

# Young Adult & Children's Section Annual Report: 2010-2011

By Darby Love.

## New Executive and the Coming Year

Our new executive features Sara Hathaway moving from SLAIS Rep to Vice-chair, Kristen Rumohr moving from Edmonton to take over the Continuing Education Committee position for Vancouver Island, Jennifer Windecker acting as Vancouver Island Representative, former Past Chair Susan Redmond taking on the newly created position of continuing education liaison for the lower mainland, and Rachel Balko as SLAIS liaison. Others were reshuffled and recycled as needed but all are ready to face the rigors of the coming year.

Full executive listings are available on the YAACS website: <http://www.bcla.bc.ca/yaacs/>

## Sheila Egoff Prize Fundraising at Conference

A giant thank you to everyone who bid, was outbid, and bid again at the conference in Victoria! Fundraising efforts for the Sheila Egoff prize resulted in a record-breaking \$1000+ raised with a silent auction. More thanks go to all of our generous donors, particularly Judi Saltman, and to now Past Chair of YAACS, Sarah Donald for bringing it all together.

There were lots of books and some great original art by children's illustrators that went home with the successful bidders.

## Continuing Education

Spring brought a successful (and fun!) Rhyme Time workshop with the famous Jane Cobb in attendance filming everyone's rhymes for ideas for a new book of rhymes. Look out for our upcoming signing workshop in the fall. We've also recently begun to collaborate with the Continuing Education Committee to offer more training opportunities to you all both in person and via webinar, including sessions addressing teen services.



YAACS Rhyme Time this spring. Photo by Jane Cobb.

## Looking forward to 2011-2012

We are looking forward to having stronger Vancouver Island representation this coming year and to the opportunity to provide more continuing education in different formats to a broader audience in conjunction with BCLA's Continuing Education Committee. We also plan to continue being vocal advocates for children's services, particularly in a climate of cuts such as those to Books for BC Babies.

YAACS is also facing the coming year with an eye for change in line with BCLA's refocusing. We welcome your ideas and will be distributing an online survey shortly. You can also email me directly with your ideas at [darbynil@gmail.com](mailto:darbynil@gmail.com).

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