

**El Paso Area Libraries Consortium**  
**Grow our Own Area Librarians Program**  
**February 2010 Newsletter**



**We are currently accepting applications for our new Librarian in Training Volunteer Program. For more information please see the letter from our director, Ruben Castañeda, on page 2.**

**Don't Forget!**

**Summer 2010 College Program Applications are due April 23, 2010. You can find a current copy of the application and other documents on our website at <http://www.your-epal.org/IMLSgrant.html>.**



Dear Library Advocates:

I had a question as to how I should address this letter to you, our readers. Our distribution list includes GOAL program participants past and present; library volunteers; public, school, specialty and university librarians; directors of Instructional Enrichment and Library Services; and board members from the Public, Academic and Business sector. Each of you comes with a unifying common goal, advocating for our libraries.

I trust that you find this monthly newsletter informative and helpful. We continually strive to improve the articles and sharing of ideas. You are welcome to contribute announcements or activities from your library, we will be glad to include them.

This month we are launching a new project, the Librarian in Training Volunteer (LTV) Program. It is a shorter version of the Library in Training Program. Participants are asked to volunteer time in a library under the supervision of a librarian mentor. Certificates of appreciations and other incentives will be awarded. This is a prime opportunity for students building a resume or college application as volunteerism reflects greatly upon them. Civic and school groups are encouraged to join this project. More information about the LTV Program can be found on our website at <http://www.your-epal.org/IMLSgrant.html>.

We of course need more Librarian Mentors too. Your advice and training make the program what it is; we could not do it without you. Please help us identify potential participants and serve as their mentor in your library. Plant the seed, so a volunteer may one day pursue a career in Library and Information Science. If you are interested, please contact our office at (915) 532-5588.

Thank you for being a library advocate!

Sincerely,

Ruben Castañeda  
Director,  
El Paso Area Libraries Consortium

Have you and your friends registered  
for The BRLA Awards Banquet?

It's just around the corner  
on Saturday, February 27, 2010

Let's make it a real blow-out.

See you there!

<http://www.brla.info/banquetreg.htm>

**BRLA announces**  
**the 2009 Southwest Book Award Winners**



**The American Library Association**  
**announced the 2010 literary award**  
**winners at ALA Midwinter**

# Continuing Education Opportunities

## Upcoming Workshops from the Texas Trans Pecos Library System

### February Children's Literature Study Group Meeting

7:00 p.m., Monday, February 15, 2010 at JP Roger's home,  
5601 Pebble Beach

Karen Roelke will present a program on author Karen Heese

For more information or directions to JP's house please contact  
Joy Marion at (915) 217-7690, [jmarionlibadvisor@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarionlibadvisor@yahoo.com)

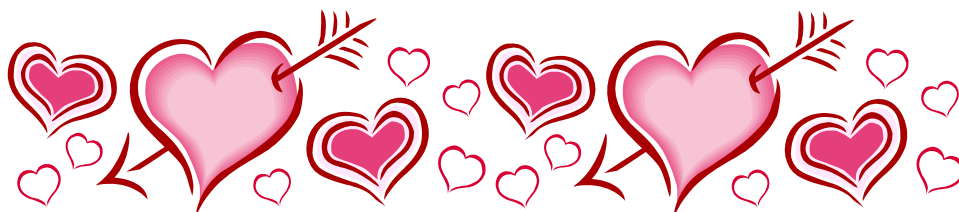
Friday, February 5, 8 to noon, Clardy Fox Branch, EPPL, 5515 Robert Alva

### Within Arms Reach... The Future is Yours!

By Michelle Bee Bower, Teen Services Librarian, Austin Public Library

Discover programs that fit the Texas Teens Read 2010 theme and learn how to make them work for your library. Find out how to promote programs and spread your excitement and enthusiasm about Summer Reading to others. Learn easy tips to get help from your entire staff to plan and execute your programs.

(This is a free workshop.)



Friday, February 19, 8 am to 3 pm, Clardy Fox Branch, 5515 Robert Alva

## **The 100 Best Books for Children And How to Use Them in Your Program (Grades K – 6)**

**By Anita Silvey, author, editor of Horn Book Magazine and  
former publisher for children's books at Houghton Mifflin**

Hear an exciting overview of the 100 best books for children. Learn engaging, ready-to-use ideas and teaching tools for incorporating these best-of-the-best into your program. This will be a fast-paced and entertaining day filled with stimulating booktalks and galvanizing storytelling. You will see demonstrations and receive an extensive handbook filled with invaluable booklists, resources, and practical activities you can use immediately.

Program is designed for all types of educators serving students in grades K – 6.

(Cost is \$10 for refreshments and a catered lunch)

To register contact Cindy McPeters at [mcpeterscx@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:mcpeterscx@elpasotexas.gov).



## ***Webinars from eSchool News.com***

### **Simplifying School IT Support without Breaking the Bank**

Thursday, Feb 4, 2010 Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm MT

### **Autism: Confronting a Crisis in Public Education**

Tuesday, Feb 23, 2010 Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm MT

eSchool News provide tech news for today's K – 20 educator.

