

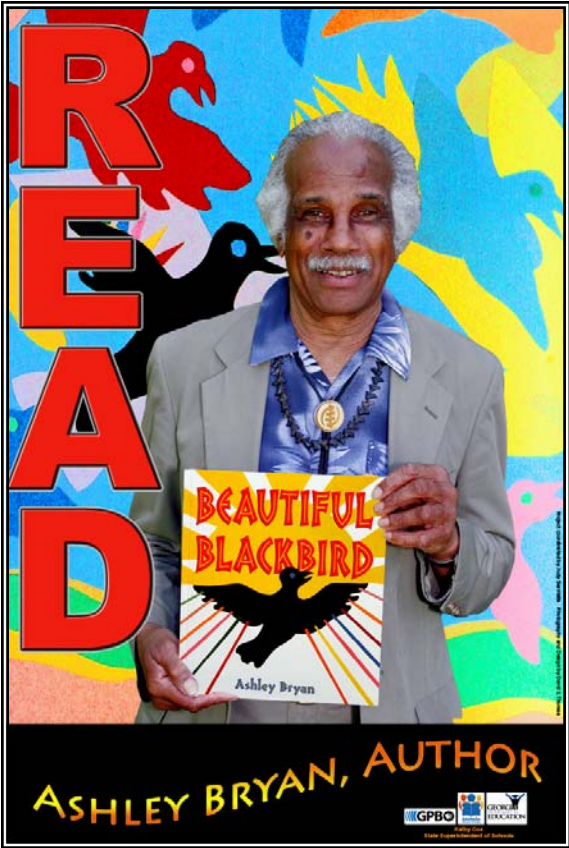
# Media Matters

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Holiday gift suggestions:  
To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a patron, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold (with a few modifications)

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Ashley Bryan, author, illustrator, storyteller, is our latest edition to Georgia Read More. Ashley read his book *Beautiful Blackbird* to a group of students at an Atlanta Public Library and was also interviewed for a “Meet the Author” segment.

Ashley’s part of the program will be part of the Year 2 DVD for Georgia Read More. Georgia Read More is seeking funding sources for Year 3. Without funding Georgia Read More will conclude in the spring of 2007.

## Teens vote for favorite young adult book

CHICAGO - Teen readers across the country voted "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" by J.K. Rowling as their favorite book to take the #1 spot on the annual Teens' Top Ten (TTT), sponsored by The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA). The vote took place during Teen Read Week (TRW), October 15-21, 2006, and gave teens an opportunity to voice their choice of the best new young adult books.

TTT is a part of YALSA's Young Adult (YA) Galley Project which facilitates access to advance copies of young adult books to national teen book discussion groups. These groups evaluated books that were published from January 2005 through April 2006, and created a list of 22 nominations for the best new books for young adults. Teen voters across the country then cast ballots for their three favorites, creating the 2006 Teens' Top Ten booklist of the best new books for young adults.

Teens were encouraged to vote for their favorite young adult books during Teen Read Week from the official nomination list posted online at the Teens' Top Ten site. Over 5000 online ballots were cast and the results, combined with the results of a separate vote of the TTT groups, determined the final ranking of the 10 top books of the year as selected by teen readers.

With J.K. Rowling's sixth Harry Potter book topping the list, the 2006 Teens' Top Ten includes:

1. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling (Scholastic Press, 2005).
2. *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2005).
3. *Eldest* by Christopher Paolini (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2005).
4. *Rebel Angels* by Libba Bray (Delacorte Press, 2005).
5. *Peeps* by Scott Westerfeld (Razorbill, 2005).
6. *13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson (HarperCollins Children's Books, 2005).
7. *Poison* by Chris Wooding (Orchard Books, 2005).
8. *Captain Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth* by J.V. Hart (Laura Geringer Books, 2005).
9. *If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince?* by Melissa Kantor (Hyperion Books for Children, 2005).
10. *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin (Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2005)

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*We will lead the nation in improving  
student achievement.*



**Santa's helpers are  
subordinate clauses!**

## Children's Literature Conference

If you have programs, activities, research, or ideas about children's literature to share, UGA would like to hear from you! Please consider being a PRESENTER at the 38th Annual Conference on Children's Literature. They are especially interested in presenters who are:

- Public librarians
- School media specialists
- Classroom teachers
- Reading specialists
- Graduate students
- General enthusiasts of children's literature

Presentation proposals are due no later than January 05, 2007.

