

Connecting Children and Books: Story Time in the Library

By Dawn Amsberry & Alexandra Rojas

Research on early childhood development indicates that reading books aloud to young children is an important experience for enhancing literacy. Some researchers believe that children need to hear a thousand stories read aloud before they learn to read independently. To help young children get started on their journey through a thousand stories, the Library has collaborated with the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) on campus to develop a weekly story reading program.

As part of the program, we have purchased a new collection of children's books for preschoolers and toddlers. The books we use for the weekly story programs with the ECLC are shelved near the back of the library and are for in-house use only. All students, staff, faculty and children are welcome to enjoy these books in the library. We also have a small collection of new children's picture books, located near the bank of copy machines outside the Media lab, that can be checked out and taken home. These books also provide a quiet activity for small children whose parents are studying or making copies in the library. Upstairs on the mezzanine level of the library are even more children's books, located in the PZ section of the stacks. These are mostly chapter books and novels for older children, as well as some classic picture books.

To locate these collections, follow the colorful new signs we've put up around the library, or ask a librarian at the reference desk. Suggestions for children's books to add to the collection are welcome. We're also interested in hearing about creative ways faculty have incorporated children's books into their courses. If you know a child who would like to hear or read a story, stop by the library and pick out a children's book. ■

Ripped from Our Blog

by Steven Ovadia

A blog, or Web log, is an online journal, usually arranged in chronological order. They're a great way to show people what's going on in your field. The Library has a blog on its site. The URL is:

<http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/library/blog/whatsnew.html>.

"Black Friday"

The *Times* has an article on the relatively recent trend of people posting "Black Friday" circulars online. "Black Friday" is the official start of the holiday shopping season. It's when retailers launch their big sales. By posting the circulars online now, people can plan their purchases based on price, rather than running from

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Library Awards for 2005

by Clementine Lewis

At *Honors Night* every year LaGuardia Community College recognizes those students who have excelled both academically and in their commitment to service toward the college community. This year's award ceremonies took place in the Main Stage Theater from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13. The Library Media Resources Center has always been very proud to support this special evening for students and sponsors or co-sponsors three awards for students. These awards are competitive and the winners are representative of the many hard working students we have here at LaGuardia.

The **Research Review Competition** award is given to a student whose research paper is deemed to be the best of all those submitted. This year's five winners, from a total of 35 submissions, received a U. S. Savings Bond provided by the LaGuardia Faculty Council with the first place winner also receiving an iPod Shuffle. Students and faculty who want to learn more about the competition should contact one of the following members of the *Research Review Panel*: Fredesvinda Dura, Terence Julien, Clementine Lewis, Sally Mettler, Marie Spina, and Zhang Yu.

You may also review the flier: <http://laguardia.edu/library/competition/>. The deadline for the 2005-06 Research Review Competition is July 8, 2006.

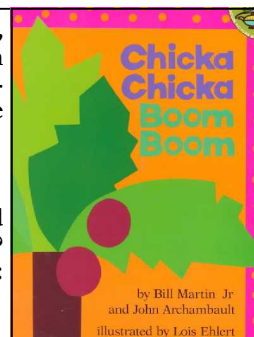
The **LRC Incentive Award** is given to students who have excelled in either the three credit LRC102 course or the one credit LRC103 course. Additional information about the Library's credit LRC courses can be found on the Library's web site at <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/library/lrc/lrc.htm>.

The **LaGuardia Community College Bookstore Humanitarian Award** is given to students for their outstanding service to the Library. Mr. Ray McGale, Regional Manager, Barnes & Noble Bookstores, presented this award this year to the two recipients.

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Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, by Bill Martin, Jr. & John Archambault is another favorite among our Story Time readers.

Have a Story Time title you'd like to suggest or donate? Contact Professor Amsberry: damsberry@lagcc.cuny.edu



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The Library Media Resources Center would like to wish all the best to the winners of the **Research Review Competition**, the **LRC Incentive Award**, and **LaGuardia Community College Bookstore Humanitarian Award**.

Here is a list of the winners:

Research Review Competition

(includes course, and faculty member)

First Place

Dawn R. Hunter

ENG 101 – Prof. Daniel Hegarty

Second Place

Catherine E. Mrakovcich

ENG 103 –Dr. Thomas Fink

Asako Suzuki

ENG 260 – Dr. Gail Green-Anderson

Third Place

Ginger Albertson

ENG 270 – Dr. Susan Young

Sammy Ismail

ENG 101 – Dr. Thomas Fink

LRC Incentive Award

June A. Case

Silvia R. Costa

Patrick H. Holness Jr.

Eun Mi Hong

Alona V. Isaman

Serji Kilic

Monika K. Lukasik

Kisbor K. Mabat

Fermin Pichardo

Andres S. Ramirez

Jose Rodriguez

Dmitriy Rybitskiy

Christine Youn

Bookstore Humanitarian Award

Kenia Nieto (Serials)

Seo Won Ju (Instructional Technology) ■



Front center: Research Review Competition First Place Winner, Dawn R. Hunter with First Place Prize an Apple iPod
Behind Dawn, left to right: Sally Mettler, Daniel Hegarty, Clementine Lewis, and Chief Librarian Jane Devine.

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Monk’s witty theme song in the first set; “Bye-Ya” (latin-tinged), “Blue Monk,” and an incomplete “Epistrophy” in the second set.

The album is neatly packaged with an interesting line sketch of Monk and Coltrane on the front cover and classic photographs with a copy of the Carnegie Hall program on the back cover. To round out this package, the inside booklet contains essays from important critics of the music including Amiri Baraka, Ira Gitler, Stanley Crouch and Robin D.G. Kelley.

This CD is a required acquisition for all serious lovers of the music. If this album strikes your fancy, by all means, get a hold of the first recorded collaboration between these two giants: *Thelonius Monk with John Coltrane*. You, assuredly, won’t regret it. ■

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store-to-store on the day the circulars are released. According to the *Times*, the retailers are mad about this. The funny thing is, I suspect they’ll soon embrace these sites as a way to get free publicity for their sales and stores. There’s always a balance of power with information. Right now, the scales are tipping toward consumers, but the retailers will figure out a way to make these "Black Friday" sites work for them.

Be Careful What You Post

CNET has a very interesting story about how teens post too much personal information online. The article specifically mentions MySpace.com, the networking site that seems to be exclusively composed of personal statements and pictures.

I’m not sure teens have the self-control to regulate what they put online. It might be better if the networking services do more to protect the privacy of its members. ■

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Library-Sponsored events

Medical Librarians Association, New York Chapter
Continuing Education Workshop June 21, 2005
Super Searcher. Presented by Denise O’Shea.

Genealogy Workshop August 9 – Co-sponsored with
Adult and Continuing Education’s Program for Older
Adults. Presented by Evan Fishman.

Deborah Lowe, a librarian at the University of Guyana, visited the Library, learning about the Archives collection from **Marie C. Spina** and about technology from **Eric Moy**. The Library was also visited by Queens College Graduate School of Library Science students. ■