Luke Kralik is CSLP’s New Organizational Coordinator

Luke Kralik is the Organizational Coordinator for the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). He began his library career in 2006 and has worked in a variety of library settings, most recently as the library director at Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Oregon.

Early in his library career, Luke made the mistake of choosing books for storytime based solely on cover art. Sadly, at this stage of his life, he felt duty bound to read every single word. These unfortunate factors led to the longest twenty minutes of his and about fourteen young people’s lives.

Luke received his MLS from Emporia State University, and has a BFA from Southern Oregon University. He is a native Oregonian, and lives in beautiful Tillamook County with his wife, three daughters, three cats, and two chickens.

He brings a wealth of leadership experience and an understanding of different library systems to the organization. In addition to his previous job at Clatsop Community College, he also served as the college librarian at the Tillamook Bay Community College, Tillamook, Oregon, as well as a reference librarian at the Tillamook County Library and at the Jackson County Library in Medford, Oregon. His experience as a school librarian at the Sacred Heart Elementary School in Medford, Oregon, gave him firsthand experience running a summer reading program.

From the President

Happy Spring or Early Summer! I am sure it is warm already where some of you are. This is my last newsletter as President. I know updates will continue to be disseminated in some format when Matt McLain comes on board as President in June. Look for more updates in the coming year. I have enjoyed sending these infrequent newsletters. Thanks for the opportunity.

~ Sharon Rawlins
Luke will oversee all aspects of projects for CSLP, including contracts, strategic plans, online manual development, rules of use, membership support and the creation of an online storefront, among other things. This full-time position will begin June 1, 2017 but prior to that, he will work with the CSLP Board of Directors, its multiple committee chairs and vendors on a part-time basis laying the foundation for the June transition.

“When I was notified I had been chosen for the position I literally jumped in the air! I was truly inspired by the passion and dedication the members demonstrated at the recent CSLP Annual Meeting,” enthused Luke. “It is an honor to have been selected as the CSLP’s Organizational Coordinator. I cannot wait to begin working with all of the members!”

“We’re thrilled to have Luke join the CSLP team as our organizational coordinator,” said Sharon Rawlins, President of CSLP. “We believe that Luke’s experience working with many different committees in various library settings, paired with his enthusiasm and warm personality, is the perfect match for CSLP. His ability and willingness to work with the board and CSLP members, and his energy and evident passion for literacy and technology will enable us to reach new heights of success.”

Here are a few links to recent blog posts or articles where Kwame promotes summer reading and CSLP:

Kirkus: [https://www.kirkusreviews.com/features/summer-reading-kwame-alexander/](https://www.kirkusreviews.com/features/summer-reading-kwame-alexander/)

Seven Impossible Things Before Breakfast: [http://blaine.org/sevenimpossiblethings/?p=4341](http://blaine.org/sevenimpossiblethings/?p=4341)
CSLP Annual Meeting April 10-12, 2017 at the Frances Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC

What a great looking group of CSLP attendees at the Annual Meeting!

More than 80 librarians, from all 50 states, including DC, the US territories of American Samoa, Bermuda, Guam, the Mariana Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia who attended the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)’s Annual Meeting at the historic Frances Marion Hotel in beautiful Charleston, SC from April 10-12, 2017. This is the only time the entire membership gets together in person to conduct business, since CSLP’s Board and Administrative Services usually does its work online and via conference calls. As attendees, we upheld our meeting motto to serve the CSLP membership, and while this includes our individual states and organizations, it was for the whole that we made our decisions.

These Include:

- **Brian Pinkney is the artist/illustrator for the Early Literacy and Children’s 2018 manuals for the Libraries Rock music-themed summer reading program for all ages.** Attendees received samples of the drafts of his unfinished 2018 early literacy and children’s posters.

- **LeUyen Pham is the artist/illustrator for the 2020 Early Literacy and Children’s manuals.**
State representatives and voting proxies selected *A Universe of Stories* as the **2019 slogan** for all age groups to accompany the **2019 Space** theme with Leeza Hernandez, as

- State representatives and voting proxies selected **Fairytales/Mythology/Fantasy for 2020’s summer reading theme for all ages**

- Samples of Demco/Upstart’s 2018 reading incentives were revealed

- The CSLP Board hired an Organizational Coordinator (see separate article)

Thank you to those of you who attended the Annual Meeting and to those of you who could not make it. We are all working to help make CSLP the best summer reading program it can be, this year and for many years to come. Good luck with your 2017 Summer Reading Programs!

**CSLP Annual Meeting Attendees Donated Books for Louisiana Libraries Damaged by Floods in 2016**

Angela Germany, State Rep for Louisiana is giving half the books to the East Baton Rouge Public Library system and the other half to the Livingston Parish Public Library. These two parish library systems were the most impacted by the disaster.

Angela presenting some of the books to the East Baton Rouge Public Library that were donated by members at the CSLP Annual Meeting
Ms. Pham has illustrated over fifty children’s books. This includes the best-selling *Freckleface Strawberry* series with Julianne Moore, *the Princess in Black* series by Shannon Hale, *the Alvin Ho* series by Lenore Look, and *Grace for President* by Kelly S. DiPucchio, as well as her book *There is No Such Thing as Little, The Bear Who Wasn’t There, All the Things I Love About You* and *Big Sister, Little Sister*. She also designed the bookmark artwork for the “We Need Diverse Books” campaign in 2014.

