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Shreveport Native William Joyce Honored with Louisiana Writer Award

Award-winning author and illustrator of best-selling children's books William Joyce has been named winner of the 2008 Louisiana Writer Award. He is being honored by the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana for his extraordinary contributions to the state's literary heritage exemplified by his body of work.

"This is the first time that a children's author has been honored with the Louisiana Writer Award," said Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, whose office in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism oversees

the State Library. "Mr. Joyce has not only been successful at reaching children through his writing and illustrations, but he has directed his talent towards creating wonderfully playful animated worlds for both television and film. This artist truly represents the talent emerging from Louisiana's literary culture."

Master creator William Joyce wrote his first book in the fourth grade. Since then he has produced award-winning, best-selling classics that are loved by both children and adults. Hailed by *Newsweek* as one of the top 100 people to watch in the new millennium, William Joyce's distinct and striking drawings and imagina-



tive storytelling depict a world full of whimsy, fun, and adventure - the kind of world a child would want to jump into.

State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton is particularly pleased that the Center for the Book is recognizing an artist who reaches children. "If we take a child and introduce him to the fun and joy that comes from knowing characters in a story, if we are able to inspire that child and see the first sparks of wonderment that come from reading, then we know we've set that child on a course that will be stayed throughout his or her life," said Hamilton. "William Joyce's work shines at this. His stories are playful, full of joy and mischievousness and children open up to that quality and want to know more."

The State Library of Louisiana will honor Joyce at an award ceremony during the sixth annual Louisiana Book Festival on October 4, 2008.

The Other Side of the William Joyce



For all his talent at making us laugh, there is yet another side to William Joyce. As a native Louisianan, he came to experience first hand the human tragedies wrought by the storms of 2005. In an effort to help his fellow Louisianans, Joyce created an original work of art, "Katrinarita Gras." The piece was originally done as a potential cover for *The New Yorker* magazine. The editors asked Joyce to develop a piece that would epitomize the storms and aftermath. "Coming up with a concept that tempered my rage with some hope was not easy, but I got inspiration from an old photograph of Mardi Gras in the '30's by J. Guttman, called the 'The Game'. It's a wonderful, eerie image of New Orleans and its curious magic," said Joyce. "Katrinarita Gras" is available at <http://stores.ebay.com/Katrinarita-Gras-Foundation>.

Viewpoint

I know that all of you can relate to not being able to please all of your customers all of the time. We all know that what is desired by one community may not be desired by another. The same goes for our public libraries. At the State Library, we must make decisions with the best interest of *all* of the libraries in mind, while working with available funding and staffing. But I want you to know from me that no decision is made here without in-depth research, careful deliberation and serious consideration of all possible consequences.

Sometimes our reasoning may not be clear to you and you may feel that your opinion was not considered. On the contrary, we strive to make the best decisions possible for the

public libraries as a whole with the resources that we do have on hand. Unfortunately, we do not live in an ideal world where we have all of the time, resources, staff and the funding that we always need. With that in mind, I know that you can understand the State Library's position in making decisions that best benefit all of the public libraries throughout Louisiana.



State Librarian



Elvis Was Here!

Elvis visited the Jackson Parish Library gave a great musical performance on Wednesday, July 16. Todd C. Martin brought his "Tribute to Elvis" to both young and old. It seemed as if it were actually Elvis crooning to a room filled with excited fans! Several delighted ladies, along with one surprised gentleman, were given the trademark scarves during the performance.

Martin, a successful attorney from West Monroe, is a member of the Elvis Entertainers Network and an eight time finalist in the World Championship Competition at the "Images of the King" contest in Memphis, TN. Between songs he briefly shared with the audience some interesting historical facts about "The King" and his influence on American pop culture. Following the show, Martin graciously posed for pictures with audience members. This free program was presented as part of the "Be A Star" Summer Reading Program at Jackson Parish Library.



