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By Paula Byrne

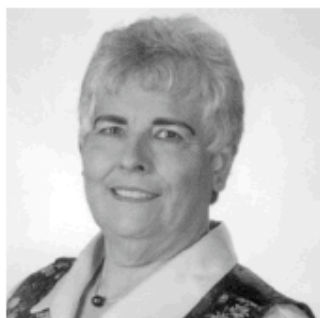
Let me introduce you to the people behind the scenes who put together the MSLA Forum. Each of us contributes our time and effort in order to produce an informative, professional newsletter for MSLA members. We publish four online issues plus an annual print issue each year.



Patsy Diver (pdivver@millisps.org) is the Library Teacher for the Millis Middle/High School, grades 5-12. Patsy is Co-Editor of the MSLA Forum.



Maria D'Orsi (dorsim@medford.k12.ma.us) is a Library Media Teacher at Brooks Elementary School in Medford, teaching grades K-5. Maria will be a columnist/proofreader, and her column will be called "Adventures In My School Library". If you would like to make any suggestions for this column, please email Maria.



Jan Kolezar retired in June 2007 as a library teacher in Northampton MA and has decided to remain active in the field by serving as a proofreader for the Forum and as Vendor Coordinator for this year's conference. She decided she wanted to become a degreed librarian while serving as a student library assistant in her high school library. As a result, her library career spans many years and has covered academic, special, public, and school libraries both on the professional, clerical and volunteer level. She is the 2004 recipient of the Ellen Bern award, and editor of Florence Massachusetts History 1895-1985. When not working, she enjoys activities such as, but not limited to, spending time with family and friends, boating, reading, needlework, playing sax in the Florence Community Band, and volunteering with the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Leona Andrade (landrade@freelake.org) is a library teacher at Assawompset Elementary School, a K - 3 school. Has been associated with school library/media centers since 1986, started as an aide in the Westport Community School district and later served as Technology Specialist for the Fairhaven school system.



I hold a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science and am the Library Teacher at Wilmington High School. I have been the Editor for the MSLA Forum for the past 6 years and I have truly enjoyed the experience.

We are currently looking for a Technical Editor to post the MSLA Forum online. If you are interested in contributing an article, idea, or becoming the Technical Editor, please contact me at byrne@comcast.net or Patsy Diver at pdivver@millis.k12.ma.us

We are always interested in what our members are doing at their schools. Don't hesitate to write to us.



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Massachusetts schools will have school library programs that are fully integrated into the instructional program and serve all students regardless of ethnicity, language, income, physical limitations, learning styles or abilities. All school libraries will be managed by credentialed professionals who, in partnership with other educators, provide resources and instruction that promote students' achievement of learning goals.

Mission of MSLA

MSLA advocates for school library programs that have a significant and measurable impact on student achievement. It supports licensed, highly qualified library teachers at all levels and endorses school library programs that have strong leadership, resources, and instructional components. MSLA provides its members with growth opportunities, research, publications, and public relations activities.

The organization communicates its vision to three groups of stakeholders:

Members and potential members;
Education community;
General public