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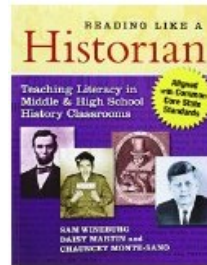
KATHY SWAN

A reminder that we have nationally known lead writer for the New York State Social Studies Inquiries, Kathy Swan, here with us on October 16th. Kathy is a dynamic and enjoyable speaker. Please share this with your teachers. (flyer attached) All school librarians should avail themselves of this opportunity. It will be a great help to you as you work with your teachers on the Social Studies Toolkits. Registration is in <http://www.mylearningplan.com>



MEMBER PLAN DUE BY OCTOBER 31

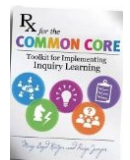
Just a friendly reminder that all member plans are due to the SLS office by October 31. We are using the [SLMPE](#) rubric for this. Those who complete their plan before the due date will receive a free copy of Sam Wineburg's book *Reading Like a Historian*. (\$29.00)



A wonderful book, full of amazing resources and ideas to help you in your work with teachers and students. The author writes, "In an age where 'I found it on the internet' masquerades as knowledge, history serves as a vital counter-weight to intellectual sloppiness. Students gasp for air beneath mounds of information, and have never been in greater need of ways to make sense of it all. This is where *Reading Like a Historian*, [and you the librarian] comes in."

We are planning to have Sam Wineberg here at the OnCenter on March 2, 2016

**Those who sent their member plans in last May, will also receive a copy of *Rx for the Common Core*



OVERDRIVE EBOOKS & AUDIO BOOKS



We are looking for input as we build an OverDrive collection that meets the needs of ALL students. If you would like to begin suggesting titles to purchase, please contact [Marla](#)



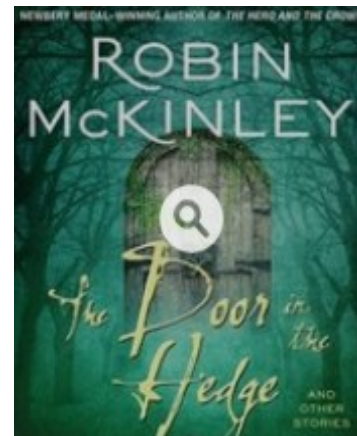
[In the Shadow of Black Birds](#) by Cat Winters.

<https://www.overdrive.com/media/1453814/in-the-shadow-of-blackbirds>



THE BIG LIBRARY READ

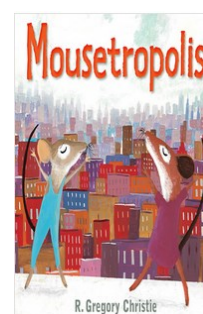
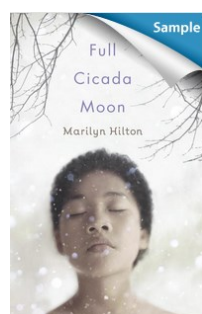
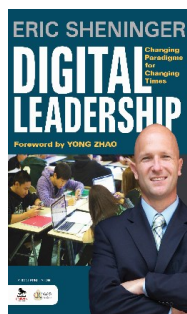
In [The Shadow of Blackbirds](#) and [The Door in the Hedge](#) will be available for unlimited access through [Overdrive](#), for all readers in 6th grade and above between Oct 7th to the 21st.



[The Door in the Hedge](#) by Robin McKinley

<https://www.overdrive.com/media/2013092/the-door-in-the-hedge>

NEW ADDITIONS TO OVERDRIVE



AUDIO RESOURCE FOR YOUR STUDENTS:

- 1) [SCHOOL AND YOUTH SERVICES: TALKING BOOK AND BRAILLE LIBRARY: NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY](#): We are VERY fortunate to have an extensive **Talking Book and Braille Library** in NY which has thousands of books available for the visual impaired and it is 100% FREE! You, the school can borrow items for students or you can help the family to borrow directly from them. For more information: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/youth.htm>
- 2) [BOOKSHARE: AN ACCESSIBLE ONLINE LIBRARY FOR PEOPLE WITH PRINT DISABILITIES](#) <http://www.bookshare.com>
- 3) [BARD \(Braille and Audio Reading Download\)](#) <http://www.nysed.gov/tbbl/bard/>

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

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The website is: <http://www.read.gov/letters/>

NOVELny WANTS YOUR INPUT:



The New York State Library is beginning to prepare for the **selection of NOVELNY databases for 2017**. You know how much you and your teachers love “Opposing Viewpoints” this is your opportunity to make suggestions and affirm what you like so it is not take away. They would appreciate **feedback** from the library community. Short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/936CNT3>

The deadline is November 12.

