FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Greater New Orleans Catholic Library Association

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Contexts of School Librarian Employment (2021, January 26). This report summarizes responses to nine questions asked of school library leaders in all 50 states and the District of Columbia (D.C.) to determine state support of school library programs. Questions address standards and guidelines, certification and staffing requirements, and direct funding and provision of statewide e-resources.

Appendix to Contexts of School Librarian Employment (2021, January 26). This document is the Survey Monkey report of individual state responses to the State Intermediary Survey. These are the data on which the Contexts report is based.

Requirements for School Librarian Employment: A State-by-State Summary (2021, January 27).

This report summarizes legal requirements for school librarian staffing in the 50 states and D.C. The

GNO/CLA Awards & Scholarship Nominations

Sr. Mary Aquin Lorio, O.P. Award

This distinguished service award honors a school librarian or other professional who supports libraries connected to GNOCLA.

Dr. Patricia June Austin Professional Development Scholarship (formerly Father Gordon Hughes Memorial Scholarship)

This scholarship provides financial assistance to those certified librarians, teachers and students pursuing graduate course work or professional development. **Please review the specific details and requirements in the scholarship information on our website.*

Sr. Mary Dolores Swanson, OSU Certificate of Merit

This merit award allows you to recognize your dedicated school library volunteers.

From the President

It has been a pleasure serving as your president for the past 2 years. Elisa Huber will assume the job at the conclusion of the April 10, 2021 meeting. She is the person who will make the 60th Anniversary conference a hit.



Greater New Orleans Catholic Library Association

OUR MISSION

As a member of the national Catholic Library Association, we share in their mission to provide leadership for professional development, coordinate the exchange of ideas, offer spiritual support, promote Catholic and ecumenical literature, and to foster community among those who seek, serve, preserve and share the word in all its forms.

The submission deadline for the awards and

scholarships is **Saturday**, **May 1**, **2021**. The application documents need to be e-mailed or mailed to the Awards & Scholarships Chairman, Ethel Madden. See the application documents for contact information and submission requirements. The recipients will be notified within a month after the application deadline.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support of GNOCLA!

Sincerely,

Ethel Madden, MLIS GNOCLA Awards & Scholarships Chairman

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SPRING 2021 MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

The GNO/CLA Executive Board is pleased to announce that the Spring 2021 meeting will be on Saturday, April 10, at Archbishop Chapelle Library.

The time is 9:00 AM to Noon, with light breakfast treats and a complimentary lunch. *There is no charge for this event, but you must RSVP to Tihana, tzschiesche@archbishopchapelle.org*.

Our feature speaker will be Dr. Pat Austin presenting "Best New Books for K-12". This is the only presentation. There will also be a brief meeting: chapter happenings and updates.

Dr. Mark Williams, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schoools, Archdiocese of New Orleans, is interested in assisting our chapter. He was unable to participate at our last Executive Board meeting due to illness, but we will invite him to our Spring meeting. Schedule for Spring Meeting Saturday, April 10, 2021 9:00 - 9:15 AM Sign-in 9:15 - 9:30 Business Meeting 9:40 - 11:00 Dr. Austin 11:00 - 12:00 lunch

In 2021 GNO/CLA will celebrate it's 60th anniversary! Stay tuned for the date and location.

Sincerely,

Terry Young GNO/CLA President

COVID-19 Resources Available on our webpage: *Center for Disease Control and Prevention* https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/ index.html *Louisiana Department of Health* http://ldh.la.gov/coronavirus/

Brother Martin High School Library



Historian Needed

Our chapter is in need of a group of volunteers to organize our records. In 2021 GNO/CLA will celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Currently we have 2-3 boxes with the records and history of our association. We are looking for a leader, Historian/Archives Committee, to:

- Collect the boxes
- Organize the contents: conference programs, newsletters, directories, etc. The result should be a list for each category: i.e., Newsletter, 1980, 1981, etc. This would be an easy task for one or two retired members.
- Present to the Executive Board a place who will accept our archives:
 - First choice Archdiocese Archives
 - Second Choice Historic New Orleans Collection
 - Third choices possibly Xavier University (Catholic), then Tulane or UNO
 - Other possibilities...

Once completed, and before turning over the archives, selected years will be scanned and posted on the GNO/CLA website.

Does the above interest you? If so, please email the 2021-2023 president, Elisa Huber, at ehuber@stbenilde.com

There is no deadline for the completion of the project. A great project for a dining room table and some volunteers.

HELP WANTED! VICE PRESIDENT Partner in Crime

Are you eager to take an active role in the leadership of one of the only local librarian associations? To make decisions about the type of professional development opportunities offered at our annual conferences? If this describes you, please offer your name for consideration to join our executive board as Vice President for 2021-2023. VP's are elected in odd-numbered years and succeed the President for a similar term of two years. Job duties are to "discharge the duties of the President in his/her absence, to assist the President in whatever way each may decide is good for the Chapter, and to succeed automatically to the office of President." If you would like to nominate yourself or anyone else, please contact Elisa Huber at ehuber@stbenilde.com or 504-473-8855 as soon as possible. We will be voting at our April spring meeting.

Upcoming 2021 Fall Conference

We are all looking forward to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted and resuming in-person conferences. While a firm date is yet to be set, we are excited to announce we will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary by hosting just such a conference on a Saturday between late September and early November. Please stay tuned for further updates!

PS - If you would like to offer your school campus as a potential conference location, please contact Elisa Huber at ehuber@stbenilde.com or 504-473-8855.