

PSLA NewsLetter

October 2022



***Invest in our teachers and our children will succeed.
Barack Obama***

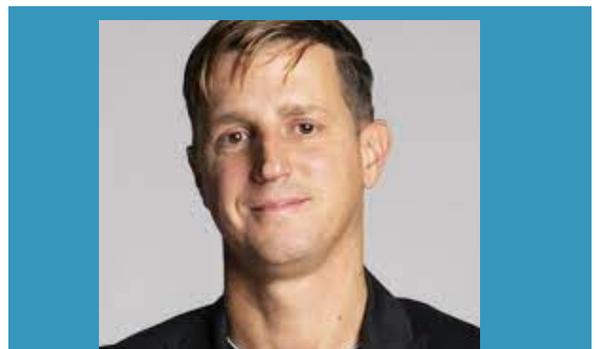
The Palmetto State Literacy Association (PSLA) is pleased to announce a series of professional learning opportunities. The sessions will be held after school between September and March from 4:00 - 5:00 pm EST - except for the October Session from 10:00 - 11:00 am EST. The sessions will be free to all members. If you are not a member, you may join your local council, which runs from July 1st through June 30th. Membership is \$15 and includes membership to PSLA. Use the QR code below to join PSLA.



Trevor Bryan Oct 15



Berit Gordan Nov 10



Nathan Clemens Dec 8

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Committee Reports

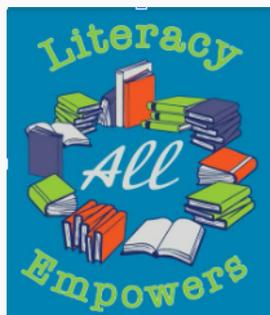
Conference Updates

Be sure to plan to join Literacy Colleagues from across the state Feb. 23 - 25 on Hilton Head Island. In order to take advantage of the PSLA member registration fees, you must be a member of PSLA by December 31, 2022. Join today!

Early Bird (Deadline January 16, 2023)

PSLA Member \$230.00

Nonmember \$260.00



Membership

The PSLA has set a goal of reaching 1,000 active members by Dec. 31, 2022. As of October 7, PSLA has enrolled 819 members. Additionally, local councils have also set membership goals. Congratulations to Aiken, Newberry, and Spartanburg local councils for reaching their goals.

Awards/Honors

Reminder: As you plan Literacy Events at your schools (with families or staff) apply for one of the MANY grants available to PSLA members. Visit the palmstostateliteracy.org website to apply. The Family Literacy Grant and Teachers As Readers Grant are perfect for school PD.

Family Literacy Grant

PSLA provides six grants for schools in support of Family Literacy programs. Each grant award is \$500.

Teachers As Readers Grant

The Teachers as Readers Grant gives educators the opportunity to participate in a book study using current professional books or student literature. Grant awards are \$500 or \$700.

Legislative Updates

General Election: Tuesday, November 8

Encourage you friends and colleagues to vote in the Tuesday November 8th elections. And make plans at 7:00 PM on November 2nd to watch the Superintendent of Education candidates debate on SCETV.

DEBATES

Superintendent of Education

★ Lisa Ellis (D)

★ Ellen Weaver (R)

★ November 2 @ 7 pm

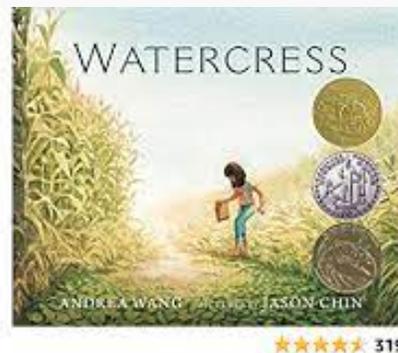
★ SCETV, SC Public Radio, livestream on scetv.org

Literacy Links

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children:

Watercress by Andrea Wang

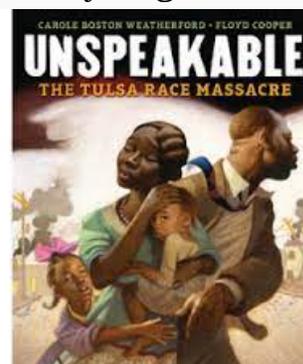
Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents



Coretta Scott King Book Award recognizing an African-American author of outstanding books for children and young adults AND Coretta Scott King Book Award recognizing an African-American illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

Unspeakable by written by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by Floyd Cooper

"The nightmare of racism did not end with abolition, Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre is an extraordinary account of the worst racial attack in American history, a 16-hour massacre in 1921 that destroyed thousands of homes and businesses and left as many as 300 people dead.



Schneider Family Book Award for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience:

My City Speaks written by Darren Lebeuf and illustrated by Ashley Barron

A young girl and her father spend a day in the city, her city, traveling to the places they go together: the playground, the community garden, the market, an outdoor concert

