

## Media Matters

A monthly newsletter for people who love library media programs

### 2005 EXEMPLARY MEDIA PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the outstanding media programs  
chosen by the Department of Education as the 2005  
Exemplary Media Programs. They will be honored by the  
State Board of Education  
on May 12, 2005.

**Riverbend Elementary in Hall County: Media Specialist Nita Baker**  
**Carrollton Junior High in Carrollton: Media Specialist Mary Jane Davis**  
**Wheeler High School in Cobb County:**  
**Media Specialists Andy Spinks and Renee Marsala**



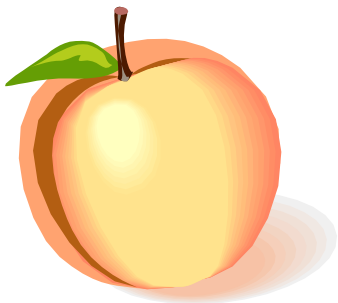
**Late Breaking Bulletin!**

The winner of the first Georgia Peach Award for Teen Readers was announced at the Children’s Literature Conference in Athens on April 30th.

We will honor the recipients at COMO in October.

The 2005 Peach award winner is:  
*First Part Last* by Angela Johnson

The two honor books are:  
*Breathing Underwater* by Alex Finn  
*Stoner & Spaz* by Ron Koertge



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**2005**

**Georgia Children’s Book Award Winners**

*STANLEY’S PARTY* by Linda Bailey  
 (Picture Book Award winner for K-4 grades)

*LOSER* by Jerry Spinelli (Book Award winner for 4-8 grades)



## Best Wishes to Our 2005 Retirees

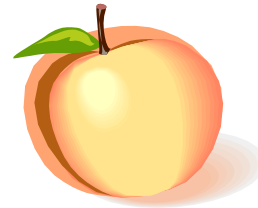
Jimmy Stout	Spalding High School/Griffin
Phyllis Snipes	Carrollton High School/Carrollton/31 years
Judy Jones	Livingston Elementary/Newton/35 years
Ann Bohn	Newton County/34 years
Brent Wheeler	Dade County Schools/32 years
Lee Perkins	Buford City/36 years
Dianne Dees	Valdosta High School/32 years
Sherrill Napier	Valdosta Middle School/31 years
Sandra Yarnell	McEachern High/Cobb/34 years
Deglouris Wooten	Barden Elementary/Bibb
Gwen Kitchens	Westside High School/Bibb
Patricia Blanks	Wells Primary/Jones
Evelyn Dunham	Greer Elementary/Glynn
Mary Squires	Pleasant Grove Elementary/Whitfield
Beautie Moore	Park Elementary/Harris County
Kathy Ponier	Simpson Middle/Cobb
Marilyn Lowe	Pitner Elementary/Cobb
Judy Sousa	Kell High School/Cobb
Betty McNiff	Mt. Bethel Elementary/Cobb
Mary Wade	Teasley Elementary/Cobb
Charlotte Shirley	Dodgen Middle School/Cobb



Are you retiring? Were you the TOTY or Media Specialist of the Year?  
Was your name omitted from this issue?

Let us know and we will spotlight you in the next issue.

## 2006 Nominees for the Georgia Peach Book Award for Teens



1. *The Afterlife* by Gary Soto. You'd think a knife in the ribs would be the end of things, but for Chuy, that's when his life at last gets interesting. SLJ, BL  
<http://www.garysoto.com/>
2. *An Hour Before Daylight* by Jimmy Carter. The former president tells the story of his rural boyhood, and paints a sensitive portrait of America before the civil rights movement. BL [www.cartercenter.org/](http://www.cartercenter.org/)
3. *Battle Dress* by Amy Efaw. In this insider account of a female cadet's first summer at West Point, readers are given a potent dose of military life. SLJ  
<http://www.teenreads.com/authors/au-efaw-amy.asp>
4. *Bittersweet* by Drew Lamm. When her beloved Grams, who has raised her from infancy, suffers a stroke, Taylor's world is shaken. SLJ, BL
5. *Bloody Jack* by Louis A Meyer. Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates. SLJ, BL  
<http://www.cindyvallar.com/bloodyjack.html>
6. *Breath* by Donna Jo Napoli. It is the late thirteenth century, and Hameln town and its surroundings are overwhelmed by a terrible, incurable illness. Every where animals are sick and dying; humans may be next. What can be causing the scourge? SLJ, BL
7. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon. Narrated by a fifteen-year-old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions.  
SLJ, BL <http://www.powells.com/authors/haddon.html>  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/arts/3433849.stm>
8. *Double Helix* by Nancy Werlin. Eli has lucked into a job at Wyatt Transgenics—offered to him by Dr. Wyatt, the famed scientist. The salary is substantial, the work is interesting, and Dr. Wyatt seems to be paying special attention to Eli. It's almost too good to be true. Is there a catch? SLJ, BL  
<http://www.nancywerlin.com/>
9. *East* by Edith Pattou. *East* is a novel retelling of the classic tale "East of the Sun, West of the Moon," a sweeping romantic epic. SLJ, BL

10. *Fault Line* by Janet Tashjian. This novel tackles the difficult and complex subject of teen relationship abuse from the viewpoints of both the victim and the perpetrator. SLJ, BL <http://www.janettashjian.com/>

11. *Feed* by M.T. Anderson. This ironic satire is set in a future world where television and computers are connected directly into people's brains when they are babies.

