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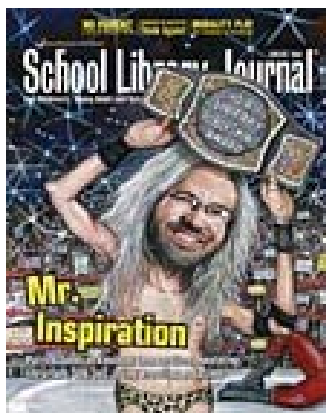


Tuesday, December 5, 2006
1:30 to 4:00 PM



(Come at noon to enjoy Seaview's buffet lunch)

For SJRLC's Fall Membership Meeting
Seaview Marriott, Absecon



And Hear **Patrick Jones**,
outreach coordinator at the Hennepin County Library, YA
Librarian and speaker extraordinaire, and August Cover
Guy for *School Library Journal* who dubs him
"Mr. Inspiration."

**Plus!! Special session with Patrick Jones (and
copies of his books for teens) for School and Public
Librarians who work with teens hosted by SJRLC
School Librarians Group:
10:00 to 11:30 am at Marriott Seaview.**

From School Library Journal -- 8/1/2006

Mr. Inspiration, By Michele Gorman --

Patrick Jones on knockout teen services, mentoring librarians, and, yes, loving wrestling magazines

We're witnessing a revolution—a revolution in library services to young adults. Teen rooms are popping up across the country faster than Starbucks (well, not quite); teen collections, and formats, are expanding; the ranks of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) are burgeoning; and teens themselves are having a say in library services, sometimes—shockingly!—even creating them. Leading the charge is Patrick Jones.

Jones, winner of this year's Scholastic Library Publishing Award (formerly known as the Grolier Foundation Award), is 44—seemingly too young to receive what is, after all, a lifetime achievement award. Given annually to a librarian "who has made extraordinary contributions that promote access to books, encourage a love of reading for lifelong learning, and exemplify outstanding achievement in the profession," Jones has done all that and more. In addition to the many teens he has influenced, he's defined what it means to be a young adult (YA) librarian with the publication of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries: A How-To-Do-It Manual* (Neal-Schuman, 1992), and then spent part of the last 14 years "on tour," challenging a new generation of librarians to develop a "YAttitude" and think about teen services in a fresh way.