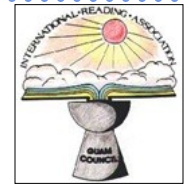




Enjoy an Author Visit



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Visiting Artist—Floyd Cooper

Floyd Cooper has always liked to draw. That served him well as he completed his education with a Fine Arts Degree from the University of Oklahoma in his home town of Tulsa. The emotional impact of his art was recognized early in his career. He started by illustrating advertisements. Then Hallmark hired him to design greeting cards. But his dream was to illustrate books.

In an interview for the Brown Bookshelf, Floyd talks about the motivation for his work. "I feel children are at the front line in improving society. ... I feel children's picture books play a role in counteracting all the violence and other negative images conveyed in the media."

Grandpa's Face by Eloise Greenfield launched the successful career he has today. He has now illustrated over 60 books and 2000 book covers. He has also written and illustrated biographies of well known personalities; Jump! From the life of Michael Jordan, Coming Home. From the Life of Langston Hughes, and, Mandela: from the Life of the South African statesman.

The awards he has won have made him the most celebrated, best known and highly regarded artist in his field. He won the Coretta Scott King award for illustrating Meet

Denitra Brown by Nikki Grimes and Brown Honey and Broomwheat Tea by Joyce Carol Thomas. A Beach Tail and These Hands were both selected for the Original Art 2011 Exhibition of Children's Book Illustration by the Society of Illustrators, New York, NY.

His technique, oil wash on board, begins with an illustration painted on the board. He then "erases" the paint to make the picture. He will feature this is his presentations. A "hands-on" workshop planned for teens will be **on Saturday, October 20 from 2:00 – 4:00PM at the JFK High School Art Room.** A similar one for teachers and other educators will be on Monday afternoon at JFK High school Art Room from 4:00-5:00PM.

Floyd will visit 23 elementary and secondary schools starting October 15 through October 25. Find him at the **Guam Public Library** in Hagatna for Story Hour **from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, October 20.**

General Membership Meeting October 13, 2012 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Guam Aurora Resort & Spa (formerly Guam Hotel Okura) in Tumon. See you there!

Floyd Cooper's School Visits October 15-25

- San Vicente Catholic
- St. Francis Catholic
- St. Paul's Christian
- Notre Dame High School
- Agana Hts Elementary
- A. Johnston Middle School
- Benavente Middle School
- Carbullido Elementary
- FBLG Middle School
- G Washington High School
- Inarajan Elementary
- JF Kennedy High School
- Jose Rios Middle School
- JM Guerrero Elementary
- LB Johnson Elementary
- Oceanview Middle School
- Okkodo High School
- Price Elementary
- Simon Sanchez High School
- Southern High School
- Tamuning Elementary
- Truman Elementary
- Upi Elementary

Teen Workshop
Saturday, **October 20**,
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. JFK Art Room. Please call Cyndy at 789-1996 to register.

Teacher Workshop
Monday, **October 22**,
2:00-4:00 p.m.
JFK Art Room
Please call Cyndy at 789-1996 to register

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Coming Up!

November 17, 2012
Attend the UOG Language Arts Conference

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Read-A-Thon 2013—Schedule of Events

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Everyone!
READ-A-THON 2013 is coming to a school near you!!

The theme for this year's **Read-A-thon 2013** is "**Chill Out and Read!**" The event will be held on February 16-23, 2013. More details to follow in upcoming meetings. Efforts by the Read-A-Thon Committee are in the works and we hope to have Read-A-Thon 2013 novelties available for sale to friends and family members by the next general membership meeting. Should this not come to fruition, don't fret! Promotional novelties will be provided to school representatives at the orientation meeting. Thank you for your encouragement and support in this year's Read-A-Thon 2013!

~ *Debbie*

Saturday, January 12, 2013
(8:00-10:00 a.m.)

Venue: TBA)

Pick up Parent
Permission Forms

Monday, January 14, 2013
Distribute Parent Permission Forms

Friday, January 18, 2013
Deadline Count for Parent Permission
Forms

Saturday, January 26, 2013
(8:00-10:00 a.m.)

SPCS Gymnasium)

RAT School Representatives Meeting &
Pick-Up Materials

January 28-February 1, 2013
Monday-Friday

School Reps Conduct Teacher Orientation

Monday-Friday

School Reps Conduct Teacher Orientation

February 1-4, 2013

Friday-Monday

Reps/Teachers Print Info on Pledge Cards

Monday, February 11, 2013

Distribute Pledge Cards to Students

February 11-20, 2013

Monday-Wednesday

Solicit and Collect Pledges

Saturday, February 16, 2013

Read-A-Thon 2013 "*Chill Out and Relax!*"

Kick-Off

(8:00-11:00 a.m.)

