

# LTLA Newsletter

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*PRESIDENT RUBY ROBERG, West Feliciana High School*



I am thrilled to serve as LTLA President this year. I hope that we can all work together to make this year’s convention the best ever. Please feel free to approach me with any ideas or concerns you may have.

I will try my hardest to make sure everything runs smoothly and everyone has a great year of LTLA. Game on, y’all!

### Announcements

Our 2017 convention theme is **“LTLA- Game On!”**  
Most of our contest entries must reflect and display this theme.

-The Wes Smith Essay Contest essay prompt is “You cannot get rid of my school library because...” Please send digital entries either in Word or as a PDF to Central Private School via Mrs. Renee Martin [rmartin@centralprivate.org](mailto:rmartin@centralprivate.org).  
Deadline for entries is Friday, December 9th.

Please remember to pay your club dues.

### Welcome to our new clubs!!!

Good Hope Middle sponsored by Stephanie Wilkes

St. Michael Archangel High sponsored by Amy Donaldson

Welsh High sponsored by Amy Stanford (WELCOME BACK!!!)

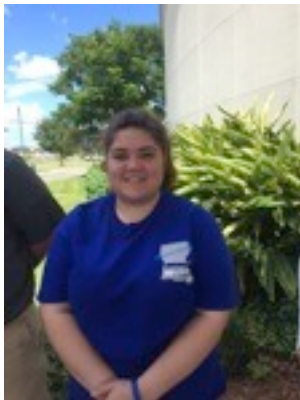
# Meet the Other Officers



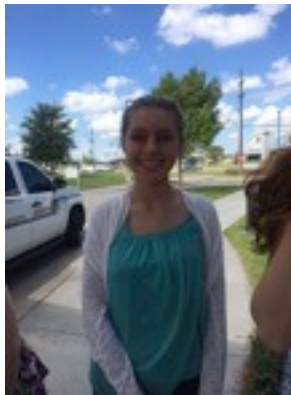
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Hathaway High School



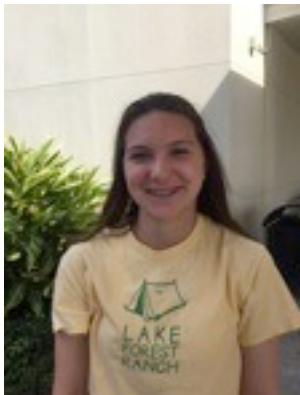
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Emma Beauchamp  
West Feliciana High School



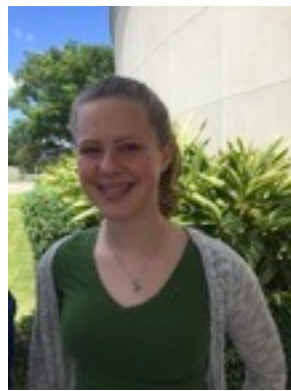
**Secretary**  
Cayla Breland  
Maurepas High School



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Anna Kate Holmes  
West Feliciana Middle School



**Historian**  
Natalie Clemmons  
Lacassine High School



**Parliamentarian**  
Lainece Whatley  
Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School



## Behind the Scenes of Our Success

(from left to right)

**Paula Clemmons**- Episcopal Day School- Oversees Website and LTLA Handbook

**Renee Martin**- Central Private School- Student Relations Committee Incoming Chairman

**Janet Lathrop**- West Feliciana Middle- Student Relations Committee Past Chairman and Hotel/Convention Center Liaison

**Michele Jones**- West Feliciana High- Student Relations Committee Chairman and Sponsor of the LTLA President

# GET READY TO PLAY (AND COMPETE FOR SPIRIT POINTS!)

## A GUIDE TO LTLA CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Prepare before January	Bring to Convention	Play at Convention
Committee Chairmen	Bookmark Contest	Costume Contest (Group & Individual)
Wes Smith Essay Contest	Bulletin Board Contest	Dance Contest (Group & Individual)
2017 Officer Candidates	Scrapbook Contest (Print & Digital)	Drawing Contest
	T-Shirt Contest	Talent Show

Look for all rules and regulations for everything LTLA in our LTLA Handbook on our website [www.ltlaonline.org](http://www.ltlaonline.org).

Congratulations to our current  
Spirit Award Clubs  
Hathaway High School  
and  
Episcopal Day School

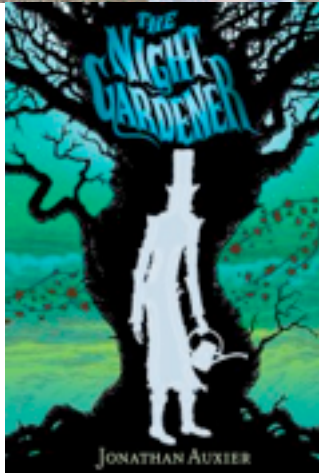
# 2017 Convention Feature Author

## Jonathan Auxier



**JONATHAN AUXIER** is a NYT Bestselling author of strange stories for strange children. His first novel *Peter Nimble and his Fantastic Eyes* was an ABA New Voices pick and a BookPage Magazine "Best Book" of 2011. His bestselling *Night Gardener* is a 2017 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Nominee, Junior Library Guild selection, an ABA IndieNext pick, an Amazon Editor's Pick of the Month, and winner of the TD Book Prize and ILA Book Award. His newest novel, *Sophie Quire & the Last Storyguard* is in stores now. He lives in Pittsburgh with his family and their adorable pet umbrella.

See his funny, quirky website!  
<http://www.thescop.com/>



Read as many as you can before convention! We have fun discussing these books and meeting each other at our annual LTLA Book Discussion Ice Breaker Event!

### 2017 Convention High School Book Celebration List



### 2017 Convention

#### Junior High Book Celebration List

- The Crossover.** Kwame Alexander
- The Dirt Diary.** Anna Staniszewski
- The Fourteenth Goldfish.** Jennifer Holm
- I Kill the Mockingbird.** Paul Acampora
- Loot: How to Steal a Fortune.** Jude Watson
- The Night Gardener.** Jonathan Auxier
- The One Safe Place.** Tania Unsworth
- The Perfect Place.** Teresa E. Harris
- Rain Reign.** Ann M. Martin
- Saving Lucas Biggs.** Marisa de los Santos, David Teague
- Surrounded by Sharks.** Michael Northrop
- Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere.** Julie T. Lamana





Saying "Cheese" at the Author & Awards Lunch



Out of this world time at the costume contest!



Getting our groove on at the dance contest!



Amazing time with our author!

# HIGHLIGHTS THEN AND NOW



Officers at orientation meeting in Sept.

## Highlights from the October Executive Board Meeting

- \* **GREAT IDEAS!** (Some still need to be approved when we get details)
- **An LTLA Store on our website**
- **Updated pictures on our website**
- **Concessions at Convention**
- **Social Media Scavenger Hunt**
- **Hashtag for Convention Photos**
- \* **GREAT NEWS!**
- **Mrs. Lathrop won the Norman Saurage Service Award and Community Coffee donated money to her "cause"---LTLA!!!**
- **We discussed how to use the donation-convention scholarships? Popular author? Help replace books lost in flooding?**
- **The Sai has been bought out by Baymont Inn. Our new Sales Rep is wonderful. Guaranteed same rates as last year for convention!**



## SERVICE!

- (Left) WFMS Club Read member painting faces at a community fall festival
- (Right) EDS Library Club member helping at a local food pantry
- (Below) ZHS Library Club getting ready to ship books for the Books for Africa Book Drive