St. Tammany Hosts Open Houses

St. Tammany Parish Library held Open houses for a new branch and a new service. The Black River branch opened on June 26, and the Business Resource Center, in the Causeway branch, opened on June 30. Director Jan Butler said, "The Black River branch is receiving overwhelming support from the people in the community, and the Business Resource Center is really taking off."

Evangeline Parish Library receives grant

The Evangeline Parish Library received \$8,000 from the Hurricane Relief Fund of World Community Service 6630. The grant was established in 2005 by Clubs of Rotary International #6630 (Northeast Ohio Rotary). The grant was used to purchase new children's books and replace old and damaged ones. Nearly six hundred new books for the children's section of the main library in Ville Platte were purchased, cataloged and are ready for circulation.

SLOL checks out planet Earth from space

Through the months of August and early September, the State Library offers visitors a chance to view the *Earth from Space* Smithsonian exhibit, a set of 20 posters capturing satellite images of the earth from San Francisco to Cairo. If you would like to borrow the display for your library, the SLOL will make it available via Interlibrary Loan after September.

Those interested in Lesson Plans and other resources can access the Smithsonian's online exhibit at <http://www.earthfromspace.si.edu/>. The *Earth from Space* exhibit is brought to you courtesy of the United States Geological Survey, the Smithsonian Institution and the State Library.

People & Places

At the State Library

Ruston native **Louis Covington**, a graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science, has been appointed by Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu as an ex-officio member of the State Library of Louisiana Board of Commissioners. Covington worked for more than 31 years as a public library administrator. During this time, Covington has overseen more than a dozen branch and central library expansions and new building projects, passage of six propositions for operations and buildings, automation of libraries and initiation of outreach programs. His involvement with the State Library of Louisiana and the Louisiana Library Association has included major planning committees and presentations at conferences.

Georgia Watts Brown of Baton Rouge was re-appointed by Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu to a five-year term as a member of the State Library Board of Commissioners. A graduate of Southern University and the Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science, Brown retired from Southern in 1999 after 42 years of service. She was director of the Southern University Library from 1975 to 1992 and director of women's studies at SU from 1992 to 1999. Brown was a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control from 1984 to 2007. She is past chair of the LLA's trustee section and academic section. This is her second term on the State Library Board of Commissioners.

Kytara Gaudin, Head of Access Services, has been appointed to the American Library Association's Reference and User Services Association's Organization and Planning Committee as the Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section (STARS) representative. She will serve a two year term.

Around the State

Barry Bradford has been named director of the Tangipahoa Parish Library. He is currently the assistant director at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library in Tennessee. Bradford will begin working at Tangipahoa in September.

Linda Marshall Hill retired from New Orleans Public Library on July 25 after 23 years of service. Through her career, she served as the assistant head of the Algiers Regional Branch, manager of the Gentilly Branch, head of the Business and Science Division, head of the Periodicals Arts and Recreation Division and library bureau chief for the Main Public Services. She also spent three years as a staff member at the Xavier University Library where she founded their federal government documents depository. Linda has given 27 years of service to New Orleans libraries.

Todd J. Schouest has been appointed as the director of Plaquemines Parish Library. Previously, he has served as the Terrytown Branch Library Manager and Supervisor, West Bank Regional Children's Section Head and Supervisor, West Bank Regional Reference Section Head & Supervisor, Belle Terre Branch Library Manager and Supervisor, Jefferson Parish Community Services Librarian, Assistant Audio-Visual

Supervisor and Library Associate.

Schouest replaces **Janet Cantwell**, who retired from the Plaquemines Parish Library at the end of July. She was Assistant Librarian from 1978 to 1980, at which time she was appointed Director.

Wanda Bell, Assistant Director of the Bienville Parish Library, retired with 28 years of service. Taking her place is Ellen A. Butler, who is a retired teacher with 33 years experience, and was the librarian at Crawford Elementary in Arcadia for nine of those years. In February, 2007, she began working at Bienville as children's librarian, then moved to branch manager, before becoming the assistant director.

