Honors and Awards: Volunteer State Book Award
December 2017 Board Report

Our Co-chair Amy Dye-Reeves will be moving to Kentucky on January 2nd. She will be the new Assistant Professor of Research and Instruction in Psychology, Philosophy, History and Political Science at Murray State University. Please join me congratulating Amy and wishing her the best on her new endeavors.

The VSBA publicity committee met on August 26th

In attendance: Scot Smith, Librarian Media Specialist, Robertsville Middle School Oak Ridge, TN (TSLA VSBA Co-chair) Patricia Rua-Bashir, Children’s Services Supervisor, Southeast Branch (TLA VSBA Co-chair) Molly Moore, MLS, School Media Librarian, Beaumont Magnet Academy (K-5) Knox County Schools

This is what was discussed in the meeting:

1. The Publicity Committee has decided to focus on creating some resources and spaces to share them with librarians across TN this year.

   Molly Moore-- Elementary: will share lessons and YouTube Channel for book trailers

   Julie--Middle School: will share questions for Battle of the Book

   Scot Smith-- Working with selection committee to get some questions together for Highschool Books. And maybe Intermediate as well.

   Dissemination: Molly Moore will create a Facebook Page that we can post to: links to resources, videos and resources online about individual books/authors/events. Next up: Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram.

2. Collaboration between public and school libraries key. Some quick ways to increase VBSA readership-- ask public libraries to purchase copies of VSBA titles in print, ebook and audiobook form (for intermediate, middle and high school). Ask them to promote and partner for Battle of Books). The committee will start reaching out to our local communities:

   ➢ Molly will approach Knox Co. Public Library-- also ask if they will bring at least one VSBA author to Children’s Festival of Reading
   ➢ Julie will approach Brentwood
   ➢ Pat/Emily will discuss making these titles standard in Limitless Library collections in Nashville
   ➢ Scot will talk to Oak Ridge
   ➢ Nicole and Rai will find out if they can do the same in their communities.

Scot Smith, VSBA co-chair from TASL reported the following in their newsletter:

➢ The three nominating committees for the Volunteer State Book Award have been hard at work reading and evaluating titles for the 2019-2020 lists.
➢ The second deadline for committee members to submit nominations is November 15. The committees will meet in late April or early May to finalize the four lists for the VSBA.
Ballots for the 2017-2018 VSBA will be posted online in March and must be submitted during the first week of May. There will be no paper ballots this year.

Pat Bashir attended a meeting with the Tennessee First Lady's Read20 Book Club on October 24th. A group of local librarians met with the First Lady's Assistant to provide them recommendations of titles for their monthly Book Club. Our goal was to explain how the VSBA program helps students get excited about reading and empowers them to choose their favorite titles. Most of the recommendations included titles nominated on the VSBA lists for this year. The First Lady's staff welcomed the idea to help promote the VSBA, however this is the last year for this administration and they didn’t know if the book club will continue.

Next Meeting: December 9th at 2 p.m. via appear.in

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Bashir and Amy Dye-Reeves.