For more information and to register see the website

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/events/webinars/>

# Texas Library Association

## Strategic Initiatives Continuing Education Series

The *Texas Library Journal (TLJ)* and CE Office are teaming together to offer a new series of quarterly webinars. <http://www.txla.org/CE/index.html#CE-Webinars> Each quarter, *TLJ* will feature articles that will be broadened in coverage through live online presentations.

### It's All About the Kids: Public and School Libraries Collaborate for Kids

Monday, March 1, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (CT)

**Mayra Díaz** and **Leigh Ann Jones** will provide practical ideas for jointly promoting and offering basic library services, building collections, supporting curriculum activities, and enhancing communication strategies. Learn about some fun and innovative projects and discover how to build a successful partnership between public and school libraries in spite of growing populations, administrative hurdles, and decreased budgets.

Dr. Leigh Ann Jones is Coordinator of Library Services for Frisco ISD (Frisco, TX), a fast-growth district that has increased from 22 to 44 campuses in the six years she has served in this position. Leigh Ann is former chair of the Texas Lone Star Reading List committee, a TALL Texan, and recipient of the YARI Award. She holds an MLS and Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University. Leigh Ann enjoys reading YA novels and talking the appeal of book covers, the subject of her dissertation.

Mayra J. Diaz is currently the Youth Services Manager at the Frisco Public Library in Frisco, Texas. She started with the Frisco Public Library in 2005. Her current role allows her to be a decision maker that is creating a vibrant, innovative and progressive library system for the City of Frisco, a rapidly growing community of 103,000 people. The Youth Services division of the library is constantly expanding services, collections and programming for the very young population of Frisco. Mayra is also the producer of the Lone Star Storytelling Festival. The festival is the major fundraiser for Frisco Public Library Foundation.

[Dr. Jones and Ms. Diaz's article](#) in the *Texas Library Journal*.

**Free Booklist Webinar on Tuesday, March 16, 2010**  
**The Scoop on Series Nonfiction: What's New for 2010**  
12:00 Eastern / 1:00 Central / 11:00 Pacific

[http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=general\\_info&id=63](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=general_info&id=63)

Upcoming Satellite Teleconferences and Webcasts from  
the College of DuPage:

- Cataloging: Where are we now? Where are we going?  
February 19, 2010.
- Information Literacy Education: A National Overview.  
March 12, 2010
- Technology Trends in Libraries: Tools, Skills, Staffing, Training.  
April 9, 2010

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/workshops/teleconferences/>

\*\*\*\*These live satellite broadcasts may be viewed at the EPCC, Rio Campus,  
UTEP Library or from your own work or home computer.\*\*\*\*

# Student Information

## ALA Announces 2010 Student Scholarships

The American Library Association recently announced they have over \$300,000 in scholarship funds for students working towards a master's degree in library science or school library media. Scholarships generally range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. The deadline is March 1, 2010. Application and instructions are available on-line at [www.ala.org/scholarships](http://www.ala.org/scholarships).

# ALA TechSource

# Webinars



**JOIN US FOR A FREE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!**

## **TECHTRENDS: MIDWINTER 2010**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**4:00 EASTERN / 3:00 CENTRAL / 1:00 PACIFIC**

A look back at ALA Midwinter meeting from a library technology perspective. Our panel of experts will analyze and discuss what they learned and what trends stood out at the conference.

Panelists:

- **Jason Griffey**, Head of Library Information Technology, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and ALA TechSource and *American Libraries* blogger
- **Kate Sheehan**, Open Source Implementation Coordinator, Bibliomation Inc., and ALA TechSource blogger
- **Greg Landgraf**, Associate Editor, *American Libraries*
- **Sean Fitzpatrick**, Associate Editor, *American Libraries*

Q&A after the panelists' presentations.



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# What's happening in Your Library?

## **Congratulations to Librarian Nancy Williams for being chosen Sambrano Elementary School's January Teacher of the Month!**

A proposal for a session by Laura Hollingsed, Claudia Rivers, and Abbie Weiser, librarians and archivists in the **Special Collections Department of the University of Texas at El Paso Library**, has been accepted for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The session is scheduled for 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2010. They will present the following program:

*"Las Mujeres at the Pass of the North: Preserving the Records of El Paso Women's Clubs"*

Chair: Laura Hollingsed, University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections

As early as the 1880s and 1890s, women living in El Paso, Texas, on the U.S.-Mexico border, formed clubs and associations to help enrich their lives, as well as to bring culture and progress to the growing city. Many of these women's organizations, such as the Pan American Round Table of El Paso and the Woman's Club of El Paso, are still active forces within the community. Presenters in this session will discuss the challenges involved with acquiring organizational records, establishing good relationships with donors, and preserving and making these valuable records of women's history and local history accessible.