Visit the website, [www.coe.uga.edu/gcba](http://www.coe.uga.edu/gcba), and click on "Be a Presenter" to fill out a proposal.

This year's conference will be held April 20-21, 2007, at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education at the University of Georgia in Athens. Visit their homepage at [www.coe.uga.edu/gcba](http://www.coe.uga.edu/gcba) for the latest conference news.

### Ideas & News from the Media Center:

The ALA has released a free online handbook meant to help librarians/media specialists develop relationships in order attract attention to the library and its programs. In turn, this attention will help the library media center win support, creating opportunities for partnerships, donations, and more.

Check it out at:

<http://ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=News&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=75725>



**Whatever you are  
be a good one.**

**Abe Lincoln**

## GALILEO NEWS

Additional orientation sessions for GALILEO Quick Search and Find It have been scheduled. The sessions will include a basic introduction to these tools and tips on optimal use for better results. Classes are open to library staff in GALILEO libraries and are currently scheduled on the following dates:

- \* January 10, 2007 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- \* February 7, 2007 at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

To register to attend one of these sessions, please send an e-mail message to [galileo.training@usg.edu](mailto:galileo.training@usg.edu) indicating which date you wish to attend.

The sessions will be presented through Horizon Live Classroom, an online meeting/classroom product that integrates the desktop and Voice over IP technology into the session. Participants will receive information on connecting to their chosen session after registering. The information packet will include directions for running a set-up wizard prior to the meeting time. Requirements tested by the wizard are listed below.

### Requirements:

- \* Computer with Internet connection (required)
- \* Headphones or computer speakers to hear sound (required)
- \* Microphone to speak (optional; alternative chat capability within Horizon Wimba)
- \* Internet Explorer 6.0, Netscape 7.0 or higher, or Firefox 1.0 or higher
  - \* Pop-up blockers should be disabled (required)
  - \* QuickTime plug-in (required)

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## **The International Society for Education (ISTE) is bringing NECC to Atlanta June 24–27, 2007!!!**

An exciting and rewarding opportunity awaits Georgia teachers, leaders, and school teams this June 24-27, 2007 in Atlanta! The 28th annual [National Educational Computing Conference \(NECC\)](http://www.iste.org), sponsored by the International Society for Technology in Education ([www.iste.org](http://www.iste.org)), will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta. This conference is for all educators -- not just technology specialists.

### **Registration is OPEN and is only \$150 for Georgia residents**

**Register by March 30** to get the special price of \$150. Go to [www.iste.org/necc](http://www.iste.org/necc) to register.

Bring a team from your school. What's in it for you and your team?

*Meet* 18,000 fellow educators from around the world who want to share their expertise in educational technology

*Participate* in model 21st century classrooms and media center

*Network* with educators from across the world

*Participate* in interactive sessions – not just “sit and get”

*Learn* with your team and take back to your school innovative curriculum and technology ideas

*Volunteer* to help welcome the world and maximize your networking opportunities

### **Georgia Leaders**

**Superintendents, Directors, and Principals:** During the conference, there will be a half-day Georgia Forum on “Supporting School Improvement in Georgia with Technology.” Plan to bring a district level team to this session. Help us plan the program - What are the Georgia issues you want to hear about that would make this forum valuable for your team? Send your *NECC-Georgia HOT TOPIC SUGGESTIONS* to Chris Thompson, GLISI Technology Coordinator, at [chris.thompson@galeaders.org](mailto:chris.thompson@galeaders.org).

### **Housing**

ISTE has established a special housing offer at GaTech for all Georgia residents. Please click [here](#) to view the flier that will answer your questions. This opportunity will be available to you on the NECC 2007 web site in two weeks. Please check the site in order to register. You can always contact your local **ETTC** for more information.

### **Volunteer**

We need **800 volunteers** to help put this conference on. Please plan to give **three hours** of your time. Go to [www.iste.org/necc/volunteers](http://www.iste.org/necc/volunteers) to volunteer.

