

Meet the 2018 Youth Services Section Officers!

Tina Chenoweth, Chair

Tina is the Branch Manager of the St. Stephen Branch Library of the Berkeley County Library System. She was formerly the Youth Services Librarian for Dorchester County Library in Summerville. Tina enjoys outreach and programming for all ages, but has a soft spot for youth.

Sheila Martina Keaise, Senior Vice Chair

Shiela Martina Keaise was born and raised in Walterboro, South Carolina. She is the product of South Carolina Universities receiving a Bachelor of Science from Claflin University, a Masters of Science from South Carolina State University, and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. Ms. Shiela has worked as Children's Librarian for more than 20 years at the Colleton County Memorial Library. She enjoys singing, acting, and writing, which she incorporates into her programming on a regular basis.

Kelli Baxter, Vice Chair

I am Kelli Baxter and I work for the Beaufort County library system as a children's services manager where I have been there for 3 years. I graduated with my MLS from University of Illinois in 2016. I love doing storytimes with my littles and my favorite children's book is *Lousy Rotten Stinkin Grapes* by Margie Pallatini.

Jessica Lopez, Secretary

Jessica Lopez is currently the Assistant Director of Children's Services at the Spartanburg County Public Library. After graduating from Indiana University with her MLS in 2015, Jessica moved to South Carolina to pursue a career as a librarian. Jessica's favorite picture book to read out loud is *Betty Goes Bananas*, by Steve Antony.



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YALSA, Teen Services, and the new Competencies—Oh my!

In November, YALSA released their new Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff, meant to “set a foundation for the education and professional development of all library staff”. The ten competencies are :

1. Teen Growth and Development
2. Interactions with Teens
3. Learning Environments
4. Learning Experiences
5. Youth Engagement and Leadership
6. Community and Family Engagement
7. Cultural Competency and Responsiveness
8. Equity of Access
9. Outcomes and Assessments
10. Continuous Learning

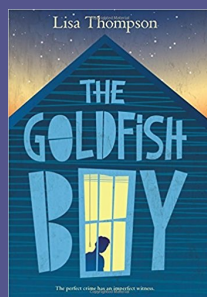
help give a framework for library staff serving teens, but also to equip library staff outside the teen department to better understand the role that libraries can have in preparing teens for life. They reimagine library services by focusing on Teen Outcomes, not the traditional library centric services and programs.



These competencies are provided to not only



Book Review



Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
Reviewed by Jennifer Simmons

Twelve-year-old Matthew Corbin hasn't been to school in weeks. He has OCD so badly his hands are raw from washing them and using cleaning chemicals. He can no longer leave his house, so most of his time is spent staring out his bedroom window, which earns him the derisive nickname "Goldfish Boy" from people in his neighborhood. From this perch, Matthew is the last person to see his neighbor, a toddler, before the child's disappearance. Matthew's anxiety comes from the fact that he believes he is responsible for the death of his baby brother, which may be why he is eager to help the police find the missing child. Everyone in the neighborhood is a suspect, even Matthew. While Thompson weaves the plot and characters together seamlessly, the story drags in places and ends rather predictably. However, her treatment of this mental illness is respectful of both Matthew's point of view and that of his parents. I listened to the audiobook version, and the narrator, Leon Williams is authentic and enjoyable. The book is set in Great Britain, and Williams' pleasing British accent depicts each character well.

Spotlight on Programming around South Carolina

Want to know what your colleagues are doing this time of year? You heard it first here!

Kelli Baxter, YSS Vice-Chair:

"The Beaufort County Library System has been busy with their fall and early winter programming. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the annual train display put on by the Beaufort Railroaders at the Beaufort Branch. The public can come and enjoy this event December 12th-16th. The St. Helena Branch put on a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving which included yummy treats like popcorn, jelly beans and pretzels. The Lobece Branch has been visiting local elementary schools to offer a graphic novel book club to the 4th graders. The Bluffton branch had their second annual cupcake wars where the tweens created a concoction that would make Willy Wonka envious. Many of our branches are gearing up for the yearly gingerbread house decorating as well. Our library system has been excited for all the families we have met this year and children we have helped find books and are looking forward to another fun filled year."

Jessica Lopez, YSS Secretary:

"In the Upstate, the Spartanburg County Public Libraries have enjoyed planning some rather unique programs. A big trend dominating the nation is escape rooms. Small groups of people band together in one room and solve a series of puzzles in order to break out before the clock strikes zero. Our tweens had the opportunity to do just that in October, exercising teamwork and problem solving on a Tuesday evening. Our first through fourth graders are going to be able to search the sky all while indoors. We are currently scheduling a visit from Roper Mountain Science Center and their Starlab! The constellations will be just an arm's reach away as the instructor guides us through our galaxy. Finally, for National Library Week, our library is searching out the perfect author to visit our patrons! We can't wait to tell you more!"

YSS Members—Big News!!!!

YSS Mini-Conference

Do you love Youth Services? Would you enjoy a whole day dedicated to networking, new ideas, and fun informational sessions just like the Fall Conference? We hear you! The YSS Committee is planning a one day Mini-Conference for February 23rd, 2018. Cost will be \$15 for YSS members, \$25 for non-members. Add it to your calendar now!

Annual Teen Services Exchange

Held Friday, January 26th, come participate in discussion about being a Media Mentor and teaching multiple literacies within a library setting. How do we help our teenagers become media creators and not just media consumers? What about cultural literacy? What is the difference between digital and information literacy? What types of interesting programming can we offer that assist in teaching these skills? Attendees will gain knowledge about the new YALSA Competencies and how to incorporate 21st Century Learning into their programming. Presenters: Joe Ryan, Attorney General's Office; Rebecca Antill, Youth Services Consultant

Annual Children's Services Exchange

This training will be Thursday, February 15th at the State Library in Columbia. We will be discussing Bilingual services and programming for children. More details to come, contact Rebecca Antill for information.

Ways to Stay in Touch:

- www.scla.org
- "South Carolina Libraries Youth Services Exchange" on Facebook
- "Youth Services Section of South Carolina Library Association" on Facebook
- Request to join the Young Adult email listserv, hosted by the State Library
- Request to join the Children's email listserv, hosted by the State Library

Spotlight on author
Saroj Ghoting,
Every Child Ready to
Read consultant



Supercharged Storytimes:
an early literacy planning and
assessment guide.



Storytimes for Everyone:
developing young children's
language and literacy



STEP Into Storytime: Using
StoryTime Effective Practice
to Strengthen the Develop-
ment of Newborns to Five-
Year-Olds

—Rebecca Antill, South
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