

Greater New Orleans Catholic Library Association

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Dr. Pat Austin

Dr. Pat Austin addressing the membership with her "Best New Books for K-12" presentation on April 10th at our Spring Meeting.



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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.

GNO/CLA Awards & Scholarship Nominations

Exciting news: there are no longer deadlines for submitting applications for the following Awards and Scholarships - submit anytime!

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.

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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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the GNO/CLA Executive Board, thank you for your attendance and participation in the 2021 Spring Meeting at Archbishop Chapelle High School on April 10th - despite all the rain! And a “Merci” to Tihana Zschiesche and Chapelle for graciously hosting.

We were pleased to be joined by Dr. Mark Williams, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools, Archdiocese of New Orleans. Thank you, Dr. Williams, for attending and showing the support of the OCS in our organization and its mission.

Dr. Pat Austin guided the membership through the “Best Of” some recently published titles in very timely book categories including Anti-Racism, Activism, and Covid 19, as well as classic categories.

The Spring Meeting also marked a changing of the guard for some of us board members. Our fearless leader of the past 2 years, Terry Young,

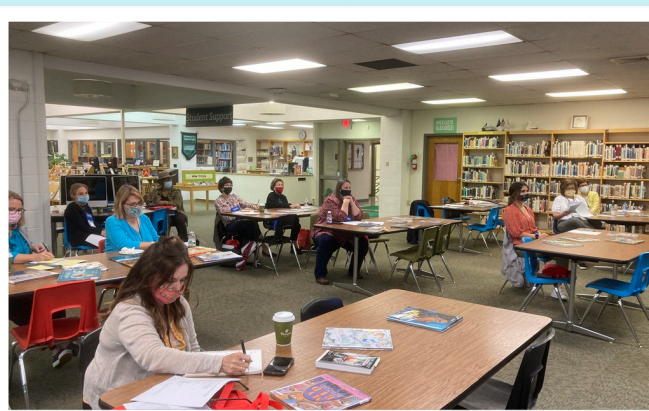
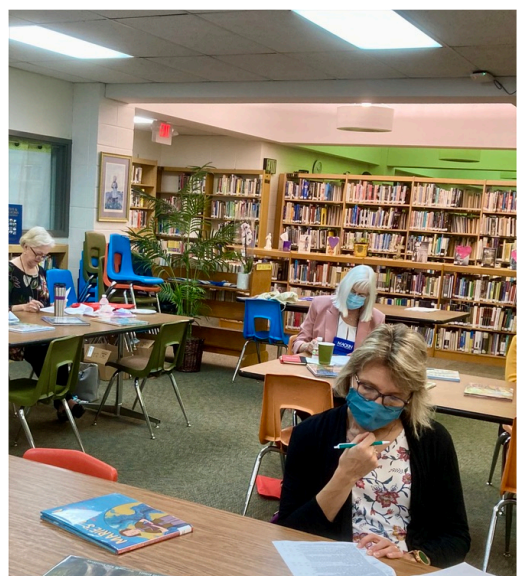
passed along the torch of the Presidency to me. I feel blessed to have him remaining as Past President to help guide me through the next 2 years. However, my change in roles leaves an opening that has yet to be filled. If anyone is interested in becoming the Vice President, please reach out. Filling our executive board positions is all the more pressing because...

This year GNO/CLA celebrates its 60th anniversary! **So, mark your calendars for our Fall Conference where we will honor this milestone: Saturday, September 25th at Brother Martin High School.** More information will follow as plans are finalized. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please let me know.

I am eager to serve this organization to the best of my abilities and create a memorable Diamond Anniversary Fall Conference!

In fellowship,

Elisa Huber GNO/CLA President 2021-2023



Masked members taking notes during Dr. Pat Austin's presentation at our Spring Meeting.

- As previously mentioned, we need a **Vice President**. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role.
- We will be voting for our new **Secretary** and **Treasurer** at our Spring 2022 meeting. Kindly forward all nominations before April 2022.
- **Fall Conference Planning Committee** - if event planning is your specialty, please join this committee.
- **Archives Committee** - we are in need of cataloguing the past 60 years' of archival materials before digitizing some and storing them all at the Office of Catholic Schools. If you are interested, please join this committee.
- To volunteer for any of these roles, please contact me at ehuber@stbenilde.com or call/text at 504-473-8855.