SLJ, BL <http://www.walkerbooks.co.uk/M.T.-Anderson>

12. *Finding Fish* by Antwone Q. Fisher. A tumultuous and ultimately gratifying tale of self-discovery written in Fisher's gritty yet melodic literary voice. LJ

[http://www.harperacademic.com/catalog/instructors\\_guide\\_xml.asp?isbn=0060539860](http://www.harperacademic.com/catalog/instructors_guide_xml.asp?isbn=0060539860)

13. *How Angel Peterson Got His Name* by Gary Paulsen. When you grow up in a small town in the north woods, you have to make your own excitement. SLJ, BL

<http://www.randomhouse.com/features/garypaulsen/>

14. *Imani in Never Say Goodbye* by Jackie Hardrick. As Imani, star of her high school b-ball team, struggles with the SATs and worries over how she'll pay for college, other girls in her crowd deal with grimmer problems, including single motherhood and drug addiction. SLJ, BL

<http://www.authorsden.com/jackiehardrick>

15. *Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly. Set in 1906 against the backdrop of the murder that inspired Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*, Jennifer Donnelly's astonishing debut novel effortlessly weaves romance, history, and a murder mystery. SLJ, BL <http://www.jenniferdonnelly.com/>

16. *Nothing to Lose* by Alex Flinn. A year has passed since Michael fled his impossible home life to join a traveling carnival. Now the 17-year-old runaway has returned to Miami to find his mother going on trial for the murder of his savagely abusive stepfather. SLJ, BL <http://www.alexflinn.com/>

17. *Revenge of the Whale* by Nathaniel Philbrick. The story of the Nantucket whaleship Essex, which sank in the Pacific in November 1820, after being deliberately rammed twice by an apparently enraged sperm whale. SLJ

<http://www.bookbrowse.com/index.cfm?page=author&authorID=415&view=interview>

18. *Shattering Glass* by Gail Giles. An exploration of the consequences of following a charismatic but amoral leader. SLJ, BL <http://www.gailgiles.com/>

19. *Singer of All Songs* by Kate Constable. Calwyn has lived all her life behind the high ice-wall that guards the sisters of Antaris from the world of Tremaris. The sisters practice ice chantment -- one of the Nine Powers of chantment, a form of magic worked through music. BL <http://www.kateconstable.com/>

20. *True Confessions of a Heartless Girl* by Martha Brooks. This affecting novel reminds readers that it's never too late for forgiveness -- and that sometimes the most unlikely messenger can deliver a small miracle. SLJ, BL [http://www.mbwriter.mb.ca/mapindex/b\\_profiles/brooks\\_m.html](http://www.mbwriter.mb.ca/mapindex/b_profiles/brooks_m.html)

## We the People Bookshelf Recipients

"Libraries serve as beacons of learning in schools and communities," said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. "The *We the People* Bookshelf enables younger readers to examine important themes from many perspectives. This year's bookshelf tells the stories of freedom sought, freedom denied, freedom lived." In 2004, the first year of the *We the People* Bookshelf, one thousand libraries received books for young readers on the theme of "courage."

The new awards are part of the Endowment's *We the People* initiative, which supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture. The school will receive a set of 15 books, posters, bookmarks, and other promotional materials from NEH through the American Library Association, which is working in partnership with NEH. Later this year, an additional 500 libraries will be selected to receive the books.

The Georgia schools receiving this honor are:

**Union County High School** in Blairsville

**Gordon Central High School** in Calhoun

**Coffee High School** in Douglas

**Sky View Elementary** in Mableton

**East Fannin Elementary** in Morganton

**Richmond Hill High School** in Richmond Hill

**Thomas Crossroads Elementary School** in Sharpsburg

**Riverwatch Middle School** in Suwanee

**Dade Elementary** in Trenton

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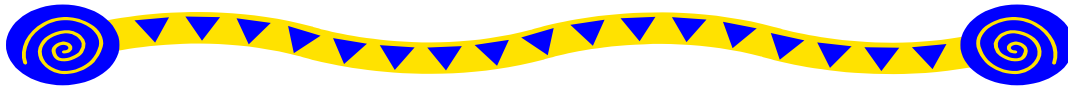
**Tunnel Hill Elementary** in Tunnel Hill

**Congratulations!**

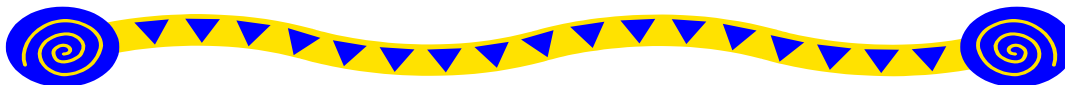
### Media Specialists are Teachers!