**Please help us advertise NECC 2007.**

<http://www.ga-edtech.org/NECC2007/N07MVPflier-GA-lowrez.pdf>

Gail Ford, Media Specialist at Treutlen High School and Middle School in Soperton, GA has initiated a communication vehicle she named "Toilet Talk". Information is placed on a "toilet tissue" pattern, copied, cut-out and placed on the bathroom wall in each Teachers' Lounge. This keeps everyone "updated" on the activities and events around the school and in the media center.

A sample of Gail's inventive newsletter:

### **December Toilet Talk**

**Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas is almost here! And YES...it is time to start looking for the "Charlie Brown" Christmas tree!!! The tree is ready and is beginning rounds! Keep a watchful eye...it IS coming YOUR way! Our traditional Charlie Brown tree is now circulating. Just a reminder of "how" it works... This BEAUTIFUL tree comes to you. You keep the tree for ONE class period only. Then, YOU get to decide WHO next gets the tree. Send to the media center, the tree, the name of the person you wish the tree sent AND a FIVE DOLLAR fee to get the tree OUT of your room. The money collected from this activity will go to help a less fortunate family have a merrier Christmas than expected. In the past, we have had most grateful families for the gifts received using the money raised from this activity. Should you wish to donate more than the five dollars, all contributions will be appreciated! (Don't forget...if you wish, you may ADD decorations to the tree)!**

**The TMS/THS Faculty and Staff Christmas party is planned for Monday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar!**

**TMS/THS Media Committee will meet on Thursday, December 7th.**

**Grade Level/Media meetings will be held once a month until further notice. Weekly meetings waned due to time limitations. We will meet in the month of December on Tuesday, December 5th! Look forward to seeing you then!**

**Come in and check out the new books! At the moment, we have them on a shelf marked "NEW ARRIVALS." This way you can see at a glance, books that we now own to enhance your curriculum as well as books that are student "favorites."**

**December 20th is our FIRST day of Christmas holidays! May everyone have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR! See you back at school on January 03, 2007.**

## Tech tips from Esther

Esther M. Brenneman of the Cherokee County School System is the Instructional Technology Facilitator and former Library Media Specialist. Watch for Esther's monthly column in this newsletter featuring an innovative Tech Tip.

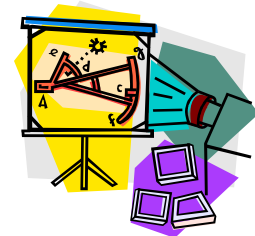
### To Move Slides from One PowerPoint to Another

1. Have you ever wanted to copy/paste or move PowerPoint slides?
2. Here's a quick tutorial on how to accomplish this task.
3. Open the Internet

Type <http://techlearning.com/quickflicks/index.jhtml>

1. Choose Play Windows version

The tutorial will now begin to play.



### Top Ten Reasons to Procrastinate

1.

## For Metro Atlanta Middle Schools

For the third year the Atlanta Hawks and Wendy's(r) are partnering to celebrate Black History Month. In recognition of the month, the Hawks and Wendy's are conducting a book contest for Atlanta-area middle schools. Students will write and illustrate a book about Black History in Atlanta and vie for a chance for their 10,000 copies of their book to be produced. The winners will be honored with a special book signing at the February 25th game. The lucky students will also receive a Hawks and Wendy's prize pack and their schools will receive a donation for art supplies.

For details go to: Visit the Community News section of [www.hawks.com](http://www.hawks.com) to learn more including how to enter. The contest runs December 4-January 12th.

(It is a NBA rule that contests involving the team be restricted to schools within a 75 mile radius of the arena.)

## Georgia Archives Education Newsletter

[www.GeorgiaArchives.org](http://www.GeorgiaArchives.org)

Upcoming Programs –

December 12 -- Lunch & Learn Lecture: “A Piece of Georgia’s Flight History: Souther Field”

### **Featured Resource: New and Improved Virtual Vault**

Secretary of State Cathy Cox announces the release of a new version of the Georgia Archives’ popular Virtual Vault. “The Virtual Vault is a portal to some of the state’s richest historical records, and today’s release makes access even easier,” said Cox.

