



CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
2008 Convention Preliminary Program
CROSSROADS Where Challenge Meets Opportunity
March 25 – 28, 2008
Indianapolis, IN



Those registered with NCEA are welcome at all CLA sessions at no cost, except where noted.
Tickets for meal events must be purchased in advance.

Registration/Information -
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration (all week)

All CLA sessions, except the Masses, will take place in the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Monday, March 24, 2008

4:00-6:00 PM

Pre-Registration

Convention packets for those who pre-registered can be picked up in the registration area. No on-site registrations will be taken at this time.

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CLA Registration

9:00 – 10:15 AM NCEA Opening Ceremonies

Indiana Convention Center

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM NCEA Opening Eucharist

Indiana Convention Center

12:30 – 5:30 PM

Exhibits -- Indiana Convention Center

Visit the **CLA Booth, # 609**, and the other exhibits in the Indiana Convention Center.

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Pre-Convention Workshop

Check It Out! Books Too Good to Miss

Charlotte Decker, Librarian, Children's Learning Center, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

This presentation is a look at recent publications that can be used in the classroom or enjoyed for personal reading. It will consist of two parts: The first hour will examine books for readers in preschool through grade five, including picture books, fiction and nonfiction. The second hour will focus upon books, primarily fiction, for tweens and teen readers, examining recent trends and addressing issues of appropriateness of titles for age/grade level.

Sponsored by: Children's and High School/Young Adult Library Services Sections

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Section Board Meetings

- Academic Library Services

- Children's Library Services (includes Section Business Meeting)
- Parish and Community Library Services
- High School - Young Adult Library Services (includes Section Business Meeting)

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Pre-Dinner Reception

Attendees will have the opportunity to greet the 2008 award recipients before their being honored during tonight's dinner, as well as to welcome those attending their first CLA Convention.

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Opening Awards Dinner, CLA's 87th Anniversary

Three of CLA's Section awards, and the 2008 Mary A. Grant Volunteer Service Award will be presented during CLA's 87th Anniversary dinner.

The Parish and Community Library Services Section will honor **Monsignor Joseph M. Champlin as the 28th recipient of the **Aggiornamento Award**, which recognizes the renewal of parish and community life in the spirit of Blessed John XXIII.

The High School/Young Adult Library Services Section will present the 2008 **Katharine Drexel Award to **Walter Dean Myers** in recognition of excellence in the field of young adult literature.

The Academic Library Services Section will honor **David Tracy as the seventeenth recipient of the **Jerome Award**, which recognizes outstanding contribution and commitment to excellence in scholarship which embody the ideals of the Catholic Library Association.

This is a ticketed meal event.

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CLA Registration

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Exhibits – Indiana Convention Center

Visit the **CLA Booth, # 609**, and the other exhibits in the Indiana Convention Center.

9:00 – 10:15 AM

From Image to CONTENTdm to DSpace to the smartDESKTOP: Creating and Providing Access to Digital Assets for K-12 Educators

Cinda May, Coordinator of Library Digital Initiatives & Project Manager, Wabash Valley Visions and Voices

Digital Memory Project; Emily Symonds, Metadata and Digital Initiatives Librarian, WV&VDMP; Sister Mary Ryan, SP, Sisters of Providence Archivist; Connie McCammon, Sisters of Providence Publication Manager, Saint Mary-of-the Woods, IN

This informal session will present the collaborative digitization project, *Wabash Valley Vision and Voices*, and focus primarily on the contributions of the Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Archives. The four panelists will give an overview of the project, its mission and goals, and share their experience creating metadata for individual collections within a collaborative project with twenty contributing partners. In particular, the presenters will discuss how the digital assets of the project are made available through the Indiana Humanities Council's smartDESKTOP online resource for K-12 educators.

Sponsored by: Academic Library Services Section and Cataloging and Classification Round Table

***How to Hook a Community of Young Readers*
Valiska Gregory, Poet and Children's Author**

This award-winning poet and children's author will offer a lively slide presentation exploring ideas about poetry, the creative process, the power of stories, and how to hook a community of young readers. Translated into seven different languages, her books have received Parents' Choice Awards, been chosen for the American Booksellers' "Pick of the Lists," and been featured on PBS and national television. Her books include *Through the Mickle Woods*, *Kate's Giants*, *Shirley's Wonderful Baby*. Ms. Gregory is Writer-in-Residence at Butler University, reviews for *Publisher's Weekly*, and enjoys speaking at schools, libraries and conferences across the country. Ms. Gregory will be available to sign books which can be purchased before and after the session.

Sponsored by: Children's Library Services Section

Why the "Who Done It?"