Venue: TBA)

Table News

Software Table—Everyone loves a good deal! If you're a gamer, we have some Wii and DS games that will go at 50% off! Also, lots of books plus CD sets including fiction from Halloween to classic stories and non-fiction titles from DK Eyewitness sets on Vote and the Presidents will be available.

Paperback Table—Use your chits at the paperback table! A variety of titles by various authors, from Kevin Henkes to Laura Numeroff have been ordered. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$4.00 a book! We're sure that you will find several books that you can use in your classroom or books that will get your students to fall in love with reading!

Hardcover Table—Titles of recently ordered books, available for sale at the October meeting, include *Wonder*, *About Average*, *Llama Llama Time to Share*, *Clementine* and the *Family Meeting*, *Chains*, *Walter Wick's Optical Tricks*, *Super Secret Hiding Places*, and *The LEGO Ideas Book*. Stop by the Hardcover table to see the entire offerings.

Extra! Extra! Chit\$ at Membership

Guess What!? What? Did you hear that the Membership Table will have \$5.00 chits for the month of October? Yes, you heard right... you get a chance to get a \$5.00 chit for every new member that you recruit. So, what are you waiting for? The timing is great because there will be many new books and novelties available at the tables.

University of San Diego

Our next USD class will be on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Aurora Hotel. It will be a great meeting because we have an author visiting Guam- Mr. Floyd Cooper.

So make sure to save the date in your calendar, bring your camera, and your book to autograph.

Class sign in time is from 8:00-9:00am

Your clocked hours for the class begins at 9:00-11:00am.

Sign in will close at 9:05. So don't be late!

Don't forget to first sign in at the membership table and get your raffle tickets and coupons.

Then find me or Nel at the USD table to sign in, get your reflection sheet and pick

up your receipt.

At the end of the meeting (11:00) turn in your reflection sheet in the red box.

The author will be doing a teacher workshop on Monday, October 22 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the JFK Art Room.

This session is one of our alternate class. I will be there for sign in and for the reflection sheet. So if you know you may be missing a regular meeting class, you can attend this. Otherwise, you can always bank it- just in case!

If there are any concerns please email me at woodardjen@yahoo.com

or Nel at neldielimtiaco@yahoo.com

Book Exchange

The Book Exchange table was started by a long time educator, Mary Roth, who taught many years at Sanchez High School. It has been a popular feature for those who enjoy reading while getting new books at no cost by bringing a book and take a different one.

You are welcome to bring in a stack of books and then keep track of how many you take home. Anyone interested in a foreign language dictionary? There are a couple on the table.

I do have some material that new teachers may be interested in using in the classroom if you want to check with me. Come check out the table, see what is available and chat with me.

Jane Rayphand

UOG SOE Alumni Association

The SOE Alumni Association supports SOE's mission of effectively preparing educators and other education personnel for professional performance in diverse cultural contexts. It serves as a connection for which SOE alumni can give back to their alma mater by sharing their talents, resources, etc. in different SOE events. It further serves as a source for developing alumni pride, spirit, and life-long commitments to the School of Education.

The University of Guam School of Education Alumni Association is now promoting its membership drive. See any officer at the Guam IRA meetings or go to <http://soealumniassociation.blogspot.com> for more details.

Grants—"Innovation"

Like the 3M slogan "Innovation," you probably have some innovative book ideas that are ready to be shared with your students and all you need is grant money to get the books. Here is your chance!

Grant applications are due at this General Meeting **Saturday, October 13, 2012, no later than 11:00 a.m. at the Grant Table**. Please take some time to go online at www.iraguam.blogspot.com to see qualifications and requirements. Then, fill out the application.

Past grant recipients are kindly asked to submit articles, posters, and evaluation form. For any questions or concerns regarding the account closure, please send us an e-mail.

We can't wait to read about your innovative ideas. Contact information: Evelyn Topasna 565-6710, 565-5195 ext 5372 (Harry S Truman Elementary) or 689-9455. E-mail: edtpasna@gdoe.net.

