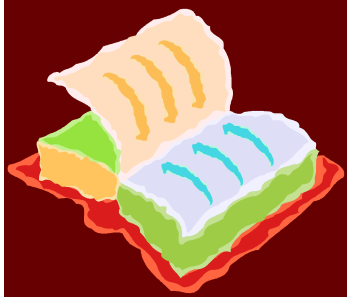




St. Mary's Magnet Academy Media Center



St. Mary's Magnet Academy Media Center welcomes students, teachers, classes, parents and administrators throughout the school day and during after school programs. The mission of the media program is to support the school's goals and programs, including, but not limited to, the Cornerstone Literacy Initiative, Accelerated Reader, developing life-long readers, and providing print and non-print materials that enrich the curriculum. The media collection supports the Georgia Performance Standards.

Mrs. Toni Webb, the media specialist, collaborates with teachers at every grade level in order to teach information literacy skills and provide activities that enhance literacy. She uses InfoSavvyStudent™ to teach information literacy skills to students in grades two through five. She also sponsors "lunch time literacy circles" for students in grade five.

In addition to print materials, the media center collection includes videos, DVDs, laser discs, CDs, Internet access, a media distribution system, and Follett Destiny library management software.



(Picture - Students at St. Mary's Magnet Academy Media Center selecting print materials)

Mrs. Webb is a co-sponsor of the Research to Media Club. Students research topics of their choosing, then, use digital cameras, scanners, video cameras, and interactive software in order to produce digital presentations.

The media center is open 30 minutes before PTA meetings, and parents are encouraged to check out materials to read to and with their children.

Toni Webb earned her MSLS from Case Western University and her specialist degree in Library and Information Studies from Clark Atlanta University. She currently participates in Cornerstone Literacy Initiative workshops. Toni has represented Muscogee county School District and St. Mary's at numerous conferences including COMO, Georgia Conference on Information Literacy, International Magnet School Conference, Georgia Educational Technology Conference, and others.

"My Alma Mater was books, a good library. I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity." Malcolm X

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Upcoming Events:

- CALA Spring Meeting** March 16th
at Columbus Public Library—6:30 pm
- Libra Award Celebration** April 2006
- CALA Membership Drive!!** June 2006

CALA Winter Meeting



“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” Unknown



The Winter Meeting of CALA was held February 7, 2006 at Columbus Public Library. The meeting was well attended by (30+) CALA members and supporters. The group was excited and many interesting ideas were presented to promote CALA as an organization and in the community during the coming year. In an effort to encourage membership renewals and greater participation in CALA, it was suggested and accepted to seek ways to add more value to CALA membership through educational opportunities, networking, community involvement, etc. Many ideas and suggestions were put before the group. The appropriate committees will adopt the suggestions presented for further exploration and implementation.

There seemed to have been an overwhelming desire among the group to enhance the bond and networking opportunities in CALA among library colleagues and libraries. The group voted unanimously to increase meetings from four times yearly to six. It is suggested that we have three stationary meetings yearly at the Colum-

bus Public Library. In addition to the stationary meetings there will be three floating meetings to be held at different locations—libraries throughout the area, restaurants, etc. This suggestion is before the Executive Committee for final disposition.

There was also an overall feeling of generosity among the group. It was agreed CALA would seek ways to target an underserved group in the community, possibly seniors and offer some service such as reading to seniors in senior or nursing homes, donate books, magnifying glasses, etc. However, it was agreed efforts would be made to make sure we do not duplicate the efforts of other community organizations. Several suggestions were made and will be adopted by the appropriate CALA committees.

To support CALA endeavors in the community, it was agreed to sponsor an annual fund raising event. Several suggestions were made and the Program Committee will have

information for the membership body in the near future. If you have suggestions or would like to assist in making some of these projects come to fruition, please contact Stephanie Middleton, chair of the Program Committee.

The group voted and agreed on a major change—an increase in organizational dues for the upcoming 06/07 year. The new membership dues will be \$10.00 for library support staff, students and friends and \$20.00 for Librarians & other Professional Staff. This is the first increase in dues since the inception of CALA.

