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<http://www.citiboces.org/sls>

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BEDS CODE

Message from John Brock from NYSED, Associate in School Library Services:

For various reasons, NYSED, in BEDS, is adopting federal course codes. <https://nces.ed.gov/forum/SCED/asp>

Currently the federal course codes do not contain a "library" course code. <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/courseCatalog/home.html>

NYSED is looking to create a "school library" course code to attempt to capture, in BEDS reporting, how many **school library courses** - Information Literacy, Information Fluency, Digital Literacy; whatever they are being called locally, where they are used (the title in use will probably be included as part of the course code) - are being taught throughout the state of New York. In order to do so, NYSED is seeking school library course descriptions/definitions.

This is a very positive development for school library advocates to my point of view.

Anyone who has a school library course descriptions/definition is welcome to send this language to me and/or point me to where the course might be housed.

My email is John Brock JBROCK@MAIL.NYSED.GOV

ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE—MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

Currently there is a shortage of certified school librarians in New York State. Do you know someone looking for a change in careers? Are there new teachers in your building who are trying to determine what Masters degree to pursue? Please feel free to share the information below with anyone who you think would be an outstanding school librarian!

Candidates in this program will have 12 credit hours completed by the end of the summer, qualifying them for supplemental certification!

St. John Fisher College is now accepting applications for the Online Master of Science in Library Media Specialist program.

This one year program will begin in May, 2017. The degree allows initially certified teachers to obtain certification in library media, a vibrant career specialization for teachers who wish to engage in literacy education as library media specialists—a role that is swiftly becoming recognized as the "teacher librarian"

Additional details about the structure of the program are also available through the [online brochure](#).

Complete program information, including admission requirements and application instructions is [available online](#).

Use the fee waiver code of: **grad and apply for free!**

If you have questions regarding the MS in Library Media Program, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at (585) 385-8064 or grad@sjfc.edu or the program director, Belinda O'Brien at bobrien@sjfc.edu

CHECK IT OUT – NYSUT

From Liza Frenette, NYSUT Communications

Hello Librarians!!

Greetings from New York State United Teachers, your statewide union. As you know in each issue of the magazine NYSUT United, there is a column . called Check it out. This is a place where school librarians or English/reading teacher can recommend books for students from kindergarten through college.

NYSUT started this column as a way to showcase librarians. It is quite popular because it provides service to other librarians and teachers; namely, what books student swill enjoy, why they are worth reading and how they can be used by teachers. It is a great way to highlight great books, from historical classics to new Caldecott and Newberry winners.

The published submissions appear in both the magazine and online at [www. Nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org) We eagerly await book reviews about early chapter books, historical fiction, young adult, picture books, read-a-long-, poetry, etc.

We welcome submissions! You can see some examples of book reviews below:

- <http://www.nysut.org/news/nysut-united/issues/2017/march-2017/check-it-out-radiant-child>
- <http://www.nysut.org/news/nysut-united/issues/2010/october-2010/check-it-out---tangled-threads--a-hmong-girl-s-story>
- <http://www.nysut.org/news/nysut-united/issues/2016/fall-2016/check-it-out-bud-not-buddy>
- <http://www.nysut.org/news/nysut-united/issues/2016/july-2016/check-it-out-kindness-for-weakness>

The format is the same for each book: Why I chose it, what I like Best; How teachers Can Use this Book and what grades is it suitable for.

As the editor, I research the author and fill in information about the author. I look forward to hearing from you! Please include your name and school and the name of your local union in your submission to lfrenett@nysutmail.org

FUTURE READY SCHOOLS

From John Brock, Associate in School Library Services

New York Supports Future Ready Schools

- New York has joined 26 other states plus Washington DC in support of the Future Ready Schools effort, which is focused on helping K-12 public, private and charter school leaders plan and implement personalized, research-based digital learning strategies so all students can achieve their full potential.
- Information on Future Ready School scan be found at <http://futureready.org>
- There is a great Facebook group for Future Ready Librarians: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/futurereadylibrarians>

Knowing the importance of this initiative we have Hilda Weisburg here on May 9th. During her presentation, we will consider:

What does it mean to be a Future Ready Librarian?

How will being a Future Ready Librarian affect my library, school, teachers and especially my students.

What can I do to become a Future Ready Librarian today?



