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BOSTON — 2010 MIDWINTER MEETING

Monday, January 18, 2010

ALA Honors Top Youth Authors and Illustrators

John Newbery Medal
When You Reach Me
Rebecca Stead
Wendy Lamb Books

Robert F. Sibert Medal
Almost Astronauts: 18 Women Who Dared to Dream
Tanya Lee Stone
Candlewick Press

Coretta Scott King–Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement
Walter Dean Myers

Theodora Seuss Geisel Award
Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!
Geoffrey Hayes
Toon Books

Randolph Caldecott Medal
The Lion and the Mouse
Jerry Pinkney
Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers

Pura Belpre Illustrator Award
Book Fiesta! Celebrate Children’s Day/Book Day.
Celebraremos el dia de los niños/El dia de los libros
Illustrated by Rafael Lopez
Written by Pat Mora
HarperCollins

Michael L. Printz Award
Going Bovine
Libba Bray
Delacorte Press

Coretta Scott King Author Award
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal
Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
Carolrhoda Books

Excellence in Young Adult Nonfiction
Charles and Emma: The Darwins’ Leap of Faith
Deborah Heiligman
Henry Holt

Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award
My People
Charles R. Smith Jr.
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Schneider Family Book Award
Children’s Books
Django
Bonnie Christensen
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Coretta Scott King Author Award
Return To Sender
Julia Alvarez
Knopf

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Anything
Nora Raleigh Baskin
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Pura Belpre Author Award
Almost Astronauts: 18 Women Who Dared to Dream
Tanya Lee Stone
Candlewick Press

Schneider Family Book Award
Teen
Marcelo in the Real World
Francisco X. Stork
Arthur A. Levine Books

Margaret A. Edwards Award
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793
Jim Murphy
Houghton/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2009

Williams C. Morris Award
Flash Burnout
L.K. Madigan
Live Oak Media
Narrated by Barbara Rosenblat

Odyssey Award
Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken
Kate DiCamillo
Live Oak Media
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Batchelder Award
A Faraway Island
Annika Thor
Delacorte Press

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To savor the rich connection the Library of Congress has with Boston, be sure to attend the presentation offered by the Massachusetts Center for the Book on Sunday, January 17.

Library of Congress staff will also available throughout the day to answer questions.

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The second featured author in the Sunrise Speaker Series Sunday morning was Atul Gawande, M.D. A surgeon and a writer, Dr. Gawande is a staff member of Brigham and Women’s Hospital, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and the New Yorker magazine. In 2002, his book *Complications: A Surgeon’s Notes on an Imperfect Science* was a finalist for the National Book Award. His book *Better: A Surgeon’s Notes on Performance* is a *New York Times* bestseller and one of Amazon’s ten best books of 2007. His newest book, *The Checklist Manifesto*, is one of Amazon’s best books of the month for December 2009.

In *Checklist*, Dr. Gawande tells the story of a three-year-old girl who fell in the water and was found 30 minutes later in the bottom of the pond by her frantic parents. The emergency services operator provided CPR instructions to them, and eight minutes later EMS arrived. According to Gawande, “she was not breathing. Her pupils were dilated and did not react to light. By the time she got to the hospital and the emergency team started working on her, it had been “an hour and a half since she had last breathed.”

Over the next six hours, they got her body back to a normal temperature. During the following 24 hours, they cleaned the debris out of her lungs and got them functioning. Over the next two days, they “supported her with drugs, and her liver and kidneys came back and recovered as did her organs, except her brain. A C.T. scan revealed her brain had swollen to the limits of her skull, but there were no dead spots. The neurologists drilled a hole in her skull and lowered the pressure to help the swelling go down.

Gawande Engages Audience with Tales of Real Life Drama

She was kept in a coma for a week and then was allowed to go home when her pupils dilated. After a considerable amount of occupational therapy, neurological testing showed her strength was back to normal and her speech was completely recovered.

Two things fascinated Gawande when learning of this event; First, that science had developed to a point where the rescue of someone in this position was possible, and second, how much was involved to pull this feat off. “There were hundreds of people working together and not making any mistakes. Somehow they brought her back, and were able to handle the complexity of what they were doing,” he said.

Wanting to know more about this fantastic event, Gawande asked the author who first wrote about the girl’s story how this was accomplished. The author replied that he’d been working at that hospital for six years and this had not been the first attempt to try to rescue someone in this type of dire circumstance and that they typically get three to five cases per year like this. “For a long time, no matter how hard we tried, we had no survivors. I took a close look at the records, and almost routinely someone or something was missing so it was decided to try a checklist to follow in these cases. The responsibility of creating the checklist was given to the people with the least power, and with the checklist in place, the team had its first success.”

According to Gawande, “The idea that I would write a book on checklists never occurred to me as something I would be working on in a million years. I studied other industries like aviation and how they handled complex situations with a record of safety and fewer and fewer failures along the way.”

Gawande’s checklist contains 19 items. He said lists “need to be kept short, and to focus on killer items, to study and identify key items, and that one can never make a list to cover all the complexities experts face. Having checks in place allows people to be more capable to deal with what’s coming.”

— Atul Gawande, M.D.
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Stonewall Book Awards Announced

The Stonewall Book Awards Committee of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table is pleased to announce the Stonewall Book Awards for 2010. The Stonewall Book Awards are given annually to English-language books of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered experience.

