NYS Library Aid 2015-2016 - Needs Your Support!

Love Your Library? It's Library Advocacy Time in NY! Tell Governor Cuomo that libraries need 21st Century funding. It takes less than two minutes - the site figures out who your reps are, and the letter (which you can edit) is already drafted. If you believe in libraries as a force for good and democracy - do this and SHARE this post on your wall. http://cqrcengage.com/alany/app/write-a-letter?5&engagementId=76084 When we speak to the legislators we ALWAYS discuss the aid to school libraries. Please take a moment to add your voice for our students.

It's not too late to have your voice be heard. Visit NYLA's Advocacy Center to send a message to your elected representatives.

A Brief (10 Year) History of Library Aid

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You may remember Mike Neppel from our attempts to video conference with him earlier this year.

Libraries Demand More Funding

The state is falling far short of its legal requirement to fund public libraries, which supporters say deserve the same increase as public schools receive. The New York Library Association's Mike Neppel joined us to explain.
A SPECIAL REQUEST~ see message below
I would love to see a flood of pictures from Oswego sent to Carl. I have no doubt that his presentation will be spectacular and that it will make a difference. Thanks! Marla

Greetings fellow school librarians,
I am asking for your assistance with an upcoming presentation.

Briefly, I am the School Library System Director at Nassau BOCES (#22 on the map), http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/slsap/slslinks.htm, and I recently submitted a proposal to present at the New York State School Boards Association meeting in New York City which will be held in October 2015.

I am asking you to take photos of the events that you have happening in your school library. It could be a poetry slam, a maker space, a TED conference, an author visit, a group research project or something else related and SAVE THEM. My goal is to show how school libraries across New York State, via the state-wide School Library System, are an integral part of the curriculum and Common Core instruction, and we have fun doing it!

By mid-April, I should know if my presentation was selected, and then I will ask again for you to send your material. Photo credit will be given for material used in the presentation as [School, District, School Library System]

Anything that cannot fit, we will place on our LibGuide and share it out for everyone to view, again with credit. If I am not selected, then you have material for your end of year newsletter or to send over for inclusion for your district’s Budget Vote newsletter.

I thank you in advance for your support.

Regards,

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3d PRINTING ISSUES?

Have you have ever wondered about 3-D printing issues such as patent infringement (are we liable?) and intellectual freedom with regards to printing in the library, The American Library Association’s Office for Information Technology Policy just released a report regarding 3-D printing policy and libraries. Particularly fascinating are the sections on Intellectual Freedom (p.8) and Intellectual Property (p.10). Note- ALA also covers Public Libraries and a lot of this article pertains to Public versus School Libraries. http://www.ala.org/offices/sites/ala.org.offices/files/content/3D_Library_Policy-ALA_OITP_Perspectives-2015Jan06.pdf

Don't compare yourself to others. Compare yourself to the person you were yesterday.
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION GRANT

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015-2016 Media Literacy Project Grant provided by the Educational Media Technology Association (EMTA). If you have a great idea for a project involving media, please consider applying for this opportunity. More information about the grant, past projects that were funded, and the full grant application can be found on EMTA’s website.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, WE LOVE BOOKS

COMING SOON ~ THE GREATER ROCHESTER TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL

More information at http://tbflive.org/

As part of the School Library System’s subscription to TeachingBooks.net we receive professional development training. Our Communication Coordinators did receive training earlier this year through an online presentation. It is time to plan our next session. Please let me know what topic(s) would be most beneficial to you:

- Literacy Connections Across the Curriculum - 30 mins
- Text Complexity Made Manageable - 30 mins
- Summer Enrichment Reading Programs - 30 mins

OR, create our own customized session:
We pick the date, time and duration. We can be in your own separate schools or together in one room.
CHANGES IN COMMISSIONER’S REGULATIONS

Changes in Commissioner’s Regulations Part 154 for English Language Learners has been updated. The changes are made in hopes of closing the achievement gap between our English Language Learners and the general student population. You will soon be hearing conversations about this in your district as the changes affect all teachers, not just those working with ELL students.

Similar to a few years back when the movement was made that all teachers are teachers of English Language Arts (ELA), the same thing is happening with English Language Learners. Please be aware that the term English as a Second Language (ESL) has been replaced by English as a NEW Language (ENL).

Districts will be required to provide 15% of their PD hours towards addressing the needs of the ELL population - this may include PD on cultural responsiveness, co-teaching, differentiation, scaffolding strategies, and more.

Please consider the implications of these changes on your program:

- Do you have resources in other languages?
- Should you consider purchasing additional foreign language materials through the CCCD CoSer (Coordinated Cooperative Collection Development)?
- Can you enable other languages within your circulation system?
- If you are bilingual - have you thought about adding the bilingual extension to your certification?

Many meetings are taking place with District Superintendents, Assistant Superintendent’s for Curriculum, and Principals around this topic. Significant changes are coming and we recommend that you be a part of the conversation.

THE EZRA-JACK KEATS FOUNDATION ~ How to apply for a mini-grant

http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/how-to-apply-for-a-minigrant/

DIGITAL LITERACY ~ Great article from NAESP

By working together principals, teachers and librarians can transform learning environments to ensure that student achieve digital literacy. By former AASL president Ann Martin and Kathleen R. Roberts, Principal


DAYbyDAYNY FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

http://daybydayny.org/

LEADERSHIP RETREAT AT CORNELL

Registration is now open for the 2015 Carol A. Kearney Educational Leadership Institute at Cornell University on August 3rd and 4th. The School Library System has funds available to reimburse school librarians for their registration fee (up to $300) after the institute. Please contact Marla if you will be requesting reimbursement. (MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEK)

NEW this year...

- You will need a print copy of the IFC with you (we have purchased extra copies)
- You do need to be a member of SSL in order to attend
VIDEO TREAT ~ HAVE YOU SEEN THIS YET?

JUST FOR FUN

Share this with an ELA teacher!

Battle of the Book idea from Rachel Allen

The day after Sandy Creek’s district Battle of the Books competition, they do it again, with the teacher/coaches competing as a team. This past Monday morning, I had the pleasure of attending the 3-4 and the 5-6 competitions. Both came down to a tie-breaker against the teachers! The teachers did win. It was great fun and completed within 45-50 minutes. All loved it.

SAVE THE DATE: NOV 18, 2015

Greater CNY School Library Systems Fall Conference.

Keynote: Eric Sheninger

Featured: Shannon Miller