#### Congratulations to:

Jamie L. Kossak	Austin Elementary School TOTY /DeKalb
Maribeth Driskell	Coralwood School TOTY /DeKalb
Jean Gravette	Bertha Weathersbee Elementary TOTY /Troup
Carole Williams	Matilda Harris Elementary TOTY/Camden
Kalisha MeShaun George	MLK Jr. Middle TOTY/Atlanta
Jane Rabey	Idlewood School TOTY/DeKalb
Alyse Hirsekorn	Walton High School TOTY/Cobb
Stephanie Gwinn	Parkside Elementary TOTY/Atlanta
Jennifer Burke	Centennial Place Elementary TOTY/Atlanta
Jacqueline Hornsby	West Side Magnet School TOTY/Troup
Marilyn Hoehne	Bascomb Elementary TOTY/Cherokee
Jennifer Harkelroad	Thomas Crossroads Elementary TOTY/Coweta



Angela Dallis	Columbia County Media Specialist of the Year
Betsy Razza	DeKalb County Media Specialist of the Year
Donna Milner	Camden County Media Specialist of the Year
Bernadette Weiss	Glynn County Media Specialist of the Year
Jo Ann Jones	Valdosta City Media Specialist of the Year
Andy Spinks	Cobb County Media Specialist of the Year
Yvonne Stuart	Bibb County Media Specialist of the Year



Donna Milner	Georgia's Media Specialist of the Year
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## 2005 Georgia Student Media Festival

Over one hundred media specialists, technology specialists, teachers, and other educators gathered at the Georgia Public Broadcasting building in Atlanta on April 22nd to participate in the 29th annual Georgia Student Media Festival. This year's festival was sponsored by The Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, an affiliate of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology and the Georgia Library Association.

Over 640 projects in eight categories were submitted. These projects were created by students in grades K – 12. Each system that submitted projects sent judges to assist with the festival. Judges came from as far away as Early County, leaving home at 2:30 A.M. to make it to GPB on time. Projects that received a superior rating are eligible to go to the International Student Media Festival sponsored by AECT.

This is the second year that GPB has collaborated with coordinators of the GSMF to host the festival at their facility. The Education Services Department at GPB played a key role in helping before, during, and after the festival. They are a wonderful group and deserve a round of applause for their hard work and support. A sampling of some of the best of the best will be available on the Georgia Student Media Festival information web page hosted by GPB at

<http://www.gpb.org/public/education/features/sep04/mediafestival.jsp>.

Check the web page often for updates and information on the 2006 Georgia Student Media Festival. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped in any way.



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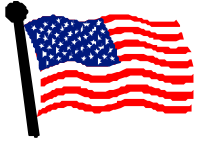
The Georgia Public Libraries 2005  
Summer Vacation  
Reading Club is entitled  
**FUNtastic Reading.**

**Get more information at the  
Georgia Public Libraries  
website at:**

<http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/cild.html>

Want to apply for a We the People bookshelf next year? Check out their web site at:

<http://www.neh.gov/>



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## GADOLE Library Media Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
<b>1</b> 1st American climbs Mt. Everest: 1963 Birthday of Bobbie Mason: 1940-	<b>2</b> Dr. Benjamin Spock born: 1902-1998	<b>3</b> Birthday of Yehuda Amichai: 1924-2000	<b>4</b> Horace Mann born: 1796-1859	<b>5</b> Birthday of Leo Lionni: 1910-1999	<b>6</b> Theodore White born: 1915-1986 Willie Mays born: 1931	<b>7</b> Robert Browning born: 1812-1889																																																																																																		
<b>8</b> Birthday of Harry Truman: 1884-1972	<b>9</b> Eleanor Estes born: 1906-1988	<b>10</b> Nelson Mandela inaugurated as South African president: 1994	<b>11</b> Irving Berlin born: 1888-1989	<b>12</b> Birthday of Farley Mowat: 1921-	<b>13</b> Jamestown founded: 1607	<b>14</b> Lewis and Clark depart: 1804																																																																																																		
<b>15</b> Birthday of L. Frank Baum 1856-1919 Paul Zindel born: 1936-	<b>16</b> Bruce Coville born: 1950	<b>17</b> Supreme Court rules in Brown v Board of Education: 1954	<b>18</b> Mt. St. Helens erupts: 1980	<b>19</b> Johns Hopkins born: 1795-1873	<b>20</b> Spirit of St. Louis leaves for nonstop flight: 1927	<b>21</b> Amelia Earhart completes Trans-Atlantic flight: 1932																																																																																																		
<b>22</b> Arthur Conan Doyle born: 1859-1930	<b>23</b> 1st kindergarten in United States: 1827	<b>24</b> James Joyce born: 1882-1941	<b>25</b> Ralph Waldo Emerson's birthday: 1803-1882	<b>26</b> Sally Ride's birthday: 1951-	<b>27</b> Birthday of Rachel Carson: 1907-1964	<b>28</b> Ian Fleming born: 1908-1964																																																																																																		
<b>29</b> Birthday of Patrick Henry: 1736-1799	<b>30</b> Countee Cullen born: 1903 Memorial Day!	<b>31</b> Walt Whitman born: 1819-1892	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">April</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		April							S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">June</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		June							S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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