

sponsors the Louisiana Teenage Librarians Association (LTLA). Recently, LTLA celebrated its 50th anniversary. LTLA has continued its commitment to libraries through **READING, KNOWLEDGE, and SERVICE**. Student-led Library Clubs throughout the state meet annually for a convention in Alexandria, LA. The convention is a platform for students to demonstrate, through leadership positions and through various competitions, how they promote reading and their library in their schools and communities. LTLA has long been supported by retired librarian and current liaison, Mary Royston from Houma, LA. Her passion and talent for drawing students into the field of librarianship has been a driving force in keeping the organization vibrant. Currently, library club members are working to create scrapbooks, bulletin boards, book marks and much more, centered on the upcoming theme "LTLA Reads Around the World!". For more information, visit <http://ltaonline.wikispaces.com>

Continuing Education

LASL is dedicated to providing professional development opportunities to librarians and other teaching personnel. Continuing education classes and workshops are one of the driving forces of the association as LASL strives to keep librarians and other educators current with the latest education reforms.

Over the last ten years LASL's executive board has worked diligently to increase quality programming at the LLA Conference for its members. Presenters have been garnered from around the state to showcase best practices in the school library profession. As technology expanded throughout the field of education, programs focusing on the top technology offerings as well as sound teaching strategies became a mainstay of conference sessions. "Best Books" for children and young adults remained as favorites, along with the state library's Louisiana Young Readers Choice sessions. The association's Author Luncheon is another favorite of its members. Over the past years notable authors including Stephanie Tolan, Toni Buzzeeo, Nancy Pollete, and Todd Strasser have appeared as the event's keynote speakers. LASL's goal of quality programming focusing on school libraries has been met through the hard work of its officers. Each fall school librarians and other interested educa-

Wheels, created brochures describing the elements needed in a strong school library program that would help meet the state's curriculum Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) and mandates of No Child Left Behind. The brochures were distributed to school librarians, supervisors, and superintendents throughout the state. In 2005 a committee of librarians from the Ouachita Parish and Monroe City School Systems created Library – Technology Connections to the LA Comprehensive Curriculum. This document was made available to librarians, teachers, and administrators throughout the state and was later revised in 2008. It gave evidence of the strong role school libraries play in supporting school curriculum. In 2009 LASL partnered with Dr. Kerry Laster from the Department of Education to create materials for the Louisiana Literacy Foundation that included brochures by grade levels of suggested reading titles, tips for parents, and suggested websites. LASL members also have participated each year in LLA's Day at the Capitol in Baton Rouge to promote the role of school libraries in our state's education system.

Section Awards and New Member Grant

LASL recognizes school librarians and other educators who make outstanding contributions to student achievement through school libraries. The School Library Media Specialist Award is presented to a school library media specialist whose work and philosophy actively support the profession of library Year Award is presented to an educator who is not a librarian, but who has demonstrated dedication and commitment to school libraries in Louisiana. LASL members also work with LLA's James O. Modisette Awards committees to recognize exemplary library programs on the elementary, middle/junior high, and high school levels. Guidelines and application forms for these awards are available at <http://ltaonline.org/as/>. In 2008 the association formed the New Member Conference grant to promote interest and membership in LASL and LLA. The grant provides financial incentive for a school librarian who is a new member of LASL to attend the annual LLA conference. The grant application form is available at <http://lasl.wikispaces.com/LLA+CONFERENCE>.

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In addition to supporting practicing librarians, LASL