SLG: September 2013

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WHAT'S THE LATEST SLG NEWS?
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We are engaged in two major projects at the moment: the biennial conference next April and the revision of the CILIP Guidelines for Secondary School Libraries both of which have entailed more meetings than usual during the summer holidays and the early part of this term and have been a HUGE amount of work!

If you would like to have a sneak peek at what is in the new edition of the Guidelines, please go to http://www.facetpublishing.co.uk/title.php?id=9696&category_code=504

In addition to this, work is advancing on a print newsletter which will be winging its way to your letterbox before Christmas and will include the reports of Umbrella 2013 from the two lucky winners of a sponsored place.

IN BRIEF...

- Next meeting of SLG London and South East committee will be held on Wednesday 9 October 2013
- Next meeting of SLG National committee will be held on Monday 14 October 2013
- Branch and Group Forum (i.e. the CILIP family of Special Interest Groups and Branches) will meet on Thursday 14 November 2013 at CILIP HQ
- Next SLG L&SE one day course is on 29 November 2013 at CILIP HQ
- SLG is on Twitter (just search for @CILIP SLG)

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CPD CORNER
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Going Beyond Google Again: Strategies for using and teaching the invisible web
Jane Devine and Francine Egger-Sider
About *Going Beyond Google*:

"...a timely and enjoyable read and should help combat such myths as searching is easy, or everything important is free."
- *Information World Review*

This highly practical guide focuses on strategies and teaching tools for getting more out of the ‘deep’ or ‘invisible’ web, enabling students and users to tap into the wealth of material that isn’t to be found on Google or other mainstream search engines. It builds upon the authors’ previous well-respected book, *Going Beyond Google*, which placed teaching the invisible web into information literacy programmes. *Going Beyond Google Again* expands on the teaching foundation laid in the first book and continues to document the invisible web’s existence and evolution, and suggests ways of teaching students to use it.

September 2013; 224pp; paperback; 978-1-85604-838-5; £49.95

[Find out more information and pre-order a copy](#)

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

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**Welsh Information Literacy Project**


Phase IV (the final part) runs until March 2014. Siona Murray’s guest blog about Phase IV can be read here:

[http://whelf.wordpress.com/2013/07/02/welsh-information-literacy-project-phase-4/](http://whelf.wordpress.com/2013/07/02/welsh-information-literacy-project-phase-4/)
A Children’s Illustrator Calendar for 2014

With a little persuasion from his illustrator friends, Peter Sheldon (previously from Peters Bookselling Services & Hon Member of YLG) will be producing a quality, spiral bound, A4 seasonal calendar, with original illustrations from Michael Foreman, Anthony Browne, Pat Hutchins, Nicholas Allan, Ruth & Ken Brown, Nick Sharratt, Shirley Hughes, Clara Vulliamy, Tony Ross, Colin McNaughton, and Chris Riddell. This will be an 'at cost' project with a charge of £5 per calendar copy plus £1.50 p&p, and distribution will take place at the end of November - early December. It is primarily a project for the aforementioned illustrators; however if you would like to order a copy/copies (perfect for Christmas Presents!), then please contact Anne Marley by 18th October deadline with your requirements. Please contact Anne Marley, email: anne.marley@tiscali.co.uk.

Any profit acquired by the project will be donated to Cancer Research UK, in memory of Linda Banner, Librarian, Publicity Manager, winner of the Nibbie Award for an outstanding contribution to the National Year of Reading, and dear friend to many in the children’s book and library world.

The Connell Guides Essay Prize

This competition is open to any Sixth form pupil studying English Literature as part of an AS Level, A Level or IB Course, with a prize of £1000 for the winning essay. Each of five runners up will receive a complete set of Connell Guides for their own use.

The entries for this competition will be judged by a panel chaired by Jolyon Connell, with the winner and the runners-up will be chosen by the novelist and essayist William Boyd. He will be looking for the essay which best combines insight, originality and clarity in dealing with a literary subject.

Full details of the competition will be published on 30th September 2013. The closing date for entries is 28th March 2014.

