

Bonsall and Bath receive MRA Literacy Award

The Michigan Reading association recognizes individuals and agencies that demonstrate outstanding leadership in the field of literacy. This year, the MRA's Literacy Award went to Keri Lyn Bath and Sandra Bonsall, teachers at Lakeview Elementary School in Negaunee. They were honored for their literacy leadership in the Marquette-Alger community as well as for their excellence in the classroom. Congratulations Keri and Sandy!



Keri Bath with Marcia Kempt (MRA Awards Chair) and Sandy Bonsall

Kaleidoscope 2009



One of MARC's community service project is to have a book making table at Kaleidoscope. Pictured is Mandy Swanson Community Outreach chair with NMU students, Andrea Kleinpaste, Erika Goudzwaard and Madison Hindes.

Children enjoyed additional activities at the MARC book making booth this year. Poetry selections and wordless books were added to the already popular sticker book making. As the MARC volunteers helped kids choose which type of book they would like to make, or which poem might best go with their sticker choice, we noticed several students writing and adding illustrations to their poems. Children of all ages were engaged and excited about sharing their new books with their families.

-Amanda Swanson, MARC Community Literacy Coordinator

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Batchelder Award Honors Translated Children's Books

Our current economic times have driven home the point that we are truly members of the global community. Children's literature can help our students feel they are a part of the global community, especially when we introduce books that are set outside of the United States. Each year the Mildred Batchelder Award honors the most outstanding books for children originally written in another language and translated into English. The list of winners provides a great place to start for teachers seeking books that reflect diversity in cultural experiences.

Originally published in Japanese in 1996 as "Seirei no Moribito," *Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit*, written by Nahoko Uehashi and translated by Cathy Hirano, was selected as the 2009 Batchelder Award winner. The book tells the story of Balsa, a skilled female warrior, who accepts the task of protecting a young prince from otherworldly demons and his father's assassins. This is a sophisticated and complex Japanese epic filled with political intrigue, mystery and danger, for readers in upper elementary and middle school.

A picture book set in Norway, *Garmann's Summer*, and an Indian novel with a reluctant hero, *Tiger Moon*, were honor award winners. Visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/batchelderaward/index.cfm> for more information on these books and previous winners.

—Sandra Imdieke, Chair
2009 Batchelder Award Committee

Reading Day at the Mall

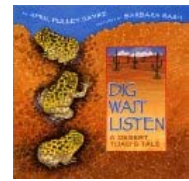
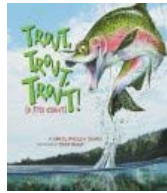
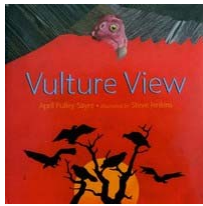
Instead of seeing kids tugging on their parents' and grandparents' sleeves for a new toy, their noses were buried in a brand new book. Every child visiting the Westwood Mall on Saturday, March 21st received a free book of their choice. Families were pleasantly surprised to hear that the books were free and not part of a fundraiser. Angelina Ballerina was also on hand to dazzle the young readers with hugs and a soft lap to sit on. What a great place to read! -- Amanda Swanson, MARC Community Literacy Coordinator



The BookMARC's

A casual book club, affiliated with the Marquette Alger Reading Council, encourages anyone interested in discussing this month's selection, to join the group at Peter White Library Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

Contact person: Erin Donovan—228-6856



MARC Spring Dinner

Presenting:

Award-winning author of nonfiction children's books,

April Pulley Sayre



Register by April 24th

UPFRONT & Company

102 E. Main St. in Marquette

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

5:00 P.M.	book signing & silent auction
6:00 P.M.	dinner
7:00 P.M.	author presentation

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Indicate your dinner preference.

_____ Champagne Chicken with coffee and ice cream

4 oz. breast pan-seared & finished with Champagne sauce; served with vegetables and rice pilaf

_____ Pasta Primavera with coffee and ice cream

Blend of fresh vegetables and penne pasta in a garlic cream sauce; served with a side of vegetables

_____ Pan-Seared Salmon with coffee and ice cream

4 oz. filet pan-seared & finished with Citrus Herb sauce; served with vegetables and baby red potatoes

Please remit: \$18.00 for MARC members \$_____

\$20.00 for non-members \$_____

(add your 2009-2010 membership for \$10.00 more) \$_____

\$_____ TOTAL

NAME _____ E-mail _____

Return to: Marquette-Alger Reading Council, P.O. Box 1084, Marquette, MI 49855 (or your MARC Building Rep.)

NMU Literacy Fair

The Literacy Fair was held on April 1st to showcase all the wonderful ideas teachers brought back from the March MRA conference in Grand Rapids. This year NMU's School of Education received a wonderful gift that provided the money to send 20 students and teachers to MRA. As part of the grant agreement recipients agreed to share what they learned with their schools and other educators. The Literacy Fair was chaired by Kerensa Bauman and Madison Hindes, both members of the MARC student organization. Some of the ideas shared were Sketch Journals as Writing Aides, Graphic Novels in the Classroom, Helping Students Become Published Authors, Using Mentor Texts in Writing Workshop, Books and Hooks, Word Study, RTI Model, Reading and Adolescent Males and creative book reports. Thank you to all that participated and a special thank you to Mrs. Peterson!!

Visit us on the web:

<http://www.upreadingassociation.org/MARC.html>



MARC Your Calendar

April 20, 2009	MARC Board Meeting - Peter White Library at 4:30p.m.
May 5, 2009	MARC Spring Dinner
October 8, 2009	MARC Fall Dinner
October 9, 2009	UPRA Fall Conference

Growing Readers: A Book Study

What can I say? Erin Donovan and Cindy Flatt can really make a book study an enriching experience! From the superb book choice, Growing Readers by Kathy Collins, to the reminiscent 'Growing Reader' paper dolls, and all of those tasty snacks, teachers in attendance were left fired up and confident to begin a readers' workshop in their classroom.

Here is the Basic Format of Reading Workshop:

- *Mini-Lesson (very short, 10 min or less)
- *Independent reading work time with instruction (Students read independently while teacher conferences with individuals and works with small groups.)
- *Mid-Workshop Teaching (about 2 min, a time to redirect or expand on mini-lesson)
- *Partner Reading Time (students read with partners and teacher conferences and works with small groups)
- *Teaching Share Time (about 5 min, whole group, a time to reinforce the mini-lesson and preview the next day's mini-lesson)

-Amanda Swanson,

MARC Community Literacy Coordinator

Want Art?



MRA Summer Literacy Conference
July 15th -16th, 2009
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Get Art!



Stephanie Harvey

The Art of Nonfiction



Nell Duke



Love Art?

Learn from the best... and enjoy the rest at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. It's all included! Don't miss out. Register early!!!



See Art!