First launched in 2005, the Virtual Vault allows students, teachers, researchers, genealogists, and the general public to search thousands of digital images of historic maps, photographs, wills, Confederate army records, early tax digests, and other records. The new vault contains over 50,000 images, many of them never before available. Secretary Cox said that she expects that number to grow to 70,000 within the next few months.

According to archives director, David Carmicheal, the archives web site has been especially popular with teachers and students. “We provide online access to records that have shaped Georgia; from our Colonial Charter to Governor Vandiver’s Public Education Address in 1961.” He expects the new version of the Virtual Vault to continue to be popular with students while expanding records available to others, like genealogists. “The new version allows a user to search all of the collections at one time. It’s a very powerful tool for researchers.”

The online tool contains images of over 25,000 Confederate Pension Applications and another 2,000 Confederate army oaths and discharges; 1,400 colonial wills; and thousands of pre-1800 tax digests. According to Cox, much of the scanning was done by student interns from Clayton State University, which is adjacent to the state archives building. “The archives received generous grants from the R.J. Taylor Foundation, the Georgia Genealogical Society, and the Alfred Holt Colquitt Chapter of the UDC to pay the interns. It has been cost-effective for taxpayers and a great learning experience for students.”

Users may see the new Virtual Vault by visiting [www.GeorgiaArchives.org](http://www.GeorgiaArchives.org) and clicking on the Virtual Vault logo.

### **Contact Us**

Comments? Questions? Changes? We need your feedback, please! When teachers take a moment to tell us which resources they use and how they use them, we learn how to better design additional resources. Let us know what you like and what you’d like to see!

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## DECEMBER WRITER'S FESTIVAL EVENTS

Decatur Public Library- 215 Sycamore St. Decatur, GA ,30030

*Programs presented in the Auditorium on the Ground floor.*

Georgia Perimeter College- 555 North Indian Creek Drive, Decatur, GA

*Programs presented in the Cherry Lecture Hall in the Jim Cherry Library.*

*Follow the "Event" signs posted on campus.*

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum and the Jimmy Carter Center-

Freedom Parkway, Atlanta, GA.

*Programs Presented in the Auditorium located in the library and museum portion or in the Day Chapel for large programs.*

*Follow the "Event" signs posted on the grounds.*

### **KATI MARTON**

In her new book, *The Great Escape: Nine Jews Who Fled Hitler and Changed the World*, journalist Marton celebrates "what is glorious and eternal in the human condition," says Nobel Laureate Elie Weisel. The book thoughtfully examines the wartime Hungarian Diaspora and looks at nine men who escaped from Hungary and went on to distinguished careers as scientists, engineers, filmmakers and photographers. Marton, who was born in Hungary, is the daughter of journalists who escaped Soviet-occupied Hungary in 1957.

**7:30 p.m. Monday December 4**

**Jimmy Carter Library**

### **JOHN MCCUTCHEON**

Five-time Grammy nominee McCutcheon, one of America's finest folksingers and now a DeKalb County resident, visits to sing and talk about his new book for young readers, *Christmas in the Trenches*. It's an enchanting story for all ages of the cold December night in 1914 when opposing armies stopped fighting and began singing "Silent Night." As many as 100,000 soldiers may have taken part in what is now known as the unofficial Christmas Truce. The book, with lovely illustrations by Henri Sorensen, offers us glimpses of what it may take to wage peace.

**7:15 p.m. Thursday December 7**

**Decatur Library Auditorium**

### **RENEE DODD**

The Atlanta-born author, granddaughter of Georgia Tech Hall of Fame football coach Bobby Dodd, discusses her remarkable debut novel, *A Cabinet of Wonders*. Her book is a magical, lyric tale of conjoined twin girls who migrate to a country freak show in 1927 and find a deep and touching humanity. This graceful, poised novel has already won high critical praise for its author, who teaches creative writing at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville. A reception follows the lecture.