To find out more about the Connell Guides Essay Prize, go to http://www.connellguides.com/essay/

For information on our School Subscription offer, visit www.connellguides.com/school-subscription/ or email us at info@connellguides.com
Connell guides would like to offer the **first 20 librarians who respond to this piece, a free guide of their choice.** To enter the draw, please email us at info@connellguides.com citing 'SLG' and in the subject header identify which guide you’re interested in.

**Literacy support in Middlesbrough**

National Literacy has piloted the UK’s first Literacy Hub, which brings together local services and initiatives to target low literacy levels in the area. Middlesbrough families have been reached through a local media campaign which has given them the opportunity to pick up free books on local buses and provided trained community volunteers to support unconfident parents. You can read the report at: [http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0001/7864/Middlesbrough_hub_end_of_year_report.pdf](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0001/7864/Middlesbrough_hub_end_of_year_report.pdf)

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**CILIP AND YOU**

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**CILIP AGM 2013 – Saturday 21 September 2013**

SLG was represented by four national committee members and some were casting proxy votes on behalf of members. There was some anxiety in the hall about the effect on voting about the proposed name change when the fire alarm went off and we were all evacuated just when the proxy votes had just been collected and before the show of hands. There were definitely fewer people in the auditorium afterwards but it didn’t affect the end result.

If you would like to know more about the day, below are some links which will give you a good sense of what it was like. The other news is that Tom Roper is going to stand for Council.

*For a blow by blow account:*  
[https://twitter.com/search?q=%23CILIPAGM13&src=hash&f=realtime](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23CILIPAGM13&src=hash&f=realtime)

*Blogs about the AGM:*  
[http://www.roper.org.uk/tr/2013/09/cilips-agm-no-confidence-in-ed-vaizy.html?cid=6a00d83451b79d69e2019aff8bbed7970b#comment-6a00d83451b79d69e2019aff8bbed7970b](http://www.roper.org.uk/tr/2013/09/cilips-agm-no-confidence-in-ed-vaizy.html?cid=6a00d83451b79d69e2019aff8bbed7970b#comment-6a00d83451b79d69e2019aff8bbed7970b)  
Please note Phil Bradley’s comments in response.

The corporate voice:

New website means re-registration!
The new website has launched which means you have to re-register with it in order to view members only information as well as to view your account information and renew your membership. http://services.cilip.org.uk/register/step1/

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SLG SCOTLAND’S NEWS
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The leaves are falling, the nights are drawing in and autumn has definitely arrived which means it’s time for the CILIPS Autumn Gathering!

This year’s one day conference entitled ‘Inspiration and Education’ will be held on 10th October 2013 at the John McIntyre Conference Centre in Edinburgh.

There is a great line up of speakers already and one of the main themes this year is School Libraries so we would love to see as many school librarians there as possible.

Following last year’s sellout event, the conference has moved to a larger venue and added a 3rd strand to the Conference programme. Delegates can choose to attend sessions on

- School libraries
- Professional and personal development
- Information and digital literacy (including e-safety)

Key note speakers are CILIP Vice President, Barbara Band, Head of Library and Resources at The Emmbrook School; Head of Edinburgh Libraries, Liz McGettigan and e-safety expert, Simon Finch.

Last year’s conference was a great success with lots of highly informative seminars and discussions and this year is shaping up to be even better. More details about the conference can be found at http://www.cilips.org.uk/welcomeag/ or check out the full programme of sessions at http://www.cilips.org.uk/storage/AGProgrammeonline.pdf
SLG Scotland has their own blog which anyone can follow, from Scotland and beyond! [http://slgscotland.wordpress.com/](http://slgscotland.wordpress.com/)

FROM THE NETWORK BULLETIN:

**Greater expectations: raising aspirations for our children**

Major new report from the National Children’s Bureau:

“Echoing the findings of its landmark study Born to fail, which was published in 1973, in this report NCB calls for urgent action to address the poverty and disadvantage that still wreaks havoc on children’s lives, causing them to lag far behind more affluent peers in almost all areas of their lives, from health to education, early development to housing. It examines 12 key indicators to determine whether children are still experiencing inequality and disadvantage and shows that far from improving over time, the situation today appears to be no better than it was nearly five decades ago. A comparison with other developed nations shows that a lack of ambition for children growing up in this country causes children to suffer unnecessarily and risks these patterns of disadvantage becoming permanent features of society.”