On August 9, 2008, Concordia Parish Library trustee **Marjorie Vogt** was honored at a ceremony and reception held at the library. Vogt has been a member of the Concordia Parish Library Board for over 17 years. The mayor declared it to be "Marjorie Vogt Day" in her honor.

Mary Foster-Galasso, Director of the Evangeline Parish Library, was chosen as Rotarian of the Year by her fellow members of the Ville Platte Rotary Club. Galasso was honored for her extensive work with the Rotary's literacy project and in securing book donations for the library.

Busy 'Bot Days at Beauregard Parish Library

This summer Beauregard Parish Library's resident Mad Scientist, John Morris, led a robotics workshop for youth ages 11-18. The kids divided into groups and spent eight weeks designing and producing their own 'bots. At the end of the workshop, a parish-wide robot competition was held to determine which team's robot was the fastest. Acquisition Librarian Julie Moncada was also on-hand to judge the most artistic 'bot.



The DeRidder team is shown here with their winning entry.

St. Charles Parish Library, Two Girl Scouts and a Heroic Pony

The St. Charles Parish Library is pleased to have helped two Girl Scouts on their way to earning a Gold Award, which is the highest honor given to Girl Scouts. Mandy McNamara and Leigh Griffin have been St. Charles Parish Library patrons since they were very young, and their Gold Award project centered around *Molly the Pony*, which is a children's book by Pam Kaster about a pony who has a prosthetic leg. McNamara and Griffin read the story to all in attendance, and everyone was touched by the messages of courage and hope contained in the book. Molly's leg was amputated after a dog attack, and many experts did not give her much hope of survival. Molly proved them wrong, however, and travels to share her inspiring story with people everywhere.



Pictured, left to right are Mandy McNamara, Library Employee Cheryl Staring, Leigh Griffin with Molly the Pony

Allen Parish Library Works with Federal Inmates

Congratulations to the Allen Parish Library system. The library system recently signed an Inter-library Loan Agreement with the Federal Correctional Complex in Oakdale, LA. Delivery of books for inmates began in June.

"This is similar to the agreement we've had for years with Allen Correctional Center in Kinder," said Library Director Karen Teigen. "Inmates with good conduct in both facilities are allowed to request materials through us and we deliver and pickup via our van service every other week. Things are running smoothly, and this allows us to serve an often overlooked population in our parish."

In addition to this service, the library participates in an annual Information Resource Fair held at the Allen Correctional Center each spring. Teigen serves on the Community Relations Board for the Federal Correctional Complex.

SLOL Joins National Summer Reading Program

The State Library is joining the national Collaborative Summer Library Program, which has 46 states participating in the program. The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries.

By combining resources and working with a commercial vendor to produce materials designed exclusively for CSLP members, public libraries in participating states or systems can purchase posters, reading logs, bookmarks, certificates, T-Shirts, and a variety of reading incentives at significant savings. In Louisiana, the State Library is joining CSLP on behalf of all of our public libraries, so that they

will all have access to these materials.

The participating systems and states develop a unified and high-quality promotional and programming product. Participants have access to the same artwork, incentives and publicity, in addition to an extensive manual of programming and promotional ideas.

The themes for Summer 2009 are:

- » Children –
Be Creative @ your Library
- » Teen –
Express Yourself @ your Library

The materials that the SLOL will send to the state's public libraries include a 378 page Children's Summer Reading Program manual with CD, a 164 page Teen Reading Program manual with CD and incentive catalogs.

Evangeline Parish presents Family Book & Culture Fest

Evangeline Parish Library is looking forward to their annual Family Book & Culture Fest slated for November 1, 2008. This year the library will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Evangeline Parish Library System and also the opening of the first two library branches in Mamou and Basile.

