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Thanks to [All of You](#) for spending your Saturday with us, and for joining us in our first conference! Hope to see you again in the future!

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Welcome to Get Connected! the First Annual Student School Library Conference

Simmons College
March 24, 2007





SCHEDULE

Session	Title	Speaker	Room
9:30 - 9:55	Registration		MCB
A 10:00 - 10:45	Collaboration with Teachers	Sandy Kelly	Room 104
	How to Survive and Thrive in the First Five Years	Mary Kelleher Kahla Jourdan	Room 105
B 11:00 - 11:45	Bookmaking with Students	Dorothea Black	Room 104
	Staying Current with Emerging Technologies	ASIS&T Alison Cody	Room 105
11:45 - 12:15	Lunch		Faculty Lounge
12:15 - 12:45	Lunchtime Panel		Faculty Lounge
KEYNOTE 12:45 - 1:15	Advocacy and Benefits of MSLA Membership	Kathy Lowe	Faculty Lounge
C 1:30 - 2:15	Library Teacher-Principal Partnerships	Bob Helmer Bob Roth	Room 104
	Book-talking	Barb Facticeau	Room 105
D 2:20 - 3:15	Storytelling in the School Library	Karen Chace	Room 104
	Process to Product: Integrating Technology into Elementary School Research Projects	Kristina Young	Room 105



OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Katherine Lowe is the President of the Massachusetts School Library Association. Her two-year term ends in June, when she will continue to serve as MSLA's Executive Director. She is a 1990 graduate of Simmons College GSLIS and worked in school libraries for over 20 years before retiring in June 2006. She was the founding Director of the Boston Arts Academy/Fenway High School Library and Boston Symphony Orchestra Education Resource Center, named the 2004 National School Library Media Program of the Year by the American Association of School Librarians.

In 2005 and 2006, Ms. Lowe was a member of the American Library Association's Task Force on School Libraries, which assessed the current state of school libraries in America, identified critical issues and trends affecting school libraries and librarians today, and recommended strategies ALA could implement to prevent further erosion of school library programs. She is MSLA's liaison to the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Library Association, and the school library representative on MLA's Legislation Committee and Government Relations Advisory Board. She represents Massachusetts on the board of the New England Educational Media Association and is a member of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' Public Relations Advisory Committee, charged with overseeing the development of a marketing plan for libraries in the Commonwealth. She is currently in the midst of traveling to several states with AASL's National School Library Media Program of the Year Award Committee, evaluating finalists for the 2007 NSLMPY award.

THE PANELISTS

Deeth Ellis is one of two librarians at Lexington High School. Deeth's previous library experience includes working as an assistant in the Interlibrary Loan Department of the Beatley Library at Simmons where she worked while attending Simmons. Deeth graduated from Simmons GSLIS in 2006. Before library school, she worked as an editor in a publishing company, database consultant and in her children's elementary school to support a home reading program.

Barb Facteau (See Speakers)

Bob Helmer (See Speakers)

Kahla Jourdan (See Speakers)

Mary Kelleher (See Speakers)

Ted Schelvan graduated from the School Library Teacher Program at Simmons in August of 2006 and is now the librarian at Norwell High School, where he is the only certified librarian in the district. Ted spent half of a school year during his time at Simmons as the librarian at the Milton Bradley Elementary School in Springfield, MA. He also holds a Bachelor's degree (and K-8 teaching certificate) in Reading and Elementary Education from Eastern Washington University.

Kristina Young (See Speakers)

OUR SPEAKERS

Dorthea Black is the Head Librarian at the Park School in Brookline. She graduated from Simmons GSLIS in 2003. Before embarking on a career in libraries she worked in publishing and graphic arts. She has been teaching book arts for over 20 years. Dorothea maintains a blog about making books with kids which can be found at: <http://www.parkschool.org/blogs/dorthea_black>.

Karen Chace grew up among a large, extended Irish family in Massachusetts, surrounded by stories and storytellers all of her life. She has been sharing stories professionally with a wide range of audiences since 2000 and is the founder and director of a student storytelling club in her hometown, producing their Storytelling Festival each year. Karen is the author of "Researching Stories on the Internet", "Story by Story - Building a School Storytelling Club" and is a contributing author to the National Storytelling Network's (NSN) recent publications, "A Beginner's Guide to Storytelling" and "Telling Stories to Children." She is also a member of the NSN Press Committee, former board member of LANES (League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling) and writes a regular column, "Story Telling," for Storytelling Magazine. She believes that storytelling nurtures students, offering them opportunities to succeed in ways they never imagined!