Future Ready Librarians - Fut...

futureready.org

As schools seek to become Future Ready, it is necessary to identify and cultivate leadership beyond district and building leaders....

NOVELNY CHANGING

As you decide which online library resources you'll be purchasing next year, please remember that NOVELny's resources have changed. All Grolier encyclopedias, plus eLibrary Elementary and Gannett Newsstand (from Proquest) will be gone, as of July 2017. A complete list of what NOVEL will be offering is at <http://novelnewyork.org/pressroom.php> - January 31 release.



BRAINPOP HAS ADDED A MOVIE-MAKING TOOL

Many of you subscribe to Brainpop, and are already aware of all the great features available with your subscription. Now Brainpop has added a tool that allows students to make their own Brainpop-style movies, encouraging students to share what they know in a meaningful way. See this [90-second video](#) for more information. Or learn how to take movie making to the next level with [Ten Resources for Making the Most of Make-A-Movie](#)

HIPSTER GOOGLE: 21 GOOGLE TOOLS YOU PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF

OK, maybe it's a little gimmicky with its hipster theme, but this post from Eric Curts covers things like Smarty Pins, a maps extension game where students find locations based on clues, Reverse Image Search (find information about a picture you already have), and Instant Search Cards (to find interactive tools like timers, or graphs). The post also includes a one-hour recorded webinar covering each of the tools.

KEEPING UP WITH K-12 TECH

See [The 20187 Honor Roll: EdTech's Must-Read K-12 IT Blogs](#) for an annotated list of blogs from education's innovative thinkers. Categories include *Tech Gurus*, *Community Corner*, *Classroom Leaders*, and *Admin All-Stars*.

SCHOOLS USE SNAPCHAT TO TEACH STORYTELLING

High School journalism students are learning new forms of storytelling by [using "snaps" to report on school events](#). They're also learning about responsible use of digital media, while building marketable skills. The *District Administration* online article includes suggestions for incorporating Snapchat into the curriculum.



Coming Soon - Library Booth Sign Up



State Fair runs August 23 to September 4

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Click image for more information Those who did this said it was great fun. Only two hours

CURRICULAR RELATED LINKS

- 1) [The Real Irish American Story Not Taught in Schools](https://zinnedproject.org/2012/03/the-real-irish-american-story-not-taught-in-schools/) <https://zinnedproject.org/2012/03/the-real-irish-american-story-not-taught-in-schools/>
- 2) Another goldmine of resources such as "Teaching literacy through history", AP US History Study guide, lesson plans, teaching with primary sources and more. <http://gilderlehrman.org/>



FROM DR. RUTH SMALL—PROJECT ENABLE

I am writing to you about our Project ENABLE (Expanding Non-discriminatory Access By Librarians Everywhere), which provides free online training to librarians in the area of services to people with disabilities. We have received three grants from IMLS for this project and are currently completing the project evaluation research to determine its impact. This brings me to my request.

We are in the final stages of our evaluation and are recruiting librarians to go through our training (if they haven't already), implement an idea they got from the training for a change (big or small) in their library that increases its inclusiveness and accessibility and make that change, and finally to provide us with a "story" that describes the impact of that change on one library patron. Our deadline for all of this is April 30, 2017. Our goal is to recruit 30 school librarians to participate in this effort and are paying \$300 to each librarian who completes all three parts of the evaluation research.

We are hoping that you would be willing to pass on this information to your librarians to see if any of them would like to volunteer to participate. In addition to gaining some important knowledge and skills for library services to people (e.g., students, teachers, parents, administrators, community members) with disabilities, we have found that participating librarians are excited about sharing, with their colleagues and others, their successes in turning their learning into actions, even small ones that benefit their users.

If you would pass this email on to your librarians, then those interested could contact my graduate assistant, Julie Horwat, directly at jphorwat@syr.edu who will provide directions for participation. We are only inviting select school districts and BOCES for participation.

NEW YORK STATE BUDGET

We are now less than one week away from the April 1 deadline for the adoption of the FY 2017-2018 NYS Budget.

Our final push – a phone-a-thon!

Our online system makes it EASY! Plug in your address and the system pulls up all you need to know to make THREE calls. (Your Senator, Your Assemblymember, and the Governor)

We provide you with the phone number, and a script to read.

