

KSLA - Central Eastern PA
Keystone Reader Article
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KSLA-Central Eastern PA chapter, this spring, provided two Zoom meetings for our members and educators.

On March 27th, we hosted a Book Tasting event. Julie Borden and Kathy Sagl presented books centered on social awareness, diversity, inclusion and kindness. Other items covered during the two hour professional development meeting were: Promotion of KSLA's April is Families and Reading Month, Professional Book Review of *Start With Joy* and the *Enchanted Hour* and book sharing by participants.

Kim Founders provided a presentation on Incorporating Multisensory Lessons to Support Students with Dyslexia on April 28th during our Zoom meeting. Many attendees were informed and provided with information that could be used immediately with their students. Her best tips included some virtual tips and websites on being UFLI, the University of Florida Literacy Institute. This website has grade tools to reach our virtual at home learners, this educator uses it everyweek. Thank you Kim for an outstanding presentation.

Our chapter recognized three outstanding individual educators and presented the Celebrate Literacy Award 2021 to each on April 20th. The recipients were: Mrs. Teresa Wenner, Kindergarten Teacher at St. John Vianney Regional School; Mrs. Krista Gerbasio, First Grade Teacher at the Jewish Day School of the Lehigh Valley and Dr. Melissa Kamyab, Assistant Professor of Education at Cedar Crest College. We look forward to their participation and membership in KSLA. Congratulations to all!



KSLA-CE sponsored our second annual Literacy Lending Library program, which featured books from the Keystone to Reading Book 2020-2021 books. Children enjoyed many of the books within each set. We had some schools and home school families participate in this year's program. The winners of this year's book sets are: Sacred Heart School of West Reading-Preschool set, Joey Moser of the Chalice Program of the Allentown Diocese-Primary and St. Michael's Academy, Spear Family-Intermediate Set. Congratulations! Keep Reading, Celebrate Literacy!

Our chapter also recognizes the progress and celebrates students for their hard work. The CARE student winners are, Aidan Castillo, kindergarten student at St. John Vianney regional school. The following students attend Lehigh Christian Academy. They are honored for the amazing progress from the start of the school year until spring. All students were well below benchmark in the fall and have surpassed the benchmark goals for this school year, they are Carter Seng kindergarten, and the Ashton Seng, Travis Nyemscek, and Connor Steele all in second grade. Congrats to all the winners they have all received Barnes and Noble gift cards, a summer EPIC membership and also books to start an at home library.

We look forward to attending KSLA Leadership 2021. Our chapter is busy planning our calendar for the 2021-2022 educational year. Time to rest, relax and recharge during this summer.