Alison Cody is currently the Lead Technology Reference Assistant in the GSLIS Tech Lab and chair of the Simmons Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology. She acts as coordinator for the Emerging Technologies Workshop Series, which is sponsored by the two organizations. Alison teaches workshops on tagging and social bookmarking, RSS and HTML, and is interested in how libraries are using these, and other, social software tools and innovative programming to reach out to their patrons. When she's not at GSLIS, you'll find her cheering for the Boston Derby Dames or haunting local yarn shops. Alison blogs at <http://ramblington.wordpress.com>.

Barb Facteau has been working in libraries on and off for 24 years in various positions including serving as a page, a clerk and, finally, a media specialist. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from Gordon College and a Master's Degree in Education, with a library media certification from Salem State College. Barb has been the Library Media Specialist at Beverly High School since 2004.

Bob Helmer, a graduate of Simmons GSLIS and George Washington University, is the Library Teacher at the Jackson Mann School in Allston, MA. Bob recently moved back to Boston after living the greater part of two years in Bolivia where he worked as the Library Teacher/Coordinator at an American Overseas School. Before becoming a Librarian, Bob worked in various environmental non-profits and in corporate management.

Kahla Jourdan began her library career in Westwood after graduating from Simmons in May of 2003. She worked at the Hanlon Elementary School for two years before transferring to the Sheehan Elementary School, where she currently works. In addition, Kahla serves on the MSLA Executive Board as the PR Co-Chair (along with co-presenter Mary Kelleher). Prior to library school, she worked in the corporate world for IBM and at the Target corporate HQ.

Mary Kelleher is the Library Teacher at Prospect Hill Academy Middle School in Somerville. She embarked on a career as a school librarian after three years as a high school English teacher. Mary's favorite experiences as a librarian have included building the elementary and middle school libraries at PHA, representing the faculty as a member of the finance committee, meeting new librarians through the MSLA, and the struggling reader who came to the library every day during snack to take out a book and chat. When she is not buried in books, you can find her playing ultimate Frisbee or traveling.

Sandy Kelly, Med, is a National Board Certified Library Media Specialist working at the Carlisle Public K-8 School. In addition to running the library program at her school, she is also the Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator and has been a new teacher mentor. Sandy was an elementary classroom teacher for seven years before re-training as a "school librarian." Sandy is currently President Elect of the Massachusetts School Library Association, has held office as Membership Chair, Public Relations Chair and Massachusetts representative at the American Association of School Librarians' Affiliate Assembly. In addition, Sandy has trained in school administration, served on her community's school committee and is a trustee at her local public library.

Robert (Doc) Roth is in his third year as the Library Director at The English High School in Jamaica Plain. While attending Simmons College GSLIS he worked as a paraprofessional at the Boston Arts Academy/Fenway High School Library and Boston Symphony Orchestra Education Resource Center. Active in the library community, Doc serves on the Executive Committee of MSLA as Co-chair of the Legislation Committee and previously served as Chair of the Constitution and Policy Committee. He is also finishing a term on the Legislation Committee and the Publication Committee in AASL. In ALA, Doc is one of the 100 librarians, and one of the six or seven teacher librarians, selected as Emerging Leaders in ALA. In addition to being a library teacher, Doc is an archivist and serves as the archivist at BAA/FHS.

Kristina Young is a Library Media Specialist at Wood End Elementary School in Reading, MA. A recent graduate of Simmons, this is her second year as a LMS. Prior to becoming a LMS she directed a national accreditation system for after-school programs and worked for the Fenway Libraries Online consortium of university and special libraries. Reading has adopted the Big 6 as the research method for the district. They have supported the integration of the method in all curriculum areas through training, even bringing Bob Berkowitz to Reading this fall. The Big 6 offers students a framework for problem solving and creates a common language from elementary to high school. In her role as LMS, Ms. Young has collaborated with teachers on numerous Big 6 projects and co-presented this workshop to teachers in Reading and surrounding communities.