

Libraries and Literacy Forum

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June 16 - 17, 2006

Nashville Public Library

Dr. Steven L. Layne, keynote speaker
“Literacy Lessons for a Lifetime”

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Purpose of the Forum:

Literacy stakeholders will gather to address the greater picture of literacy in Tennessee and the role libraries play. Participants will create an integrated plan for accelerating student and community success in literacy and student achievements.

This forum will incorporate panels, keynote speakers, and active work sessions to focus upon these major areas:

- Natural Allies in Literacy Education
- Creating a Collaborative Environment with Librarians as Teachers.
- Advocacy 101 - Building a Community of Support and Communication

TASL Literacy Forum Schedule

Friday, June 16

9:30	Registration, Breakfast, Meet and Greet
10:00	Welcome from Brenda Moriarty, TASL President
10:15	Plan for Forum Diane Chen and Ed Sullivan
10:30	Opening Remarks by Sponsors – Scholastic Publishing – represented by Dewight Lanham Capstone Press – represented by Allie Woodburn
10:45-11:45	Keynote Speaker Dr. Steven L. Layne, "Literacy Lessons for a Lifetime
11:45-1:00	Book Signing and Box Lunch
1:00-2:00	Panel Discussion: Natural Allies in Literacy Education
2:00-2:45	Breakout Group Discussion
2:45-3:00	Sweet Break
3:00-4:00	Panel Discussion: Creating a Collaborative Environment
4:00-4:45	Breakout Group Discussion Dinner on Your Own

Saturday, June 17

9:30-10:00	Breakfast
10:00-10:45	Panel Discussion: Advocacy 101: Building a Community of Support and Collaboration
10:45-11:30	Breakout Group Discussion
11:30-11:45	Break
11:45-12:30	Breakout Groups Compile Findings
12:30-1:30	Reports on Findings from Breakout Groups
1:30-1:45	Preview of 2006 TASL Conference Brenda Moriarty
1:45-2:00	Closing Remarks Diane Chen

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Steven L. Layne serves as full time Associate Professor of Education and Literature at Judson College in Elgin, IL. His vast array of experience working at multiple grade levels in the public schools allows him a unique camaraderie with teachers and librarians and his award-winning books for children and young adults add another appealing element to his dynamic presentations. He is a frequent keynote speaker at large conferences and gatherings of literacy educators and librarians throughout the world. In addition, Steve continues to do a few school appearances each year as a guest author and provides inservice for schools throughout the nation.

Steve has been honored with numerous awards for his work as an educator and researcher. In 2001, he received one of the Milken Foundation's National Awards for Teaching Excellence in the amount of \$25,000.00. He was also named to the 2001 All-Teacher Team by USA TODAY newspaper and was chosen as the Edwin A. Hoey Award Winner for U. S. Outstanding Teacher at the junior high level by NCTE in 2001. Steve was the 2000 ICARE for Reading Award winner and the 1999 Reading Teacher of the Year in Illinois. In addition, his doctoral dissertation research garnered the Outstanding Researcher Award from Northern Illinois University's College of Education Alumni Council as well as the Winn Research Award given by the State of Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in 1997.



The Children's Book Council (CBC) is a highly respected organization in the publishing industry that works cooperatively with booksellers, publishers, author, and illustrators to promote quality children's books. Each month for the past several years, the CBC has featured a Meet The Author column where invited authors/illustrators pen some words about their history and/or their craft. Following a speech at the IRA/CBC Awards Program in May of 2005, Steve was invited to write an article for this column.

Steve's interest in state and community literacy organizations has led to active leadership positions on the boards of the Northern Illinois Reading Council and Literacy Volunteers of America's Fox Valley Affiliate. He has also served as a reader for the Rebecca Caudill Young Reader Award Committee and been active in the DuPage Literacy Roundtable. Steve has been a member of several committees for the Illinois Reading Council throughout his involvement with the organization and currently serves as its president.

Dr. Layne's growing collection of books will be available for signing at lunch on Friday including: *This Side of Paradise*, *The Teachers' Night Before Christmas*, *Life's Literacy Lessons*, *Verses for Dad's Heart*, *Verses for Mom's Heart*, *T is for Teachers: A School Alphabet*, *Mergers and many more*. A list of all available titles is included in your packet.

More information about Dr. Layne can be found at www.stevelayne.com

Panelists

Natural Allies in Literacy in Education

Debbie Wooten
Shannon Collins
Julie Danielson
Ed Sullivan moderating

Creating a Collaborative Environment

Judy Bivens
Clara Hasbrouck
Dorothy Craig
Brenda Moriarty moderating

Advocacy 101--Building a Community of Support and Communication

Vivian Wynn
Penny Frere
Diane Chen

Panelist Info:

Judy Bivens is a retired high school librarian and currently Program Coordinator for the MLIS and Instructional Technology programs at Trevecca Nazarene University. She is completing work on her Ed D at TSU this year. A new grandmother, her daughter and husband live in Brentwood and her son and his wife live in Murfreesboro.