**NB** you need to send in your email address at the above weblink, and NCB will then email you a link to the report. (It’s a little difficult to access – it’s easiest to download the report to your PC, then open it …)

**Lost for words: poor literacy, the hidden issue in child poverty – a policy position paper**
[http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0001/7865/Lost_for_Words_-_child_poverty_policy_paper.pdf](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0001/7865/Lost_for_Words_-_child_poverty_policy_paper.pdf)

Key paper from the NLT:

“The National Literacy Trust believes that the Government’s concern should not just be the experience of poverty, but its impact over the life course, such as future employability. Early intervention is the most effective way to improve outcomes and minimise impact, both socially and economically. Children are more at risk of experiencing poverty than any other age group … Around one in five children live in poverty, and this is expected to increase to around one in four within the next 10 years … Improving literacy is one way to break the poverty cycle.”
It is with this in mind that the National Literacy Trust calls for literacy to become a priority for those developing national policies that address child poverty.” [p4]

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
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SLG Scotland
CILIPS Autumn Gathering: Inspiration and Education
10 October 2013
John McIntyre Conference Centre in Edinburgh
http://www.cilips.org.uk/welcomeag/

Sessions include:
- Schools Libraries: Advocacy!! – A facilitated discussion hosted by the School Libraries Advocacy Group
- School libraries in Scotland, school libraries in the US: Recent research-Cristina Judge (Strathclyde University)
- Schools Libraries: 5 minute best practice shout outs!!

CILIP Local Studies Group
Black Britain - histories, archives and research: A day school for Black History Month
Friday 25 October 2013
9.30am
Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE
£30 (£24 for CILIP members or unwaged). Includes a free lunch!
http://www.cilip.org.uk/local-studies-group/events/black-britain-histories-archives-and-research

Experts in the field talk about the historical background, their collections and projects at this one-day course

Speakers will be:
- Julie Devonald, Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Centre
- Washington Alcott, Local Historian
- Clinton Smith, Preston Black History Group
- Neil Sayer, Lancashire Archives
SLG London and South East

Moving English Forward: Paperwork, Policies, Performance and You
Friday, 29 November 2013
9:30am-4pm
CILIP HQ

Speaker: Adam Lancaster Literacy consultant and School Librarian of the Year 2012

Event Cost:
- £80 for CILIP members
- £100 for non-members

In 2012 Ofsted published the document 'Moving English Forward'. This report set out to answer the question: how can attainment in English be raised in order to move English forward in schools? But what does it mean to you? This course aims to address some of the key issues raised by this document, and to support you in your CPD and your school library policy and development.

To book a place, please contact Sonia Constantinou at sconstantinou@apsch.org.uk putting SLG Winter Course as the subject line and giving your contact details.

The cost of the booking includes lunch and refreshments.
http://www.cilip.org.uk/school-libraries-group/events/moving-english-forward

SLG National

2014 SLG Conference: Enquiring Minds
http://www.cilip.org.uk/school-libraries-group/events/slg-conference-2014
4-6 April 2014
The Derbyshire Hotel
Carter Lane East, South Normanton, Derby, DE55 2EH

Are you receiving CILIP emails?
Please check which email address you use to receive CILIP emails as some school addresses bounce them and this then stops any further emails from CILIP (not just from SLG) coming through. If you know of an SLG member who hasn't been receiving their e-newsletters, please ask them to re-activate their account by getting in touch with the membership unit at CILIP HQ or re-register on the new CILIP website.

SLG COMMITTEES 2013
You can find regional contact information and also contact the National Committee on the SLG web pages – http://www.cilip.org.uk/slg
PLEASE HELP!
About eighty percent of SLG members receive the e-newsletter. If you know of other SLG members who haven’t received this, then please encourage them to register with the CILIP website so that they can be included on the distribution list in future. Make sure that the CILIP e-news box is ticked in the section under eBulletins in the 'My Profile' section. If they are registered and still not receiving e-newsletters, please ask them to contact the Information and Advice team at CILIP HQ.

If there is anything relating to School Libraries that you would like included in future bulletins, please email rhemming@ucs.org.uk