

General

It's been a busy fall for me, attending local and national meetings, developing an accurate Board list, and keeping in touch with people. Thanks goodness for our KSMA listserv! The KSMA Board met on Nov. 10 at Western Hills High School in Frankfort, and many later attended the Kentucky Book Fair. I attended an excellent School Library Journal Summit meeting in Arizona where the theme was "Evidence Based Practice." The next KSMA Board meeting will be at the McConnell Literature Conference in Lexington.

American Association of School Librarians Conference, Reno

I saw bunches of KY teacher-librarians in Reno. Highlights for me were: 1) The No Child Left Behind Act update from the AASL office. The opening slide was the quote "Education is a right, not a crapshoot," from John Yarmuth, one of our Ky. Representatives. I asked all teacher-librarians to write about support for the SKILLS ACT which *may* be included with the reauthorization of NCLB; 2) Information about the WEB 2.0 environment as we move to a more participatory Internet. I went to an enthusiastic presentation by Joyce Valenza, and a milder, but no less authoritative session by a teacher-librarian from Phillips Academy; 3) Author Wendelin Van Draanen of Shredderman, and Sammy Keyes fame, who told her life story in a very engaging, emotional way. 4) I attended a breakfast with author David Lubar that creative, nutty, off-the wall author of "The Weenies..." fame; 5) The final bash at the Automobile Museum with delicious food, and an up-close look at over 275 gorgeous cars from the past. Many thanks to KSMA for sending me to such a fine meeting.

If you'd like to know...I didn't put a nickel in any slot machine, and my husband Chuck lost \$30.00.

08 Conference Planning

I've been to several meetings with the Summer Refresher Committee and the Fall Conference Committee, which are well-organized and moving forward. My responsibility for the Summer Refresher is to find a meeting place near Eastern H.S. for a KSMA Board meeting. For the Fall Conference I am securing speakers and session leaders. Contracts will go out after this meeting. Co-Chairman Cathy Hicks' responsibility is to call for and receive session proposals.