Ralph McNerny, Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, IN

Literature and Father Dowling in the Mystery Novel land on the shelf of the parish library.

Sponsored by: Parish and Community Library Services Section

10:30 - 11:45 AM

GENERAL SESSION

Exploring the History, Practice and Mystery of Ancient Faith

Jon M. Sweeney, Editor, Paraclete Press

CLA brings back this well-received speaker from the 2006 Atlanta Convention. Jon Sweeney has a great appreciation of Catholic spirituality. In his new book, *Almost Catholic*, he explores what has attracted him and others to Catholicism, whether or not they have become Catholic.

10:30 AM– 12:15 PM

Regina Medal Book Sale

Attendees will have an opportunity to purchase books by **Vera B. Williams**, the **2008 recipient** of the Regina Medal.

11:45 AM– 12:30 PM

Conversations with 2008 Award Recipients

This is an opportunity to meet informally with the recipients of the awards which were presented Tuesday night.

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Regina Medal Luncheon

Vera B. Williams will be honored as the fiftieth recipient of CLA's **Regina Medal**, for her continued distinguished contribution to children's literature.

This is a ticketed meal event.

2:15 – 3:00 PM

Conversations with Vera B. Williams, 2008 Regina Medal Recipient

In this informal session librarians and teachers have the opportunity to ask questions of **Vera B. Williams** about her role in producing quality literature for children.

3:15 – 4:00 PM

Regina Medal Book Sale/Signing

Vera B. Williams will be available to sign books purchased during the book sale.

3:00 – 4:15 PM

Turning Life into Fiction: Looking Back at the Roads Taken

Carmela Martino, Children's Author

Writers often base their stories on actual people, places and events. But translating real life into compelling fiction can be a challenge—it often requires letting go of "what really happened" in favor of what best serves the story. The presenter will describe some of the steps in this process. Using examples from her own work, she will show how authors create composite characters, research setting details, and even cope with painful memories. She will also share techniques she uses with students to help them transform their life experiences into fascinating fiction. Ms. Martino will be available to sign books which can be purchased before and after the session.

Sponsored by: Children's Library Services Section

Pop Culture and Information Literacy—A Natural Fit for Teens

Linda D. Behen, Director of Library Services, St. Ursula Academy, Cincinnati, OH

TV, movies, music, and technology are what interest teens. Why not use what they love to engage them in the library or classroom? This program demonstrates how pop culture can be used to gain students' attention and to create information literacy instruction that students will learn and remember.

Sponsored by: Information Literacy Round Table and High School / Young Adult Library Services Section

Reading as a Subversive Act: Libraries As the Gateway to Liberation

Father Cyprian Davis, O.S.B., St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN

Prolific author and authority on the history and spirituality of African American Catholics in the U.S., Father Cyprian will discuss such facts as slaves in the US being forbidden to read, and that there was a stiff penalty for teaching slaves to read. Books opened the way to freedom; before the Civil Rights Act many libraries were inaccessible to blacks. Father Cyprian will cite the pre-Civil War library opened for members of the black Catholic Mutual Benefit Society (Baltimore Society of the Holy

Family), and the library of the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans.

Sponsored by: Parish and Community Library Services Section

5:00 – 6:00 PM

MASS Convention Center Chapel
Kenneth O'Malley, CP, Principal Celebrant

Thursday, March 27, 2008

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CLA Registration

8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Exhibits – Indiana Convention Center

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Catholic Fiction and the College Student: The History and Practice of Reader Advisory at a Catholic College or University

Mary A. Kelleher, Periodicals and Reference Librarian, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Beginning with an historical overview of reader advisory to students at a Catholic college or university through examination of professional literature and archival material, the presentation will also address promotion of Catholic fiction in an era when everyone, students and faculty alike, seems too busy for leisure reading. Sticky questions such as being authoritative without seeming authoritarian and addressing controversies concerning doctrinal issues will be discussed. The presentation will incorporate results of a semester's efforts in promoting Catholic fiction to university students. Highlights from a blog on Catholic fiction sponsored by the university library will be included.

Sponsored by: Academic Library Services Section

Writing for the Spiritual Lives of Our Children

Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, Rabbi and Children's Author

Children come to us with an innate spirituality. What they don't have is the language to express it. Spiritual writing for children can give them that language, the tools to reflect and explore their spiritual experience. Journey to the places of our children's spirit and learn how stories can nurture their religious imagination. Rabbi Sasso will be available to sign books which can be purchased before and after the session.