This year for the first time the Committee is giving an award for children’s and young adult literature. The Committee has selected The Vast Fields of Ordinary by Nick Burd, (Penguin Group) to receive the committee’s first children’s and young adult literature award.

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The Stonewall Book Award-Barbara Gittings Literature Award for 2010 will be presented to Stray Dog winter by David Francis, (MacAdam/Cage). Francis’ novel is a gritty and accurate depiction of one gay man’s experience in the 1980’s Soviet Union and as a conflicted boy growing up in rural Australia. Darcy travels from his Australian home to Moscow to help his half-sister Fin prepare for her upscale American university education. A new identity, a new name. Will his parents ever find out? Will their marriage survive? Darcy is on his own and on his own terms.

BCALA Announces the 2010 Literary Awards Winners

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) announced the winners of the 2010 BCALA Literary Awards during the Midwinter Meeting. The awards recognize excellence in adult fiction and nonfiction by African American authors published in 2009. The recipients will receive the awards during ALA’s 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

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Lentz-Smith is Assistant Professor of History at Duke University. The recipient of the First Novelist Award is K.C. Marshall for My Sister’s Veil (XLibris). This debut novel is an inspirational and motivating story about the trials and tribulations of three strong Black women. Their lives are separated yet connected through their friendship and consequent environment. Using their inner strength or spiritual “veil”, the main characters show how their ancestral culture shapes their drive to overcome adversities thus giving them the fortune to make a difference changing themselves and their circumstances. K.C. Marshall is a free lance writer.

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ALAs Held Forum for Candidates for President and Treasurer

By Adrienne Chamberlin Simmons College

Past President Jim Rettig moderated a forum Saturday, January 16 for ALA members to see and hear from four candidates for office. Molly Raphael and Sara Kelly Johns are running for ALA President, with Jim Neal and Alan Kornblau running for Treasurer. Each candidate had five minutes to introduce themselves, their qualifications and vision for the post they were seeking.

Molly Raphael has been active in ALA for 35 years as President of LLAMA, President of District of Columbia Library Association and has chairs many committees within the organization. Raphael believes libraries are “essential for learning; essential for life.” Her vision includes strong advocacy for libraries and the communities they serve, recruiting and retaining an ever increasing diverse library workforce, and an unwavering commitment to protecting libraries’ core values of intellectual freedom, privacy, and access to information. Raphael believes she and libraries should be innovative thinkers and collaborators within their communities to increase funding and influence in those communities.

Sara Kelly Johns is a longtime school librarian, Past President of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), the Associate Editor for AASL Community for Knowledge Quest, former and present ALA Councilor and is currently a member of ALA President Camila Alire’s REACT committee for her advocacy initiative for frontline library workers. Johns believes in strongly promoting libraries and their services as “a cornerstone of a global economy.” She envisions a stronger, more effective organization through increased member participation in ALA. Johns advocates diversity, open access to information for everyone, intellectual freedom, and privacy as part of her mission. She believes in working with librarians and legislators to increase public awareness of the vital role libraries play in society.

Alan Kornblau is a candidate for ALA treasurer and believes in increasing memberships in ALA. Kornblau wants ALA to be a leader in technology and will encourage younger leaders in the library community to take an active role in ALA. Increasing ALA publications not only domestically, but internationally, is also part of his plan. He sees the Treasurer position as a challenging one, citing his success in his library work, and jokingly promised to negotiate for Midwinter in his home area of South Florida.

Jim Neal, the second candidate for ALA treasurer, has served on budget and finance committees for ALA, and believes ALA needs “sound budgeting policies and practices.” Neal realizes that revenues come from memberships, conferences, and publications, and are complemented by grants and fundraising. He plans to grow these traditional forms of revenue and add new ones. His focus is not just on where’s happening right now in the economy and ALA, but where ALA is going in the future.

The forum will be available on blip.tv and YouTube after Midwinter.

APALA Gears Up for 30th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C.

By Frederick J. Augustyn, Jr. The Library of Congress

The Asian Pacific American Library Association met on Sunday morning to discuss several programs and initiatives, placing major emphasis on planning for events celebrating the 30th anniversary of the organization. APALA President Sherise Kimura addressed the Family Literacy Focus Initiative that the organization, assisted by a grant from ALA, is working on together with the American Indian Association. The goal is to develop two program manuals on intergenerational literacy, with pilot programs using them beginning in May in Los Angeles; Lincoln, Neb.; and perhaps Queens, N.Y.

Reme Grofaldia, a specialist in the Library of Congress’s Asian American Pacific Islander collection and local arrangements contact person for APALAs events at ALA Annual in Washington, has arranged a tour on Friday, June 25 of the Institution’s focus on the Asian Division’s holdings. There will be visits to the Smithsonian Folklife Festival: Asian Pacific American Connections as well as to the White House and National Archives, all space limited and requiring prior application. She is also helping to coordinate the evening gala on Sunday, June 27 at the China Garden restaurant in nearby Rosslyn, Va. where there will be, in addition to a “veggie friendly” menu, literary awards, recognition of APALAs past presidents and executive board directors, and entertainment. APALA will soon send letters of invitation to heads of other ALA divisions and affiliates. Information about these celebratory events as well prices and purchase instructions for the dinner tickets can be found at http://www.apalweb.org.