

Date: April 9, 2018
To: ALSC Executive Committee
From: Courtney Jones, Awards Coordinator
Re: 2018 Spring Executive Committee Meeting Awards Program Report

Book & Media Awards:

Digital Implementation TF

At annual the ALA awards committee officially accepted proposals for the Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media (EELDM) Award, and the Media Mentorship Award committees. A mock up manual was created for the Media Mentorship award. The EELDM committee continues to work on their manual and refine their submissions process. Submissions to open in May with an announcement press release coming soon. NCDM press release will go out announcing the award to the wider public and potential media producers by the end of April, a call for submissions will also go out. The Media Mentorship award will debut post annual conference along with the other ALSC professional awards.

Awards Manual Revision TF

The manual task force completed Wilder manual updates as of August 31st, 2017. and the 2018 Wilder committee is currently working with that manual. The committee had their deadlines adjusted at the request of chair KT Horning: they will submit an interim report on Dec. 15th, with work completed and a final report due May 15, 2018.

Batchelder Award Evolution TF

The task force completed their survey about membership wide familiarity with the Batchelder Award. They are now analyzing the results and using the findings in their work.

2018 Award Committees

- Midwinter Wrap Up: Unpacked midwinter review copies so they could be packed into the Bookapalooza shipments.
- Sent over 75 letters to medalists, honorees, notable recipients, and publishers advising them on seals permissions, and preparing them for awards recognition ceremonies. Collecting materials that are meant to be returned to the ALSC office for the banquet, including: reaction and banquet videos, medalist and honor awards info forms (for Banquet, Belpre, and ALSC awards ceremonies), book cover images, speeches, seals permissions, and more.
- Worked with temporary program coordinator to update the ALA Awards Database information with 2018 winners.

Annual Preparation

- Ordered awards presentation rooms
- Accompanied Executive Director on two site visits in New Orleans to consider the Banquet location
- Collecting, processing, and sending reminders about Banquet Table Sales- to date there are 18 completed table orders: 13 notable level, 4 silver-level, 0 gold-level, and 1 award-level. There are 98 individual tickets purchased as of 4/9/18.
- Medals and Pins sent to the engraver
- Certificates prepped so that honor plaques can be made
- Vetting Baker & Taylor awards posters for Belpré, Caldecott, and Newbery.
- Coordinating licensing agreement renewal for next three years with Baker & Taylor.
- Coordinating the design and content of Banquet Program with Macmillan
- Coordinating the design and content of the ALSC Awards Program with Body Mills Press
- Coordinating AV needs for the banquet with ALA's a/v production company
- Contacting and collecting honored guest RSVPs for the Banquet
- Working with a video editor to put together the pre and post show video for the Banquet; There are 25+ videos from ALSC Award recipients available on [i Lovelibraries youtube channel](#)
- Coordinating the Belpre Reception with the 2018 & 2019 Belpre committees, REFORMA/CAYASC
- Working with Publishers to effectively manage the green room reception and receiving line

2018 Committees

- Have promoted suggestions from the membership via facebook, twitter, ALSC-L, and ALSC Blog. Wilder deadline is May 15, all others October 15.
- Ordered meeting rooms for book and media awards
- Digitizing Banquet, ALSC Awards, and Belpre information forms for next years' midwinter meeting and annual conference
- Sent publishers 2019 award committee rosters
- Acting as liaison and answering awards process and eligibility questions from Committee chairs and PGCs
- Answering questions via email and telephone from the general public about the Awards Programs

May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture

2018 Arbuthnot Lecture

- Committee has selected host site for 2018 Arbuthnot Lecture featuring Naomi Shihab Nye: Western Washington University and the Whatcom County Library System
- Lecture title: “REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED - Our Lives of Reading & Writing”
- Date set for lecture: Saturday, April 28, 2018
- Tickets are available on the [Arbuthnot website](#)
- The host site has begun promotion of the award
- 300+ tickets reserved already for the lecture
- Secured Hotel and travel arrangements for ALSC President, Committee Chair, and Executive Director

2019 Arbuthnot lecture

- The 2019 Arbuthnot committee selected Dr. Debbie Reese and announced her selection during the Youth Media Awards press conference
- Host Site Applications [are live](#) and will close on May 15
- Have heard from several institutions interested in hosting Dr. Reese

Professional Awards:

2018 Winners:

Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award

The Association for Library Service to Children has awarded the 2018 Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award to Amanda Chuong, Princeton Public Library (New Jersey); Patricia Moran, Multnomah County Library (Oregon); Julie Phoenix, St. Louis County Library (Missouri); and Sarah Walker, Ferguson Library, Stamford (Connecticut).

ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant

The St. Lucie County Library System will use grant funds to include children, birth to five, in their Summer Reading Challenge and to pilot a Sensory Storytime for children with special needs. This summer, the library will add two new categories to their existing summer program, which currently serves children ages 5-17: “Baby and Me,” for children birth to two years old; and “Read to Me,” for those three to five years old. Incorporating the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme “Libraries Rock!”, the library will encourage children and families to participate in a number of age-appropriate early literacy activities.

Maureen Hayes Award

The South Carolina State Library will use the funds to enhance the Talking Books Services Art Gallery event, an annual program for students who are blind or visually impaired. The South Carolina State Library Talking Book Services Student Art Gallery features the artwork of Spartanburg School for the Deaf and Blind students and other Talking Book Services students and patrons who are blind or visually

impaired. While the event has traditionally been limited to students and their families and supporters, the South Carolina State Library hopes to expand the event to a wider audience with a presentation by Kathryn Otoshi, author and illustrator of several acclaimed books, including Beautiful Hands.

Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Special Collections and Bechtel Fellowship Committee have awarded the 2018 Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship to Anne Mlod, JoAnna Schofield and Lisa Von Drasek.

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Steven L. Herb is the 2018 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. He has served ALSC as a member-leader in 25 positions over 35 years of consistent volunteering, including as ALSC president in 1995-96. His expertise in literature benefitted a number of media evaluation and award committees, including chairing the 2012 Caldecott Committee. Herb's deep professional service also includes chairing the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee during a sensitive period when filtering software was being introduced and debated.

Bookapalooza

The Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) has awarded the 2018 Bookapalooza Program to three libraries: Chilton/Clanton Public Library, Clanton, Alabama; Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach, Florida; and Daviess County Library, Gallatin, Missouri.

Light the Way Grant

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has announced that New Carrollton Library is the recipient of the 2017-2018 ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" Grant. As the winner of the grant, the library will receive \$3,000 for their "Literacy & Library Skills for Refugee Families" program.

Other Professional awards news:

- 2018 Bookapalooza packing is underway! Shipping will be completed in May 2018.
- The Bechtel Fellowship committee and the University of Florida have agreed to loosen the time requirement for time spent at the Baldwin Collection, from 4 weeks, to "up to 4 weeks". The stipend will be prorated based on length of stay by the recipient. The base payout will be \$1500 for selection and 1 week (5 days) visit to the library.

Scholarships:

- 2018-2019 Applications closed. 187 applications came in. The committee is now in deliberations.
- Working with the 2017-2018 scholarship committee to engage the 2017-2018 recipients
- 2nd half of 2017-2018 Melcher scholarship funds mailed out in November
- Working with Intern Rebecca Redinger to send out a survey to Melcher and Bound to Stay Bound recipients from 2013 and further back about their experience as librarians and scholarship recipients. This work will begin in May 2018.
- Met with Lorelle Swader, AED ALA Offices and Member Relations, and ALA-Allied Professional Association, to discuss her plan to provide stipends for ALA and Division Scholarship recipients to attend conference; At Midwinter, ALA Board said yes in principle, waiting for more updates

Seals:

- Monitoring seals inventory at warehouse on a weekly basis
- Working with seals producer to replenish inventory for the Midwinter Youth Media Awards announcement
- Working with fulfillment house to create variety 24 packs
- Worked with ALA publishing to create updated hi-res digital seals images of all ALSC Seals
- Processing invoices from producer for accounting and tracking when payments sent
- In consultation with the Executive Director, working with the rights and permission office on seal licensing by outside parties
- Covering Digital permissions requests for Mary Jo Bolduc while she is away on sabbatical
- FY18 Quarter 2 seals sales (Dec. 2017 -Feb. 2018):

FY2018 – 2 Quarter	Seals Totals (by type, gold+silver)
Cal Gold	376000
Cal Silver	176000
Cal total	552,000
New Gold	226000
New Silver	181000
New total	353,000
Geisel Gold	149000
Geisel Silver	262000
Geisel total	411,000

Sibert Gold	25000
Sibert Silver	17000
Sibert total	42,000
Batch Gold	7000
Batch Silver	1000
Belpre Gold	30000
Belpre Silver	48000
Carnegie	0
Notables	0
Odyssey Gold	3000

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Odyssey	
Silver	12000
Wilder	0

Other total	101,000
FY18 (2nd QT) total seals	1,459,000