

Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina was the featured guest at MOB's annual meeting in May. Familiar with the program from her experience as a veteran educator, the Chancellor praised MOB's success in motivating children to read, inspiring them to read different kinds of books, and involving families.



The Chancellor warmly reflected on books that had influenced her as a child and mentioned a host of books for third graders that she loved. Addressing the many challenges running the school system presents, Farina spoke movingly about initiatives to support teachers and forge links with parents. She also



brought our attention to the critical need for libraries and access to books in homeless shelters.

Knowing how much Chancellor Farina loves and cherishes children's books, MOB presented her with a copy of *At the Same Moment Around the World* by Clotilde Perrin, which depicts moments from a child's day around the

world and speaks to the universality as well as the diversity of youngsters' experiences.