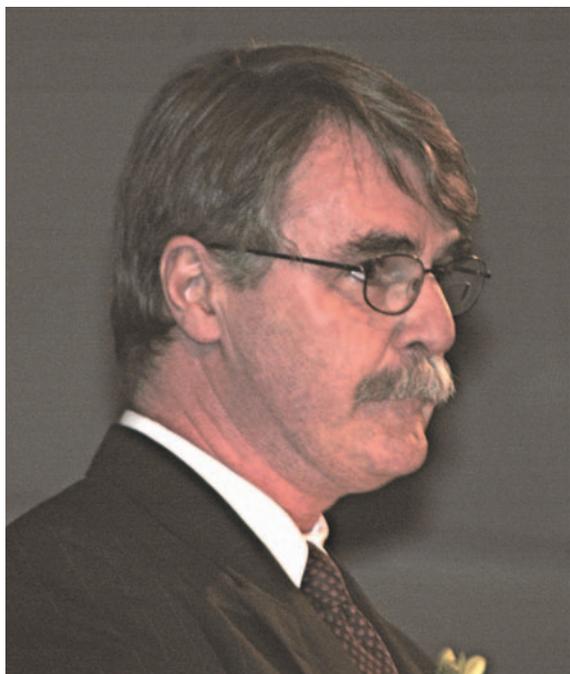


Findorff, Alliant Energy support 2008 Arbuthnot Honor Lecture

J.H. Findorff & Son and Alliant Energy contributed about \$4,500 through the SCLS Foundation to support two days of programming and activities in celebration of math and science and literacy.

Findorff donated \$2,500 to pay for an honorary luncheon at the Madison Club for David Macaulay, who was in Madison to present the 2008 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture. Each year, an individual of distinction in the field of children's literature is chosen to write and deliver a lecture that will make a significant contribution to the world of children's literature. The award is administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).



David Macaulay, author and illustrator, during his Arbuthnot Honor Lecture.

His lecture, titled "Thirteen Studios," was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison. This year's host was the South Central Library System, which helps libraries serve the public in Adams, Columbia, Dane, Green, Portage, Sauk and Wood counties. Dan Peterson, Vice President of Finance, and his wife, Mary, represented Findorff at the luncheon.

More than 600 people attended the lecture, a video archive of which can be accessed at www.scls.info/arbuthnot08/.

The Arbuthnot lecture was a part of a two-day celebration of math and science literacy that SCLS kicked off with the "Building Blocks: Early Math Concepts" workshop on April 16 at the Overture Center in Madison. Alliant

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First-year reflections:

*by Foundation President
Linda Davis-Brown*

As president of the South Central Library System Foundation, I've reflected recently on the Foundation's accomplishments over the past year, and I am pleased with the progress toward our long-term goals.

We have made a great start with a number of noteworthy supporters on the honorary committee. They were recognized at a reception, hosted by former Gov. Tony Earl, at the law firm of Quarles and Brady. We also have a viable website that can accept electronic gifts.

Our first solicitation letter was successful in garnering gifts from more than 50 donors, and with those contributions we sponsored a national literary lecture (the May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture) on April 17. You can find a link to the video archive of the lecture at www.scls.info/arbuthnot08/. In conjunction with that lecture, we were able to get two corporate grants in support of an early math and science literacy initiative to help libraries throughout the area serve children.

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Foundation supports literacy through Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros event

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), also known as Día, is an annual celebration of children, families, cultures and reading, and on May 3, 2008, an SCLS Foundation contribution of \$1,500 funded a special literacy event in Madison.

The project brought together partners such as South Central Library System, Madison Public Library (South Madison Branch), Centro Hispano, Unidos Against Domestic Violence, Harambee South Madison Health and Family Center, Wisconsin Public Television, and Nueva Cancion

(a Latin folk music group). About 150 children and parents participated in the afternoon event.

Participants received books (in English and Spanish), pencils, bookmarks, craft projects, coloring pages, and information about the South Madison Branch Library and its many services. Participants also were eligible to win one of 10 refurbished children's bicycles, donated by Wheels for Winners. Library staff estimated that they created 15 new library cards for people who attended the event and also sent applications home with several others. The event also featured Nuria Vega Moffat, a bilingual face painter who was hired for the event. She did beautiful designs on the children's faces, and stayed to the end of the event and beyond to make sure every child who wanted face painting got it.

Plans are already underway for next year's literacy event.



Nueva Cancion entertains the crowd.

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The foundation also sponsored a multicultural literacy event (Dia de los Ninos) on May 3. The event, held at Madison Public Library's South Madison Branch, attracted more than 150 children and parents.

We have a growing number of member libraries involved and enthusiastic about raising funds for their

specific accounts, and in the coming year we hope to substantially increase the number of donors to The Campaign to Enhance Public Libraries. We really want to help those who would like to support libraries, and let them do it in ways that that will leave a lasting legacy to their belief in the valuable role that public libraries play.

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Energy provided \$2,000 to help fund this workshop for 50 librarians representing the system, state, region and even Kentucky.

Whether it's including counting activities and appropriate concept books in preschool programs or creating after-school activity programs for older kids, public libraries are perfectly situated to address these academic shortcomings by including very early math (and science!) skills in their library story times and other programs for youth. The goal of the workshop was to help librarians learn more about early math and discover ways to seamlessly weave math and science concepts into library programs.



SCLS Director Phyllis Davis toasted Dan Peterson, Vice President of Finance, and his wife, Mary (not pictured), who represented Findorff at the luncheon.

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Matching funds double Lodi contributions

Library membership in the SCLS Foundation can provide many benefits, one of which was experienced recently by the Lodi Woman's Club Public Library.

According to Peg Hilliker, library director, joining the SCLS Foundation has meant her library is eligible to receive employer matching funds they could not get before.

"A local lawyer told us it would cost about \$1,000 to do the work for us to obtain 501(c)(3) designation as a charitable organization," Hilliker said. "Being a member of the SCLS Foundation gave us that benefit without the expense, and the SCLS Foundation did all the work."

The payoff, Hilliker said, was that the library recently received employer matching donations from the Kraft Foods Matching Gift Program and the Air Products Foundation Matching Gifts program.

"Being a member of the SCLS Foundation has really been a significant benefit to our library," Hilliker said. "Not only did we eliminate the cost of obtaining our own non-profit status, membership allowed us to secure matching funds that would have otherwise been unavailable."

To learn more about SCLS Foundation membership for your library, contact Phyllis Davis at (608) 246-7975.

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