**7:15 p.m. Thursday December 14**

**Decatur Library Auditorium**

*First District RESA  
Educational Technology Training Center*

# Media Specialist Consortium

January 12, 2007  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Vendor Presentation:  
World Book  
Online Reference Center  
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Room 22  
First District ETTC  
Brooklet, GA

**FREE!**  
1/2 PLU (5 contact hours)

First District ETTC  
[www.fdrsra.org/ettc](http://www.fdrsra.org/ettc)

201 West Lee Street  
P.O. Box 780  
Brooklet, GA 30415

Phone: 912-842-5000  
Fax: 912-842-5546  
[mlanier@fdrsra.org](mailto:mlanier@fdrsra.org)

Please join us on **January 12, 2007** for another great day of learning, sharing & collaborating!

The emphasize for this session will be **digital video** equipment and editing software.



In addition, Shannon Robertson, First District Media

Specialist of the Year, will initiate a sharing time designed to allow you to share ideas and suggestions with your colleagues. So **bring an idea/tip** that you can share with other media specialists!

As always, we will share the latest in **web-based tools** and resources and provide hands-on opportunities to explore these resources.

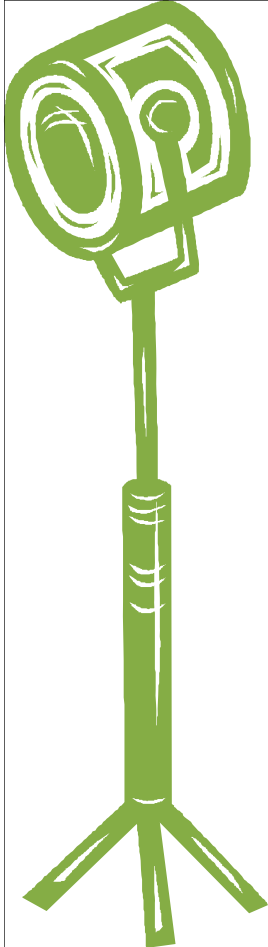
## Vendor Presentation from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Katherine Jenkins from World Book, Inc. will present information regarding World Book Online Reference Center, including World Book Kids and World Book Research Libraries

Register online for Course #78081 at  
[www.fdrsra.org/ettc](http://www.fdrsra.org/ettc)

For more information, contact Monica Lanier or Sandy Hord at (912) 842-5000

## Spotlight on the Georgia Peach Award



### Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac.

From [www.childrenslit.com](http://www.childrenslit.com)

When Kii Yázhí is sent away to the Navaho mission school, he quickly learns what it is to be a Navaho in a white man's world. At the mission school, he is given a white man's name, Ned Begay, and he is forbidden to speak his Navaho language. In order to receive an education, Ned must leave his Navaho language behind. Although determined to excel in the white man's school, Ned is also determined never to forget his Navaho language and culture. When World War II breaks out, Ned suddenly finds that his language is of value beyond the reservation: Prized for its complexity and obscurity, the Marines use the Navaho language to develop a secret military code, recruiting Ned and other Navahos as top-secret code talkers. It is in war that Ned comes of age, as he learns about life and death, friendship, race relations, and the pride to be found in one's language and culture. Though far from home, Ned is able to sustain and renew his faith and pride in his Navaho language, culture, and beliefs. A first-person fictional account of the Navaho code talkers in World War II, Bruchac presents a detailed look at the history and culture of the Navaho people. Although at times his main character seems to serve more as a vessel for history than to tell his own story (often at the expense of the emotional impact of personal events), the book presents an interesting and important multicultural perspective on American history. . Reviewer: Meredith Ackroyd

Joseph Bruchac is a storyteller and an author whose works drawn upon his Native American background. He grew up in New York near Sarasota Springs where he lived with his grandparents. His early years provided an opportunity to listen to his grandparents and all of their friends tell traditional Native American stories. In the early days, tribal story tellers would sit in the center of a circle surrounded by their listeners. Frequently, storytelling would begin with a song of greeting accompanied by drums. Storytelling is traditionally a winter event and would stop in the summer and wouldn't start until the first frost. Bruchac reminds his audience that the tales he tells are different than those published in books because storytelling is a different art form.

All of Bruchac's books have been well received and highly praised. Bruchac has a Ph.D. from Union Graduate School and has won numerous awards including the Parent's Choice Award, the American Book Award and the Skipping Stones Honor Award for Multicultural Children's Literature.



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## GaDOE Library Media Services

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Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. -  
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