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Contests and Announcements

"READ ONE · DECORATE ONE" Contest

Join the fun and win a prize by decorating your favorite bag with a connection with your favorite book. The rules are simple, read a book, decorate your favorite Read-A-Thon Bag or Recyclable bag, show up, and sign up. Don't forget to bring your book. You must be present to win the movie passes that will be given out as prizes. Winners will be announced after the author's presentation.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Join IRA or renew your membership today to

- Be inspired and recharged through new approaches to teaching literacy
 - Share your challenges and successes with people just like you
 - Network and find literacy leaders in your area
- Read their award-winning journals to build

your tool kit with practical, ready-to-use tips and techniques. Join your colleagues in discovering cutting-edge, scientifically-based research on the field's most important issues. And become an advocate for standards for literacy professionals and for the rights of learners.

Top 5 Benefits of IRA Membership

1. Practical teaching tools you can use in the classroom
2. Access to top-rated journals, innovative research, and best practices
3. Being part of a community of reading professionals
4. Discounts on IRA publications and other professional development resources
5. Reduced conference registration rates

There will be a special raffle prize in the January's General Meeting "2 Celebrate Teaching of Literacy" for members of the International Reading Association. Sign-up now online at www.reading.org or visit

the membership table and they will gladly assist you.

GOING GREEN!

Continuing the mission of Going Green, please bring your own recyclable bag to the meeting as you shop around the book tables before and after the meeting. Guam IRA will not provide plastic bags for any of the General Meetings.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Being a professional organization for literacy advocates, just a reminder General Membership Meeting is for members only. If you bring a guest, encourage them to become a member so they can take part in all of our activities. If they prefer not to become a member, there will be a fee of \$10.00 per person. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**One Book Can Make
a Difference...**

We invite everyone to join the Guam International Reading Association and attend this month's general meeting. As you sign in, you are eligible to win a door prize at the end of the meeting. We are raffling prizes, such as cloth bags, storage bin sets, rolling carts, a shelf, and many more with books to promote reading. We congratulate Leah Leon Guerrero for winning the iPad during the September meeting. This month you can win a microwave or a Keurig coffee maker as a grand prize. We look forward to seeing you.

This Year's Monthly Themes

September 15, 2012

Refreshing Ideas of Literacy: Convention Highlights

October 13, 2012

Enjoying an Author Visit

November 17, 2012

Attend the UOG Language Arts Conference
Guam Marriott Resort and Spa

December 15, 2012

Define Reading through the Community Book Fair

January 19, 2013

2 Celebrate Teaching of Literacy

February 16, 2013

Let's Read-A-Thon 2013

March 16, 2013

Overcome Reading Deficiency

April 13, 2013

Vouchers: Spend it All-Spend it Now

May 18, 2013

End of the Year-In-Review



President's Message

Hello Everyone!

I would like to begin by thanking the Guam delegates, Jennifer Woodard, Neldie Pendon-Limtiaco, and Therese Volsteadt for sharing their knowledge and promoting effective literacy instruction in a changing world during last month's general membership meeting. If you missed in receiving hand-outs from the presenters, visit our website www.iraguam.blogspot.com to download pdf files from their presentation. To the amazing and dedicated board members, thank you for stepping up to the plate in volunteering your time in making our first meeting a success! Furthermore, congratulations to the lucky member and board member Leah Leon Guerrero for winning the last month's grand prize, an iPad.

This month, we will be "Enjoying an Author Visit" by an award-winning author/illustrator, Mr. Floyd Cooper. He has illustrated for variety of authors and wrote several books of his own. We are in for a treat for this month's meeting since he will be

demonstrating a technique called oil wash on board. You just have to come and attend the presentation to find out more about this technique. He will also share his experiences as a writer and illustrator.



Promoting literacy and celebrating the spirit of Halloween is always exciting for this part of the year. Join the fun and win a prize by decorating your favorite bag with a connection with your favorite book. The rules are simple, decorate your favorite Read-A-Thon Bag or Recyclable bag, show up, sign up and don't forget to have your favorite book at your side. You must be present to win the movie passes that will be given out as prizes. Winners will also be announced after the author's presentation.

Recruit and Earn Money? Yes, that's right! Recruit a new member for this month's meeting and you will get a \$5.00 chit to spend at any IRA Book Table. Just add your name to his/her membership application. So, come and recruit a friend or your family to this Saturday's meeting and help our

local council reach our membership goal of 300 members.

So I hope to see you all this **Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Guam Aurora Resort & Spa (Old Okura Hotel) in Tumon from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.** to be inspired by "Enjoying an Author Visit" from Mr. Floyd Cooper.

Read One-Love On
Jonathan

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