LOUISIANA BOOK FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 4 **2008** BATON ROUGE



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State Library of Louisiana | Louisiana State Capitol | Louisiana State Museum
Spanish Town Road & North 4th Street, Baton Rouge

The Sixth Annual Louisiana Book Festival

State Library of Louisiana, Louisiana State Capitol, Louisiana State Museum and Nearby Locations

10 am - 7:30 pm Saturday, October 4, 2008

ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CELEBRATING

READERS, WRITERS and THEIR BOOKS!

The award-winning Louisiana Book Festival offers children and adult book lovers unique opportunities to interact with exceptional writers and poets and to enjoy a fun and inspiring array of book-related exhibitions, demonstrations, activities and performances.

It all takes place in the heart of Baton Rouge at the State Library of Louisiana, the Louisiana State Capitol, and the Louisiana State Museum and in tents on neighboring streets.

THE YOUNG READERS PAVILION

Because the love of books and reading begins in childhood and since children are more inclined to read and learn when exposed early on to age-appropriate and fun activities relating to words and books, The Young Readers Pavilion is an integral part of the annual Louisiana Book Festival. This is the place where parents and children enjoy the festival together.

The Young Readers Pavilion is comprised of tents featuring storytelling, writing enrichment projects, book-related crafts and face painting. Clifford the Big Red Dog and the Stinky Cheese Man will be roaming the pavilion as well.

LOUISIANA YOUNG READERS' CHOICE AWARD CEREMONIES

The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award (LYRCA) is a State Library of Louisiana reading enrichment program for Louisiana students in grades 3-8. Students in grades 3-5 and 6-8 are encouraged to read books from selected, grade-appropriate lists and then vote for their favorite.

More than 20,000 students across the state in grades 3-5 and 6-8 have chosen the two winning books.

The 2008 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award winning authors are Keven O'Malley, author of *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude*, chosen by children in Grades 3-5; and Rick Riordan, author of *The Lightning Thief*, chosen by youngsters in Grades 6-8.

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FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Authors and Autographs!

Over 125 distinguished WRITERS of fiction and nonfiction and POETS will talk about their books and then autograph them shortly following their presentations.

Books! Books! And More!

BOOKS by every featured author will be available in the Barnes & Noble Booksellers Tent and an assortment of Louisiana Book Festival COLLECTIBLE MERCHANDISE will be available for purchase at the Main Information Tent.

Cooking Demonstrations

CHEFS and COOKBOOK AUTHORS will discuss and demonstrate the art and craft of cooking.

FREE Book Appraisals

JOSEPH J. DESALVO, JR., owner of the Faulkner House in New Orleans, will give FREE BOOK APPRAISALS 1 la Antiques Road Show.

FREE Advice on Book Repair

RENEE DEVILLE of Deville Book and Paper Conservation will offer professional advice on the care and repair of works on paper.

Bookbinding and Papermaking Demonstrations

LESLIE KOPTCHO and the Print Workshop of the LSU School of Art will demonstrate PAPERMAKING and BOOKBINDING.

Exhibitions

BOOKSELLERS, PUBLISHERS and other organization whose mission is driven by books or reading will offer merchandise and services from booth and table displays.

FREE Admission to the Louisiana State Museum

Featuring an EXHIBIT about Literary Louisiana.

Refreshments and Music

FAMILY FRIENDLY FOOD and BEVERAGES will be available for purchase in the House Dining Room in the Capitol and at other locations. The Spanish Town Road Café and Stage will provide café seating and musical entertainment throughout the day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Writing WordShops Friday, October 3, 2008

Full Day Session

9 AM - 4 PM

Building a Story: From Buying the Lot to Putting Up the For Sale Sign
Faculty: George Singleton

Morning Sessions

9 AM - 12 PM

Writing the Poems that Live inside You
Faculty: Darrell Bourque

How to Write a Successful Children's Book and Get It Published
Faculty: Elizabeth Singer Hunt

Afternoon Sessions

1 PM - 4 PM

Writing the Short Memoir: Experience Sharpened to a Point
Faculty: James Nolan

Verses vs. Chorus: Popular Song Lyric Writing
Faculty: Jim McCormick

Location: State Library of Louisiana or the Louisiana State Museum, Baton Rouge
Registration Fee: \$40 half day - \$75 full day
For additional information or to register, visit www.LouisianaBookFestival.org.