**CSLP Elections**
The following slate of nominees were elected to fill board and committee chair positions beginning June 1, 2017:
- Vice President/President-elect: Chrissie McGovern (NC)
- Secretary: Josephine Camarillo (WA), *Board* Treasurer: Anne Lemay (NJ), *Board*
- Membership: Sally Snyder (NE), *Board*
- Vendor: Deanne Dekle (NM), *Board*
- Children’s Program: Tanya DiMaggio (LA), *Committee Chair, non-Board*
- At Large Members: Cathy Lancaster (MI), *Board*
- Jamie Chipman (UT), *Board*

**2018 CSLP Annual Meeting**
April 8 – 12, 2018
The Westin, Denver, Colorado

**Brian Pinkney is the artist for 2018’s early literacy and children’s manual**
As announced in 2016, Brian Pinkney is the artist for the 2018 early literacy and children’s manuals. Those of you who attended the Annual Meeting received samples of his posters, but not the final ones. The vendor committee is still making final suggestions on the posters with his artwork.
Kwame Alexander’s Recommended 2017 Summer Reading List

Newbery Medalist, poet, educator, and New York Times bestselling author Kwame Alexander is the 2017 National Summer Reading Champion for the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). “Books open up doors of possibility and potential and purpose—and allow children to imagine a better world for themselves and for us,” he says.

Here are Kwame Alexander’s Recommended Reads for Summer 2017:

- *Are We There Yet?* by Dan Santat (ages 4–8)
- *I Like Myself!* (board book) by Karen Beaumont, illustrated by David Catrow (ages 4–8)
- *The Sun Is So Quiet* by Nikki Giovanni, illustrated by Ashley Bryan (ages 4–8)
- *Love that Dog* by Sharon Creech (ages 8–12)
- *M.C. Higgins, the Great* by Virginia Hamilton (ages 8–12)
- *Flying Lessons & Other Stories* edited by Ellen Oh (ages 8–12)
- *Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World* by Rachel Ignotofsky (ages 12 up)
- *The Game of Love and Death* by Martha Brockenbrough (ages 12 up)
- *Overturned* by Lamar Giles (ages 12 up)
- *Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance* by Simone Biles, with Michelle Burford (ages 12 up)

The 2017 Teen Video Challenge

All the participating states’ 2017 TVC winning videos are posted on the CSLP website here.
CSLP IN THE NEWS

Booklist Reader featured the booklist that 2017 CSLP National Summer Reading Champion, Kwame Alexander recommends in its recent issue. It also includes one of Kwame’s CSLP PSAs.

Novelist’s Book Squad mentioned CSLP’s Summer Reading Program in its KidLit Connection and its Teen Lit Connection newsletters recently.

If you see CSLP in print, let us know!

Theme Music to the Build a Better World Summer Reading Program (used with permission)

Build a Better World.mp3

Build A Better World
c. Elaine Silver Music, BMI

Chorus:
We’re gonna build a better world
For every boy and girl
Every woman and man
Take ‘em by the hand
We’re gonna build a better world

1) We are one big family
And we are the human race
On big and beautiful planet
Spinning through outer space

2) Everyone has value
And we all need love and respect
This helps to make a better world
What else should we expect

3) Do unto each other
Is a wise and Golden Rule
You’re my sister you’re my brother
And life is one big school

From Karen Day, CSLP Administrative Services

Summer is nearly upon us and that means the end of the CSLP fiscal year on May 31, 2017.

Invoices for the 2018 Membership will be issued in June. Many of you need to have the invoice date changed to meet your states fiscal calendar. Therefore, if you are one of the states that needs a new date on your invoice, please contact me via e-mail (karen.day@cslpreads.org) and let me know.

Also, checks for the 2017 Annual Meeting were put in the mail on Friday, May 12, 2017. If you do not receive your check in two weeks, please notify me at once.

2018 Manual Order Forms will be issued via e-mail the first part of June. Please begin to think about the number of manuals and the format you would like to order for the 2018 program year. The manuals will run the same price as this year: Paper with graphics on DVD, $20; DVD and USB format $10 each; and online only access, $8. All shipping charges will be issued back to the state.

Also, if any of the libraries are having problems with their log in to the CSLP website, the shopping website, or the online manual, please contact the CSLP office for assistance. We can reset passwords and assist in any way needed.

The CSLP office number is: 1-866-657-8556 or email: karen.day@cslpreads.org.
More Summer Themed Music!

Thanks to April Mazza, (MA) for sharing this information. Musical performer Steve Blunt has re-recorded Ellen Allard’s (of Peter & Ellen Allard fame) song, Building a Better World (with permission of course). He is providing it free for us to use.

You can download the song FREE to use with your summer reading program here. You can watch a fun video of it with Steve, the band, and with kindergarten kids and learn the sign language here.

2017 "Build a Better World" PSAs

All of the PSAs are posted on the CSLP website here, without needing to log in to access them. However, if you want to customize them with your library’s information, those instructions are only found under the proprietary tab on the website. Accessing these resources does require a log in. There are so many resources under proprietary downloads on the website that you may not know about. Check them out!

2017 additional artwork available

New artwork is available in the Proprietary Downloads folder. You must log in for the folder to appear. Look for 2017 additional artwork tab in the left sidebar. Designed by Bryan Sotnyk, from the Horsham Township Library in Horsham, PA, for use with social media platforms. He has made PNG and JPEG formats available.