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BjB: Karen, would you like to start with introductions?

KarenL: Sure, I'm Karen Lemmons, the moderator. I am a school librarian in an elementary school in Detroit, Michigan.

JeffC waves to Karen. I'm on Helpdesk here and live in Forest Grove Oregon.

BjB: I am a retired communication and art teacher in Pennsylvania

TametriceC: I am a student teacher from Houston, Texas. I am currently teaching the third grade at Jack Fields Elementary school.

SourayaM: Hello! I am a student at the University of Colorado at Boulder. I am currently a humanities and education student.

KarenL: Thank you for joining us this evening.

BjB . o O (I did add that webinar for the international book site to the online books folder)

KarenL: Thanks, BJ.

KarenL: The primary topic will be the Coretta Scott King Awards, which honors African American children/young adult's literature and illustrations.

KarenL: If we have time, I can show you the international children's digital library which is a cool site for multicultural literature.

TametriceC: That sounds very interesting!

JeffC wrote a letter of condolence to Coretta Scott King in 5th grade.

KarenL: And, I can also show you additional awards that honors Hispanic literature.

KarenL: Good for you, Jeff!

JeffC: well... our whole 5th/6th grade class wrote letters... born and raised in Berkeley you know. 1968 was a bad year for assassinations.

KarenL: Now to get to the CSK awards is a little daunting. The American Library Association has changed their website, so it can be a bit much, even for us librarians.

KarenL: Let's go to the ala website. <http://www.ala.org>

TametriceC: ok I'm there

BjB: Souraya, did you get the url?

SourayaM: yes

SourayaM: thank you

SourayaM: what am I suppose to do on this website?

TametriceC: Yes I am unsure as well.

KarenL: step 2. click on round tables and click on emiert

TametriceC: ok. I did

BjB: me too

KarenL: click on the Coretta Scott King book award.

KarenL: it should be on the left side.

TametriceC: ok

SourayaM: ok

KarenL: from there you should be able to learn the history of the awards and the award winners.

VarisaU joined the room.

BjB: welcome, Varisa. Are you here for the K-12 Language Arts discussion?

JeffC: I made a redirect for the CSK Book Awards: <http://snurl.com/cskbookawards>

KarenL: is everyone checking out the site?

VarisaU: yes

TametriceC: yes

VarisaU: I can't click to the link you posted

JeffC: Hold the Ctrl key down when clicking, Varisa.

JeffC: or click the Actions menu, send to pasteboard and copy/paste.

JeffC: or just open a new tab and type in <http://snurl.com/cskbookawards>

VarisaU: ok this way probably easier

KarenL: thank you Jeff!

VarisaU: I got it. thank you

KarenL: how is everyone doing?

TametriceC: ok. Are we just supposed to be reading right now?

JeffC: fine

VarisaU: I'm wondering too but I'm checking

BjB: are you on this committee, Karen?

KarenL: Yes, did you check out the award recipients?

BjB: yes

KarenL: BJ, I am trying to get on this committee now. Keep your fingers crossed.

SourayaM: I never realized that there were awards out there that honored diversity in particular. I think it is amazing that writers have the ability to write about events that affect them in their culture.

BjB crosses her fingers

SourayaM: It really shows an appreciation for such talents, despite the inequalities present in America.

SourayaM: I have to go. Thank you.

SourayaM left the room (signed off).

BjB: drat

KarenL: okay. I wanted you to see the illustrators and authors that have been honored. You will notice that you will see a few names more than once, like Ashley Bryan, Walter Dean Myers, the McKissacks, Bryan Collier, Kadir Nelson, and then there are the new talent awards that honors new authors/illustrators to the field.

KarenL: Thanks, for keeping your fingers crossed, BJ. I should know in July or maybe earlier.

BJB: keep me posted, Karen!

KarenL: Okay, Tametrice and Varisa, do you have additional questions?

BJB: some of the authors/illustrators I'm familiar with more than others

BJB: love Jerry Pinkney and Floyd Cooper

KarenL: about this website.

KarenL: oh yes, their illustrations are awesome! And Kadir Nelson, talk about talent and looks!

KarenL: Be still my beating heart!

BJB: Varisa, you didn't have a chance to introduce yourself....

BJB: are you teaching?

KarenL: He won an author award for his book We are the ship. It is about the Negro Baseball Leagues. He did an awesome job.

BJB: I'll have to check that out

VarisaU: No. I only have one semester as a teacher trainee before I graduate.

BJB: congrats, Varisa...what grade will you be teaching?

BJB: . o O (always make friends with your librarian!)

VarisaU: Does everyone here teach?

KarenL: are you ready to move to another website?