We ask that you click off a box to let us know you made the call – you can also comment on your experience.

Make your calls anytime between **9AM and 4PM – by this THURSDAY!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DEFEND LIBRARY FUNDING - NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT! We are counting on you to ensure the legislature fights for libraries as negotiations take shape.

All three calls can be completed in under five minutes!

[Library Funding Phone-a-Thon – Click HERE to Make the Calls!](#)

Here is what we are fighting for:

Both the NYS Senate and NYS Assembly have released their one house budget bills, which signals the final stretch before adoption of the state budget:

Senate

- State Library Aid: **+\$8M** over Governor's Executive Budget (\$99.6M total)

State Library Construction Aid: **+\$15M** (\$29M total)

Assembly

- State Library Aid: **+\$4M** (\$95.6M total)

State Library Construction Aid: **+\$11M** (\$25M total)

These adds are a testament to the hard work and commitment of New York's library advocates. Thanks to your efforts, we currently have support in each house heading into final negotiations with the Governor. But, remember **these numbers are mere proposals, and nothing is assured.** Unless we convince the legislature to dig in and defend library funding, we still face Governor Cuomo's funding cuts!

SHARE this information widely – this is our last chance to be heard!

Post to FaceBook and Twitter telling everyone that "I Made the Calls for Library Funding

<http://cqrengage.com/alany/app/make-a-call?0&engagementId=296033>

EVERY CALL COUNTS!



CQ RESEARCHER TRIALS AVAILABLE



Provides award-winning, balanced coverage of current issues, including overviews, historical background, pro/con feature, plus graphics, and photos. Check out the [video tour](#) and complete [user guide](#) for tips on getting started. Trial ends April 28.

Trial Website: <http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/>

Username: citi
Password: trial

CQ has also provided trial access to (same username and logins):

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- [SAGE Business Researcher](#) (reports and related content to support a business curriculum)
- [SAGE Business Stats](#) (county economic forecast data from Woods & Poole)
- [SAGE Stats Local and State](#) (statistical data from 200,000+ government and non-government data sets)

FREE HOLOCAUST VIDEO.

Your administrator was forwarded the following email from Iraina Gerchman and you might want to take this off his/her plate for them. This sounds excellent.

Dear Superintendent:

We would like to inform you that arrangements have been made to provide the film "The Search for the White Rose" to all middle and high schools throughout the US and Canada at no charge. You can preview it at no charge and can use it in your middle and high schools at no charge. You will also be provided the recommended study to be used with the film - again, at no charge.

For those who may not be fully aware, the White Rose consisted of a group of students with their one professor from the University of Munich that followed their conscience, at great personal risk, in standing up against, and resisting Hitler and the Nazis during WW2. The White Rose is an outstanding role model for students to follow in terms of standing up against all forms of hate, intolerance and bullying. The film is only 30 minutes in length so that it fits perfectly into class periods. It has already been distributed to over 5,000 schools in Florida, West Virginia and New Jersey. Teachers love using this film in their classes.

I'm sure you will want to preview the film before forwarding it to your social studies, history, civics and Holocaust teachers. Please let me know if you are interested to look at it and we will be happy to send you a link for your review. Should you want to use it for your schools, there will be NO CHARGE. This program has been exceptionally well received and has been funded by the Holocaust Learning and Education Fund, Inc. in of Florida. Our **only** objective and **sole** motivation is to teach our students how important it is to make good life choices in rejecting hate and intolerance in all of it's forms.

Please let me know if you are interested to review this film for your schools so that I can have our coordinator send you the link to preview this short film. Again- there will be no charge or expense to your school system whatsoever. This is being offered by us, and the film's producer as nothing more than doing a "good deed" with no benefit other than feeling good if it helps young people to make better life choices.

Respectfully,

Stacey

Stacey Petito Nowack
Board Member
Holocaust Learning and Education Fund, Inc.
www.holocausteducationfund.com

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA TECHNOLOGY GRANT

Each year the EMTA offers two \$1,000 Media Literacy Grants to K-12 educators in New York State. Past winners have included Hannibal and Oswego. Do you have an idea on discerning fake news, or a clever media project, then why not apply for this grant? Application forms are at http://www.edmediatech.org/files/2016_17medialiteracygrantapplication.pdf Applications due May 20.

