

NLLN Continuing Education Scholarship Reports for 2008/2009

**Korella Selzer
International Reading Assoc. 54th Annual Convention
May 4, 2009**

I had the opportunity to co-present at the International Reading Association annual convention on May 4, 2009 in Minneapolis. Along with Carol Sibley and Dr. Doris Walker-Dalhouse, we did a session entitled “Promoting Reading Engagement in Preservice Teachers and Children: Benefits of Organizing and Implementing a University Reading Aloud Award Initiative.” This session was based on research pertaining to our preservice teachers from Minnesota State University Moorhead and feedback from the Comstock Reading Aloud Initiative program. This session was a great opportunity to network with other people who work with students of all ages and who have a great love of reading.

I also was able to attend a couple of other events. On Sunday I took the tour of the Elmer L. Anderson Library where the Kerlan collection is housed. It was really an eye opener to see the huge underground caverns!

Besides presenting on Monday, I attended a session regarding reading aloud multicultural picture books to teach social studies. The picture books are used instead of normal textbooks. This made me aware of the children’s picture books we have in our own collection which could be used for this purpose. I had planned on attending a different session but timing for this session worked out better.

In the exhibit area, I also was able to make connections with representatives from publishers of various children’s books. It is helpful to chat with these people in person as I have frequently had email contact with these reps.

Thank you, Northern Lights Library Network, for your continued support by providing funding for my scholarly opportunities. The experience I gain in presenting at conventions is valuable for my work and as a person. Hearing about and seeing children’s picture books provide me with insight so I can recommend high quality books to our library patrons.

Korella Selzler
Library Technician
Minnesota State University Moorhead
Moorhead, MN
selzler@mnstate.edu
218-477-2350

5/13/2009