The Louisiana Book Festival Authors Party

7 PM - 9 PM - Friday, October 3, 2008

The State Library of Louisiana
At Spanish Town Road and North 4th Street in Baton Rouge

Mark your calendar for the "novel" experience of the 2008 Authors Party! The Louisiana Library Foundation will honor the Writers, Poets, Panel Participants and Sponsors who make the Louisiana Book Festival possible. They've all been invited as special guests, and we invite you to join them.

Enjoy exquisite buffet dining, wine and beverages, exceptional music and great company!

Admission by donation: \$50 per Person

For additional information or to make your reservations, call 225.219.9503 in Baton Rouge or 888.487.2700 toll free.

The Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra Presents The Sound of Books!

David Tornis, Conductor

6 PM - 7:30 PM - Saturday, October 4, 2008

The 2008 Louisiana Book Festival will conclude with the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra performing a FREE outdoor concert at the steps of the Louisiana State Capitol building.

The program will feature popular music selections from films that originated as books.

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SLOL Announces LYRCA Ballots

The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award ballots have been announced. Now in its ninth year, the reading enrichment program of the State Library of Louisiana is underwritten by Capitol

One. Last year, more than 20,000 students read and voted for titles on the 2008 ballots. It is model collaborative reading program involving students, teachers and public librarians in all regions of the state. Students in grades three through eight are encouraged to read the high-quality books that are on carefully selected ballots: one for grades 3-5 and another for grades 6-8. Using specially prepared study guides, teachers incorporate the books into the curriculum. Voting day is an exciting time in many schools and libraries throughout Louisiana as the students cast their votes, sometimes using the voting booths supplied by the Secretary of State's Election Division.

A committee of school and public librarians chooses the 15 recent children's titles for each age group that comprise the annual LYRCA ballots. The lists offer a well-balanced array of excellent, enjoyable books in various genres, including fiction, nonfiction, folklore and poetry. Tallies of the student votes are due to the State Library from the schools by February 1, 2009.

Information about the program is available on the State Library website at www.state.lib.la.us by clicking on Center for the Book, then on Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award. The list of nominees for 2009 is also available on the State Library's website.

BALLOT 2009 GRADES 3-5

Brothers
The Diary of a Killer Cat
The Last Brother: A Civil War Tale
Maggie's Amerikay
My Name is Sally Little Song
Night Boat to Freedom
The Prophecy
Room One: A Mystery or Two
Rotten Richie and the Ultimate Dare
Roxie and the Hooligans
Safe at Home
What Athletes are Made Of
Why Do Dogs Have Wet Noses?
The Winner's Walk
The World's Greatest Elephant

BALLOT 2009 GRADES 6-8

Black Duck
Crossing the Wire
Dark Water Rising
Escaping into the Night
Fairest
Grooves: A Kind of Mystery
Heat
Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City
The Legend of Bass Reeves
Runaway
The Runaway Princess
Secrets of My Hollywood Life
Shug
Sparrow
Storm Thief

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The State Library of Louisiana is one of our state's greatest resources for research information, government documents, genealogical data, books in Braille, audiobooks and more.

The State Library's mission is to build an informed, literate and democratic society by ensuring access to informational, cultural and recreational resources, especially those resources unique to Louisiana.

Homework Help at Beauregard Parish Library

In July, Allen Parish Library, Beauregard Parish Library, and Cameron Parish Library joined together to provide area students with access to online, live homework help with a joint subscription to Tutor.com. This service connects students with help in math, science, English and social studies for grades K-12.



Audrey Remembered

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Pages: 132

Hurricanes have always been a threat to the Gulf Coast. Recently, hurricanes Katrina and Rita wreaked havoc with this area. In 1957, Hurricane Audrey devastated the region. Cameron parish suffered major losses and *Audrey Remembered* captures the horror and heroism that occurred in late June, 1957.