Diane Chen is currently the librarian at Hickman Elementary School and has been an officer in TASL serving on the legislative, advocacy and Information Power committees. She lives in Mt. Juliet, TN with 4 teenage boys and her husband Al and is an avid mystery reader.

Shannon Collins taught middle school language arts at the Tennessee School for the Deaf where he was named as one of Tennessee's Outstanding Teachers of the Humanities. Currently Shannon is a professor of literacy at Tennessee Tech University and serves on the editorial review boards for *The Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy* and *The English Journal*.

Dr. Dorothy Valcarcel Craig is an associate professor at Middle Tennessee State University. She is the principal investigator of the ESL Enterprise Project, a university-school project funded through the U.S. Department of Education.

Julie Danielson was, most recently, the librarian at the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville and is also a storyteller and sign language interpreter. She is currently exploring children's lit alongside her 2 year old and 8-mo old daughters, Miriam and Ada, while raising them full-time and taking a temporary hiatus from librarianship in Smyrna, Tennessee.

Clara Hasbrouck is an adjunct at ETSU and is retired from the Sullivan County Department of Education where she had been a school librarian and Media Services Director. She lives in Kingsport on a wooded hill where she can enjoy the critters and indulge in her passion for books when she and her husband are not traveling to faraway places.

Penny Frere has been the Executive Director of TENN-SHARE for eight years. TENN-SHARE is a state-wide library multi-type consortium of 550 member libraries. After 16 years in Bell Buckle, Penny has moved the TENN-SHARE office to Nashville where she lives with her husband Jon, an independent school consultant.

Brenda Moriarty is library media specialist at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. She lives in Kingsport, TN. with her husband Pat and her eight pound poodle Oreo. Brenda is currently serving as President of TASL and as a reader for Volunteer State Book Award Committee. On Sunday mornings she can be found operating the sound booth at her church.

Ed Sullivan is a librarian with Knox County Schools and the author of a nonfiction book for young people, *The Ultimate Weapon: The Race to Develop the Atomic Bomb* to be published by Holiday House this fall.

Dr. Deborah Wooten is currently an assistant professor of Reading Education at The University of Tennessee and is actively involved with IRA and contributes to School Library Journal's "Curriculum Connections". Recently she was a Co -Facilitator of the The First Annual School Library Leadership Summit held in NYC. She resides in Knoxville with her husband and two children.

Vivian Wynn has had a career in public libraries spanning over 25 years. Recently retired from Nashville Public Library where she served as Assistant Director and project manager for the Library for the construction of this amazing new downtown library and the five new branches, Vivian has served on the ALA Intellectual Freedom committee for 8 years. She is currently serving her second year as the Chair of the TLA Legislation Committee.

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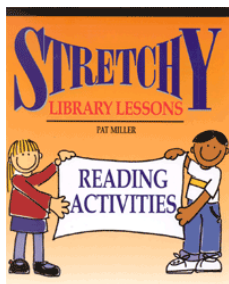


Keynote Speaker Friday, November 3
Dr. Stephen Krashen,
Linguistics expert and Library Advocate



Featured Speaker
Saturday, November 4

Walter "The Giant Storyteller" Mayes
Performer and Children's Lit
Advocate



Pat Miller, Contributor to *Library Sparks*
and Author of *Reaching Every Reader*,
Stretchy Library Lessons, *Collaborative
Bridges*, and her new book for children,
Substitute Groundhog

Also featuring Lurlene McDaniel, Janet Stevens, Audrey Church, Ann Martin, Alan Gratz, and others!

Evaluation Form—2006 TASL Libraries and Literacy Forum

Please complete this evaluation form. Your responses are needed to help in the planning of future forums. Return your completed form to the registration table. Thank you!

Please rate the following using a 5 for highest and 1 for lowest.

	Highest				Lowest
Panel Topics	5	4	3	2	1
Panel Speakers	5	4	3	2	1
Keynote Speaker	5	4	3	2	1
Forum Organization	5	4	3	2	1
Forum Schedule	5	4	3	2	1
Meeting Space	5	4	3	2	1
Handouts	5	4	3	2	1
Meals	5	4	3	2	1

Did the panel topics and breakout discussions groups address issues of concern to you? Please suggest topics to address in future forums.

What did you learn at the forum that you will be able to share and apply in your work environment?

Please suggest any improvements you believe are needed to make future forums successful?