TEACHING NEWS LITERACY

In our increasingly information saturated society, it can be challenging for young people (or any of us) to sort out fact from fiction. What can you do to help your students become more critical consumers of news media? The videos at this link provide information for discussion as well as numerous resources. Be sure to share with your teachers. <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/film-festival-news-media-literacy>

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA, THE WALK, GOOSEBUMPS RESOURCES

[See attached letter from SONY Pictures](#)

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There are three competition levels:

- Level 1 for grades 4-6
- Level 2 for grades 7-8
- Level 3 for grades 9-12

Submission **deadlines** to the Library of Congress national program are:

- Level 3 – December 4, 2015
- Levels 1 & 2 – January 11, 2016

The Empire State Center for the Book's Letters About Literature program will select a state winner and 1-2 finalists in each of the three age categories. **The winners and finalists will receive certificates and cash awards.** The winners will be recognized at the New York State Writers Hall of Fame Induction Gala on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at the Princeton Club in New York City. The NYS Writers Hall of Fame is also a program of the Empire State Center for the Book.

National winners, announced in late April/early May, receive additional cash prizes. For more information, please visit the national web site at: <http://www.read.gov/letters/>

1. Please contact Ellen Rubin, NYS Letters About Literature Coordinator, with any questions at: ellen-br47@gmail.com

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Dear Librarians:

My name is Rachel Breinin and I am the educational consultant for Sony Pictures. I would love to bring some exciting opportunities to your attention regarding our motion picture slate for Fall 2015.

With the GOOSEBUMPS movie opening on October 16th, now is the ideal time to plan a great Goosebumps event at your library!

Plus, the awe-inspiring movie THE WALK presents a perfect opportunity to plan a program based on the Caldecott Award-winning "The Man Who Walked Between the Towers" by Mordicai Gerstein.

To help you plan great programs and get kids excited about coming to the library, Sony Pictures has event ideas, lesson plans and fun activity sheets tied to these amazing upcoming movies. Here's more information about the upcoming slate:

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2 (September 25th) – <http://www.hoteltmovie.com>

Drac's pack is back for this all-new monster comedy adventure from Sony Pictures Animation. Everything seems to be changing for the better at Hotel Transylvania...Dracula's rigid monster-only hotel policy has finally relaxed, opening up the doors to human guests. When Drac's grumpy and old school dad Vlad visits and discovers this change, things begin to go batty!

THE WALK (September 30th) – <http://www.sonypictures.com/movies/thewalk>

Twelve people have walked on the moon. Only one has ever, or will ever, walk in the immense void between the World Trade Center Towers. Director Robert Zemeckis' live action film (starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt) uses cutting edge technology, innovative photorealistic techniques and IMAX 3D to tell the true story behind Philippe Peti's walk.

GOOSEBUMPS (October 16th) – <http://www.goosebumps-themovie.com>

Teenager Zach Cooper (Dylan Minnette) discovers that his mysterious neighbor is R.L. Stine (Jack Black), the author of the bestselling Goosebumps series. Zach soon learns that Stine holds a dangerous secret: the creatures that his stories made famous are real, and Stine protects his readers by keeping them locked up in their books. When Stine's creations are unintentionally released, a crazy night of adventure ensues as Zach, Stine and others struggle to get all of the figments of Stine's imagination – including Slappy the Dummy, the girl with the haunted mask, the gnomes and many more – back in the books where they belong to save the town!

If you are interested in getting materials, please contact Rachel Breinin, Sony Pictures educational consultant, at sonypictureseducation@gmail.com. I'll be happy to provide details about the library materials and upcoming movies.

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