books are a wide range of genres short and long reads.

There is no compulsion to read all of them, it is a shared reading experience among like-minded people.

The benefits apart from the social interaction, are that you can share the reads with your students encourage more reading, and help reluctant readers.

Elizabeth Peters-visitor talking about YotoCarnegie judging.

https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/about-the-awards/meet-the-judges/#post_228

Elizabeth spoke about her time on the judging panel for YotoCarnegie in the award that started in 1936 by Cilip. She called it “The World’s most exclusive book group”

She was voted in last year and this is her 2nd year of taking part.

She talked about the process of choosing the books from 2022.

All the books in the long list this year are completely confidential and cannot be discussed with anyone. The process is rigorously private.

The long list of books from 2022 totaled **125**, approximately 9 books a week to read.

Elizabeth chats via WhatsApp with her other judges but does not meet them until the final award ceremonies.

The winner of the award gets a gold award and £50000 in prize money.

Last year there were 2000 shadow groups in schools.

Hilary K from Angmering asked if the books can be put into age-appropriate ranges and Elizabeth said although Cilip encourages discussions over the awards. It would be unlikely that they would be able to categorise into age groups.

Elizabeth enthused about her time judging and said little housework gets done or any other reading, but she has loved every minute of it, and would like it to be longer than 2 years. She does recognise that it is a fair system where everyone only gets two years to take part in judging. She highly recommends others signing up however, they already have 2024 covered.

Elizabeth says it has helped being retired as it is a large amount to read and commit to however there are lots of people taking part alongside working

Voting business.

Andrea from Worthing High School was voted in as secretary and will take over from Louise Gladwin.

The AGM is usually held in the Summer Term but we can get nominations in the Spring Term for a total of 7 positions.

The chair will remain with Louise Gladwin -CNCS.

Current committee members, **Hilary Kemp, Deborah Ellery, Leia Sands,**
And a few more to be decided next time.

A.O.B

Leia Sands from Swiss House and Stenning gave an update on **Great Schools Libraries' update.**



Children's author Julia Donaldson visited Swiss House's new library and was recorded for BBC Analysis "Can Reading Really Improve my Life",
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001sd79>

Author visits.

Recommended authors

Katherine Evans and Tom Palmer being some of the ones mentioned.

Suggestion to approach local independent books shops for free author visits often the only requirement is that students buy a minimum spend decided by the book Shop.

SLA-Conference

A question regarding who would be attending the conference in the Summer next year was raised.

A number of us said the cost would need to be considered before applying. Louise Gladwin said the experience of going to the Ashford, Kent one was positive and she gained a lot from attending.

Andrea from Worthing High School suggested that we look at using some of our branch money to vote in a person within our branch area who would normally not be able to go.

Louise Gladwin has emailed Dawn Woods about this suggestion and can confirm this is a possibility. We will need to decide as a group before booking opens.

Dawn Woods email reply regarding this suggestion and her advice.

Branches can sponsor a place or part fund a place at the Weekend course. You need to make it fair – ie decide on the criteria, eg First time attendee. Invite expressions of interest from the whole branch stressing they need to be able to take it up if chosen, then decide who is the most worthy of the place.

This year the cost is for the actual CPD and midday meals. Accommodation is up to the delegates. They can book into nearby hotels or stay with friends/family. So you can choose to cover accommodation cost or not, or just the training element. That will effect who will apply for a place.

(Dawn Woods, email communication, 28th November to Louise Gladwin)

Date for next meeting- To be arranged for Spring Term.

Venue -to be arranged, but suggestion is to have it at new librarian's school library In East Sussex as the last two have been in West Sussex.

Any offers of venues please email andrea aregan@worthinghigh.net