"Developing Good Donor Relations: Acquiring the Records of El Paso's Women's Clubs," Claudia Rivers, University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections

"In the Beginning: Preserving the Records of El Paso's Oldest Women's Organizations," Laura Hollingsed, University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections

"A Challenging Process: Processing the Pan American Round Table Records with the Assistance of Round Table Members," Abbie Weiser, University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections

For more information go to <http://southwestarchivists.org/HTML/Meeting.htm>.  
Provided by CP Mentor, **Laura Hollingsed**

**Armijo Branch, El Paso Public Library** had a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, January 29 at 11am in recognition of the construction of our new computer lab which has been made possible by the 34th Year Community Development Block Grant that was awarded to the Armijo Branch Library in 2009. Our new computer lab will be constructed on the north-side of the library facing Seventh Avenue. We will be adding 1,600 sq ft to the branch; the new computer lab will have 25 computer workstations with room to grow. The total square footage of the Armijo Branch Library will be 12,352. The estimated time of completion for the new computer lab is either May or June 2010.

All of us at the Armijo Branch and EPPL system are very excited!  
Provided by former LIT Mentor, **Martha I. Andrade**

Across the Ages: Music of the English Renaissance  
& Baroque, will be performed by Ellen M. Wilson,  
soprano & Amin Hamison, guitarist.



These performances will feature acoustic performances of music from Ellen's CD, *Songs of Ascent*. Please join us for a fun afternoon of Contemporary Spiritual Music.

February 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the El Paso Public Library; Westside Branch  
125 Belvidere 581-2024

February 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the El Paso Public Library; Richard Burges Branch  
9600 Dyer 759-2400

*All events are free and open to the public*

With the support of the City of El Paso  
Museums and Cultural Affairs Department  
and the Texas Commission on the Arts.



For more information, please visit [www.ellenmwilson.com](http://www.ellenmwilson.com)



**The Friends of the University Library  
Cordially invite you and your guests  
to the Fourteenth Carl Hertzog Lecture**

# ***Our Digital Future: The Challenge to Books***

**Edward Nawotka**

**Editor-in-Chief, *Publishing Perspectives***

**[www.publishingperspectives.com](http://www.publishingperspectives.com)**

**Book columnist for *Bloomberg News***

**Southern Correspondent for *Publishers Weekly***

**Saturday, February 6, 2010, 2 p.m.**

**El Paso Natural Gas Center**

followed by

**Presentation of the Twelfth Carl Hertzog Award**

**for Excellence in Book Design**

***Reception to follow***



# ***Empty Bowls El Paso***

## **Date**

**February 20, 2010**

## **Time**

**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

## **Location**

**EPCC Administrative Service Center 9050  
Viscount Blvd. Building B Foyer**



Tickets sold at West Texas Food Bank for \$10.00 and at the door day of the event.

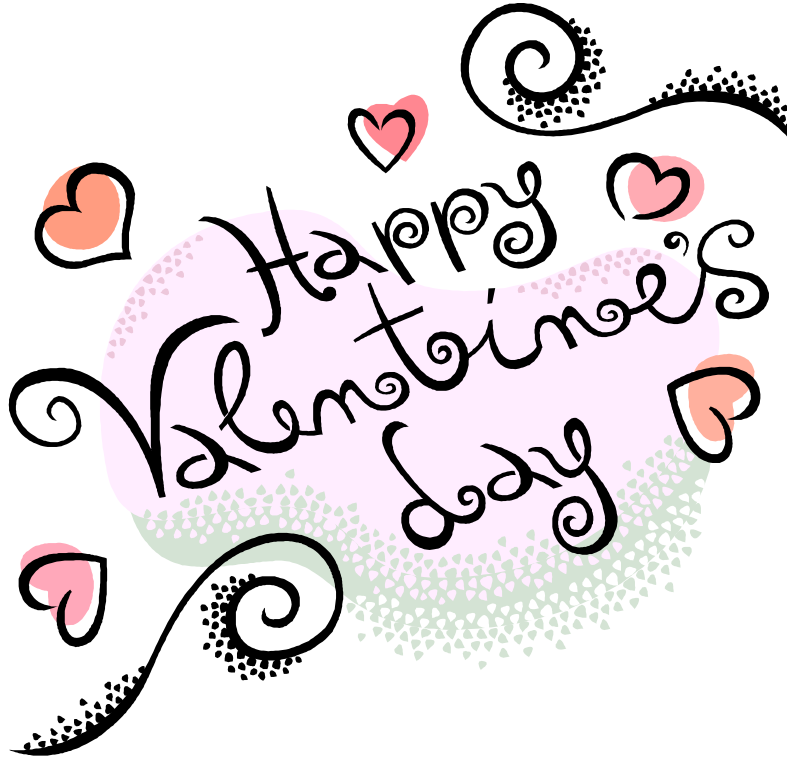
Silent Action, Live Music

Soups prepared by EPCC Culinary Art Students, and handmade art - folk bowls made by EPCC Art Student Society.

All proceeds to benefit West Texas Food Bank

<http://www.wtxfoodbank.org/events/74-empty-bowls-el-paso>

**Gale Publishing Announces  
*Access My Library*  
iPhone Application**



**From your GOAL Program Staff,**

**Ruben, Ashley, and Joy**

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