Audrey Remembered was compiled by the newsroom staff of the *American Press* newspaper in Lake Charles, Louisiana. It is a 50th anniversary retrospective that was published in 2007. The black and

white imagery is often painful to view. With each image we are vividly reminded of the devastation that hurricanes are capable of, both to property and lives. The narrative is equally impressive, giving a detailed account of the hurricane in *Audrey, the Saga of a Storm*, as well as resident's recollections in *Death Came in the Night* and *One Family's Nightmare*.

Audrey Remembered is well researched and compiled, offering readers a glimpse into the effects of a hurricane. Hurricane Audrey is compared to Hurricane Rita, which

hit the same area. Both hurricanes battered Lake Charles, Louisiana and Beaumont, Texas and areas in between. Both had high winds, storm surges and rain. Hurricane Audrey claimed over 500 lives, where Rita took close to ten. Both hurricanes destroyed Cameron parish.

Audrey Remembered should be a part of any library's hurricane collection. It was a devastating storm that caused major destruction.

Charlene Bonnette is a Reference Librarian in the Louisiana Section of the State Library of Louisiana.

A Ghostly Adventure Into History...

Ghosts will be roaming the halls of the Union Parish Library on October 31, 2008. The library will host a hauntingly good time as trick or treaters take a trip back into time to meet Ghosts of Union Parish Past. The walk-through drama will take place in the darkened halls of the library where tour groups will be guided to meet characters portraying vignettes of Union Parish history from the early 1800's to present day.

Stephanie Hermann, Library Director comments, "Much has been written on Union Parish and its roots, but very little of the information is reaching audiences that will inspire future generations. Years ago, a train track ran through Union Parish, but most children have no idea when they are walking down a walking trail at the local D'Arbonne State Park that they are walking on the remnants of a train track that delivered goods to and from Union Parish. Today, we have a small modest landing

strip for small planes, but most Union Parish residents do not know that Charles Lindburgh once landed his plane in Union Parish to visit his friend and inventor--a native of Union Parish. History here is rich with stories, legends, and documented cases of murder, espionage, and intrigue--all the action and adventure of a great novel or a blockbuster movie. This event, Ghosts of Union Parish Past will grab audience's attention while they learn about local history."

The content of the presentation and publication will focus on stories from our earliest residents, the Native Americans to a 2008 Ghost Story in the Davis and Company Restaurant. Topics will also make an effort to include history from each of the communities in the parish: Downs ville, Bernice, Spearsville, Marion, Lillie, and Farmerville.

Calcasieu Parish Public Library Strategic Planning

Calcasieu Parish Public Library began its strategic planning tradition in 1989 and it continues with the adoption of the fourth strategic plan on June 19, 2008 by the Library Board of Control. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and SOLINET, CPPL was awarded a planning grant as part of the Gulf Coast Libraries Project. Using funds from the grant, CPPL hired strategic planning consultants June Garcia and Sandra Nelson to manage and facilitate the library's newest strategic planning process. For more information about the Calcasieu strategic planning process please visit the "CPPL Strategic Planning" blog at <http://cp-plstrategicplanning.blogspot.com>.

Congratulations to these libraries on their successful tax elections this past Saturday!

- » Concordia Parish Library passed their 8.5 mill renewal with 89% of the voters saying yes.
- » Jackson Parish Library passed their 8.94 mill renewal with 87% of the voters saying yes.
- » Lafayette Parish Library passed their 1.61 mill renewal with 70% of the voters saying yes.
- » Jefferson Davis Parish Library passed their 5.98 mill renewal with 65% of the voters saying yes.
- » Tangipahoa Parish Library passed their 3 mill renewal with 81% of the voters saying yes.

Save the Date!

October 23 & 24, 2008

Fall Administrative Librarians Conference

Hilton Baton Rouge Conference Center

We will be sending details on the conference soon.