September 4, 2007

To: LS 568 Students

From: Dr. Berry

Re: Class

This letter is to notify you that you have been registered for the class, LS568, which entails working with the Twenty-Fifth Annual SHSU Children's Book Festival/Twenty-first Annual Young Adult Conference to be held on November 3, 2007. First, I am enclosing a syllabus for the course. You will find several pieces of important information in this document. Please read it over carefully. Some of the tasks and assignments are also enclosed.

I will be contacting you several times between now and November. I appreciate your cooperation and participation. This year's festival will run smoothly because of you.

[If you received this and are not registered for the Book Festival, let me know so I can take you off the list]

Course Syllabus Independent Study LS 568

Course/Title: LS 568

Library Services and Programs for Children and Young Adults

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Office hours: As arranged

Course Schedule: Arranged

Course Content:

This course deals with library programming services applicable to children in school and public libraries. The student will become an active participant in the Department of Library Science's annual celebration of children's literature: SHSU Book Festival. It provides students who are interested in children's literature the opportunity to plan and implement a large scale conference on children's literature and services.

Text

In lieu of a single textbook, the student will use a variety of sources. Extensive reading is required for the preparation of many of the assignments for this course.

Course Objectives:

Upon completing this course student will be able to:

- 1. Identify programming needs in a school or community library setting.
- 2. Design a well-developed library program step-by-step from planning to implementation.
- 3. Increase his/her knowledge and appreciation of the field of children's literature.
- 4. Identify the newly selected Texas Bluebonnet Award List and write annotations of each.
- 5. Recognize and become acquainted with leaders in the children's literature field.

Course Evaluation:

Summary Report and Informal Interviews 10 points
Total 100 points

An **A** requires 90 to 100 points, a **B** requires 80 to 90 points, and a **C** requires 70 to 79 points. Your final grade is based on this point system, your attendance, your ability to follow assignment directions, and participation.

Course Assignments:

- 1. Read and annotate each of the (20) new books on the 2008-2009 Texas Bluebonnet List. [This list is enclosed]. On the last page of your annotations give me your prediction for the 2008 winner.
- 2. Read and annotate two books by (authors!!!!). Read and annotate one book by (I will give you these names since all workshop presenters have not been finalized yet. These are workshop presenters who have also written books. (You may have trouble finding some of these, so let me know and I will try to pass around copies I have.)
- 3. Register for the Book Festival by October. 1, 2008 (Fee is \$100.00.) Mark LS 568 at the top of the registration form. Postcards will be mailed out the first part of September. You will receive one.
- **4.** Hostess a workshop session or assist with other duties as assigned. (I will assign these to you when we meet on Friday, Oct. 31) This will be a WORKING MEETING. Dress appropriately. If you have physical restrictions, please contact me immediately.
- 5. Perform other specific tasks as directed.
- **6.** Write a one-page summary for two of the main authors and one workshop. Include in this summary a commentary upon its usefulness and application to your position.
- 7. During the day of the conference, informally 'interview' participants and request their evaluation of the mechanics and content of the Festival. Summarize these 'interviews' in 1-2 pages.
- **8.** Include a page of suggestions for improving next year's Festival. You may suggest speakers, books, procedures, etc.
- **9.** Put all this together and submit by December 5, 2008.

You will be expected to meet with me on Friday, Oct. 31 at 12:00 noon. (We will provide pizza for lunch) and then be here from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd.

As information is needed, I will continue to correspond with you. I hope everything is clear so far. If you have any questions please call me at the above number, or call Rebecca, the secretary, at 936-294-1151, or call the student we have who is assigned to help with tasks relating to the festival. Her name is Cali and that phone number is 936-294-3494. Hopefully with all these avenues, you can get an answer to your questions.

http://txla.org/groups/tba/masters/masterlists07 08.html

This should go directly to the Texas Bluebonnet master list, but if you have trouble email me and I will send you the list.