CALA, your local Library Organization, needs you! Please join and participate in CALA’s growth and progress.

*Coming together is progress—
commitment and working
together as one body will
bring about success!!*



****CALA Spring Meeting****
Thursday
March 16, 2006
6:30 p.m.
Columbus Public Library
CB&T Synovus Room



*“No place affords a more striking conviction of the vanity of human hopes than a public library”
Samuel Johnson,*

Area Library Happenings

Columbus Public Library

President Jimmy Carter Visits Columbus Public Library

On November 29th President Jimmy Carter visited the Columbus Public Library to promote his newest book, Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis. Over 900 people filled the rotunda, auditorium and meeting rooms, waiting for the opportunity to meet President Carter. During the 2-hour visit, people had the chance to meet the President, get copies of his book(s) signed and take photos. Even though President Carter did not personalize any books, he made everyone feel special with the way he smiled and greeted each person.

Before the event, Mr. Carter posed for photographs with 3 local children, to be used for a poster to promote reading. After the photo session, he visited with the children and their parents.

Library Chosen for Study

The Chattahoochee Valley Regional

Library System was one of five library systems chosen to be part of a study by Public Agenda. The study was funded by the Gates Foundations with the purpose of gathering information to help with library advocacy. Ana Maria Arumi, of Public Agenda, interviewed library patrons in the five rural public libraries in the system and local community leaders.

Roosevelt Institute Library Receives Preservation Grant

The library at Roosevelt Institute in Warm Springs has recently completed preservation work on three historic short films depicting life at the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation in the 1930s.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt created the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation in 1927 to provide rehabilitation services to polio patients. From 1927 to 1965 the Foundation served over 25,000 polio patients from across the country and around the world.

The three short films are

promotional pieces about Warm Springs meant to entice patients to the Foundation. Together, they are a chief source of information about life in Warm Springs during the early days when the patients lived in a village of wood-frame cottages and took most of their therapy outdoors.

The preservation work was made possible by a \$5400 grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation, a nonprofit organization established by Congress to help preserve historically important motion pictures. Since 1997, the Foundation has helped preserve hundreds of films across the country. The Film Preservation Foundation makes grants annually, and you can find out more about the program at its web site: <http://www.filmpreservation.org/index.html>.

The films are available for viewing at Roosevelt Institute by appointment. To view the films, contact Mike Shadix at 706-655-5616.

If you would like to see news about your library featured in the next "Library Happenings" please submit your article to teri.boscia@us.army.mil by April

Message From the President

Greetings.... As I stated earlier, a major goal during my tenure as president of CALA is to 'listen and learn from the membership'. The CALA Winter Meeting on Tuesday 2/7/06 was an ideal opportunity for me to listen and much was learned. The turnout was phenomenal with 30+ members and supporters in attendance. The excitement and interest in CALA could be felt throughout the room. Ideas of ways to promote CALA and support the community were outstanding. It was evident that as a group we definitely can create an atmosphere where we can collaborate, promote libraries and make a difference in our communities.

Now we must come together as one body of proud CALA members and

make these ideas and suggestions come to fruition. Many ideas were presented that as a body we can utilize to make CALA a recognizable name in the community. In becoming a recognizable name we will also be promoting libraries, networking with colleagues, addressing the needs of our communities and fellow workers and making a difference.

If CALA is to thrive and survive we all must take an active role and commit to making things happen. The one way you can do this is to join a committee and become an active participant. If suggestions made during the meeting last Tuesday interest you, and you want to be a part of making it happen, get in touch with a committee chair or let me know. Thanks in

advance for your support of CALA. Together WE CAN!!

Are you on a committee?

CALA needs all members to be active participants!! Please volunteer, and become an active member of a committee.

CALA committees and chairpersons:

- Membership** – Charle Menefee—748-2855
- Program** - Stephanie Middleton—649-1929
- Refreshment** — Eileen Kramer—562-1492
- Publicity** — Uretha Gilmer - 683-8806
- Newsletter** — Teri Boscia— 545-6411

Be active—join a committee today !!

"Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work." Vince Lombardi

