

## NEWSLETTER No.4

*Dear Member*

The SLA – Yorks and Humberside committee are delighted to have presided over another successful year. Feedback from the 3 courses put on; 'Information Literacy' (back in October 2005); 'Self-Evaluation' (April 2006) and 'Display' (June 2006) was uniformly positive, although noted was the need to ensure high quality venues and biscuits with morning coffee! Points taken on board and acted upon.

We try to ensure the courses are affordable and at attractive, low-cost, easy-to-reach venues spread evenly thought our massive catchment area. This year you will see our courses are all within schools (giving you the chance to have a nose at another library!) and within 3 different counties. We can't spread much more than that! Unfortunately we have had to increase fees but only slightly, they are now £90 for SLA-members and £100 for non-SLA members. Still highly competitive and reasonable we feel, but means we may not have our usual 'two-weeks-before-course-day' panic that not enough people have signed up!

Enclosed in this rather full mailing are:

- Application Leaflets for our upcoming three courses
  - \* The next step - managing up, down and all around (December 2007)
  - \* Transition KS2-3 - reaching Y6, keeping Y7 (February 2007)
  - \* Try before you buy (May 2008)
- An invitation to Kirklees and Calderdale Book Groups Louise Rennison dinner (act fast! You can also telephone the Children's Book shop in Lindley 01484-658013 to reserve your place).
- Application and leaflet for SINTO course 'Promoting Reading to Young People'.
- Committee member details.

I am delighted to reveal that a regional reciprocal agreement between SINTO and SLA- Yorks and Humber means will receive organisational discounts for each others events and course. The details included in this mailing are for a course that is highly relevant to us all, and run by a trainer well-known in SLA circle, Anne Harding. If you do book on this please let us know, and don't forget to tell them you are an SLA member (giving your number) to ensure you receive the discount!

Finally we are delighted to welcome new committee members Linzi Codd, Fiona Brady, Lesley Cobb and Helen Hinks over the course of the year. They have joined a happy band of people who represent all areas of school librarianship and who enjoy and value meeting colleagues and helping all us of continue to grow in our work. Plus we have fun along the way and have invented a new style of committee meeting which requires food, drink and social niceties. It's not too late to join us...

*Lynne Coppendale*, Chair SLA – Yorkshire and Humberside