BJB: I'm retired. Tametrice is a pre-service teacher also

BJB: nods to Karen

VarisaU: I want to teach college students when I get my Master

KarenL: I do. I'm a teacher/librarian.

KarenL: Really, Varisa? What subject?

VarisaU: I want to teach ESL in my home country (Thailand)

BjB: great, Varisa! Picture books are a very good tool for ESL

KarenL: I want to show you one more website as it relates to African American books for children/young adults. It is called the brown bookshelf. This month the website features an author/illustrator every day for the month of February.

VarisaU: Okay

KarenL: The website is: <http://thebrownbookshelf.com>

BjB checks to see if Tametrice is still with us

KarenL: okay, are you ready for the next website?

VarisaU: I wish I had read some of these books.

BjB nods

TametriceC: I am with you guys. I am still here

VarisaU: Yes, I am.

KarenL: okay, Tametrice, did you check out the brown bookshelf?

KarenL: If not, you can get a copy of the transcript and check it out later. It features an author/illustrator each day for the month of February.

TametriceC: Yes I see it is talking about Marilyn Nelson.

KarenL: She is such a cool poet! She did a beautiful job on Carver, and a really touching poem/story on Emmet Till.

KarenL: okay, here is the next website. It is the international children's digital library. Students can read these books online in their native language free!

KarenL: the website is <http://en.childrenslibrary.org>

VarisaU: You mean in every language?

BjB : just about, Varisa!

KarenL: Well, they are trying to get books in every language. But they have a nice collection of different languages.

BjB : I came across a lovely webinar about ICDL

BjB : <http://webinars.nmsu.edu/detail.cfm?id=32>

KarenL: this website is so kid friendly.

BjB : scroll down to the recorded webinar link

KarenL: children can search by color, language, genre, size, shape, etc.

TametriceC: I love this website. I think this would be great for ESL students to have the opportunity to continue to embrace their native language!

TametriceC: I am having a hard time finding the English books though.

TametriceC: never mind I figured it out

KarenL: cool!

VarisaU: This is really good so children can read the books in their own language but they don't have ones in Thai though

KarenL: no, but you could recommend some and I am sure the team would love to add them to the list.

TametriceC: I really like the book "Elinda who danced in the sky"

VarisaU: I see.

VarisaU: So they have books in just about every category

KarenL: Go to the home page and click on the link that says "contribute to our efforts."

KarenL: just about.

JeffC: Karen... our time is about up... and I wanted to share one thing with this group before the session ends.

KarenL: drum roll. . .

JeffC: OK... next month... March 12, 6p.m. Pacific: Shmoop... here.

VarisaU: Cool. So anyone can help translate into their own language

JeffC: <http://www.shmoop.com>

JeffC: It's for the WriteTalk group... Shmoop is a site that has excellent analysis of middle and high school books, poetry as well as history. So... I invite all here to attend and pass the word.

BjB . o O (WriteTalk is March 12)

KarenL: wow, this is cool!!!! is it free?

JeffC: yup... it's in beta

JeffC: I think the plan is to keep it free.

KarenL: okay, when can I officially register?

KarenL: even in the beta format?

VarisaU: I'm making a project about writing and this one will be very useful. thank you

TametriceC: Thank you for the websites and the authors that I can look out for when choosing books to read to my students!

JeffC: go there now... I think you can register through the "shmoop for educators" link.

JeffC: <http://www.shmoop.com/teachers/>

KarenL: cool! I will do that. Thank you for sharing!

KarenL: okay, everyone, goodnight! see you next month!

JeffC: yw... yes... I think shmoop is very cool... I've started a group room on it here...

BjB : Thanks, Jeff. And thanks for leading the discussion, Karen!

JeffC: I'll be sending a collaboration invitation to this group soon.

TametriceC: Are there any more websites for the language arts forum?

BjB : The next K-12 Language Arts discussion will be on March 18

JeffC: don't you have enough for the next few years Tametrice? ;-)

TametriccC: Yeah you're right

VarisaU: thank you Karen

BjB: Tametricc, you also should explore the links stored in this room

JeffC: join the K-3+ Resources group here, Tametricc... many sites there for elementary students!

JeffC: and yes... please join this group as well...

TametriccC: Thank you Karen, Jeff, and BJ!

JeffC: click the little "i" in the green circle at the end of the Welcome box in the top frame, then the link to "join this group."

VarisaU: thank you everyone

BjB waves goodnight

VarisaU: goodnight

JeffC: gnite

JeffC: thanks again Karen!

KarenL: you're welcome! I just joined Schmoop!

KarenL: it is so cool!

KarenL: bye!

JeffC: excellent! (remember... no "c" in shmoop!)