Sponsored by: Children's Library Services Section

Catholic High School Libraries at the Crossroads: The Divine Child High School Model

Panel from Divine Child High School, Dearborn, MI:

Serge Danielson-Francois, Librarian; Monsignor Herman Kucyk, Pastor Emeritus; Sister Aquila Omichinski, Assistant Librarian; Damian Hermann, Assistant Principal

One response to the financial challenges facing Catholic high school libraries is to re-image the space, resources and services available to faculty and students. At Divine Child High School, the librarians and staff have embraced the cost savings and productivity gains which technology makes possible without sacrificing the long-standing commitment to promoting intellectual curiosity, shared and disciplined inquiry and, above all, academic integrity.

Sponsored by: High School / Young Adult Library Services Section

10:30 AM – 11:45 PM

The Catholic Research Resources Initiative: Building a Portal for Catholic Scholars

Eric Lease Morgan, Head of Digital Access and Information Architecture, University Libraries of Notre Dame; Alan Krieger, Theology/Philosophy Librarian, University Libraries of Notre Dame

This presentation describes, illustrates and demonstrates the purpose, scope and functionality of the Catholic Research Resources Initiative (CRRRI) – a portal created for making more accessible rare, unique or infrequently held materials in academic libraries' and seminaries' special collections and archives. More specifically, participants will learn about the goals of the CRRRI, the methods it is using to achieve these goals, and the technology used to implement them. This includes extensive collaboration between a number of institutions and the use of EAD/XML and Web Services computing techniques.

Sponsored by: Academic Library Services Section and Preservation of American Catholic Materials Round Table

How to Add a Million Books to Your School Library

Sarah Jane Batt, Moderator and Panel TBA

Funded by a bequest to the Library Fund at the Indianapolis Foundation, many private schools in Indianapolis banded together to form a Shared System through the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. All six Catholic high schools and seven center city Catholic elementary schools now benefit from being part of the automated circulation system, and from the ability to borrow materials from each other, the public library, and other members of the Shared System.

Sponsored by: Children's and High School / Young Adult Library Services Sections

12:30 – 1:45 PM

Toward Total Literacy: Libraries, Learning and Living
Marianne Ryan, Associate Dean for Learning, Purdue University Libraries, West Lafayette, IN

Information literacy is the term commonly used to describe the library's goal of helping students find, evaluate, organize, and apply information for success; but often these efforts focus on the academic. Total literacy, enabling the individual to think critically, solve problems, and apply information for family functionality, workplace success, good citizenship, and other societal contributions is essential. This program will explore strategies that academic libraries can use to enhance learning experiences to meet students' information needs for life. It will also examine some of the factors that impact student learning. Finally, it will provide an opportunity for dialog and discussion.

Sponsored by: Academic Library Services Section and Information Literacy Round Table

Book Discussion Groups: Read and Discuss Our Second CLA Convention Book, The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage by Paul Elie

Jack Edson, Director, Hamburg (NY) Public Library

Participants are asked to read *The Life You Save May be Your Own*. This book, about four American Catholic writers—Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, Walker Percy and Flannery O'Connor—

and their unusual lives, is a story of how the Catholic faith took on forms the faithful could not have anticipated. Jack Edson, an experienced moderator of book discussion groups, will lead the discussion as well as provide tips you can use in your own library settings.

2:00 – 3:15 PM

***The Catholic Archives of America: Impossible Dream?*
William Kevin Cawley, Senior Archivist, University of Notre Dame Archives**

In the 1870s James Farnham Edwards, an early librarian at Notre Dame, had an ambition to create a central repository of historical records for the Catholic Church in the United States. He called his enterprise the Catholic Archives of America. He managed to build an excellent research collection, with the cooperation of many American bishops, and after his death others carried on the work. But in reality no collection deserves to be called the Catholic Archives of America. The speaker will describe Edwards' efforts, show how he fell short of what he hoped to accomplish, and ask if, in the twenty-first century, we can hope to create by networking computers, something that can be accurately called the Catholic Archives of America.

Sponsored by: Academic Library Services Section

3:30 – 4:45 PM

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

4:45 – 5:45 PM

**2009 Convention Planning Meeting
Anaheim, CA—April 14 – 17, 2009**

All national Section Chairs, CLA Executive Board and members from the Southern California area will meet to receive information and to plan for next year's convention.

6:00 – 7:00 PM

MASS FOR DECEASED CLA MEMBERS

St. John's Church

Kenneth O'Malley, CP, Principal Celebrant

Friday, March 28, 2008

Tours--TBA

Check the CLA website, www.cathla.org for details of tours to the **Indianapolis Museum of Art** on Michigan Road and to **Quilts Plus** on East 86th Street.