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## School Library System Updates

The sun is shining, birds are singing...Spring has sprung at last!

In March, the School Library System hosted the inimitable Kathleen Odean for her annual Best New Books talk. If you missed it and would like a copy of her recommended books, we would be happy to send you a booklet. Just send Kathy Harasta an email request and we'll get it right out to you.

In April, exciting events have been brewing! Summer professional development is in its planning stages; there are multiple opportunities for librarians this summer. See Page 3

for session descriptions and details.

In April, our four 3D printers arrived! We are working hard to develop comprehensive training around this new equipment. In August, a full-day 3D printing session will be held (Page 3). This session is mandatory for those who are interested in becoming pilot schools for the first round of 3D printer loans. If you are unable to make the session this summer, future sessions will be held during the year.

The end of April finds our Conference Scholarship winners in Tarrytown for the NYLA-SSL conference. Be sure to check Twitter to

follow our experience there!

Registration is open for 2015's Sharing the Vision Event on My Learning Plan; **Registration will close on Thursday, April 30** so we can provide counts to our venue. Please register as soon as possible! If you're not sure if your registration has gone through, please don't hesitate to contact me.

There are many new items in our Media Library; see page 4 for descriptions and details about budget deadlines for CCCD purchasing.

Happy Spring—enjoy the sunshine!

*Nicole Laura*

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## Common Core Connection

Paired fiction/non-fiction texts are an excellent way to build academic vocabulary and subject knowledge, generate interest in a subject, discover the craft and style of different genres, meet the CCLS standards focused on using multiple sources, and seamlessly integrate non-fiction into literature lessons. Paired texts offer many of the same benefits of text sets, on a smaller, more accessible scale. As well,

paired fiction/non-fiction is a beautiful way to build connections between subject areas, particularly ELA, Social Studies and Science. During Kathleen Odean's March presentation, she shared several paired non-fiction/fiction texts. In your library, you may consider displaying non-fiction/fiction pairs, or partnering a fiction read-aloud with a non-fiction counterpart. Or, introduce a research project with a fiction text that weaves non-fiction elements into the story.

The Media Library is home to a number of paired fiction/non-fiction books; newly added is *Egg and Spoon* by Gregory Maguire and *The Family Romanov* by Candace Fleming (see Page 4 for more new books!).

Paired texts are not limited to full books; be sure to consider articles, websites, and other multimedia as you explore partnering fiction and non-fiction.

## School Spotlight: Ann G. McGuinness, Union Endicott CSD

Ann G. McGuinness Elementary students were invited to participate in a special "Mystery in the Library Night" on Thursday, March 19. More than 175 children and adults



attended the event. K-2 sleuths followed clues throughout the school on a scavenger hunt. Students in grades 3-5 were detectives charged with solving a robbery by investigating two crime scenes and interviewing several suspects (played by staff members and their children). Students had the chance to check out extra books, enjoy refreshments and win prizes.

The night was organized by Librarian Carrie Potter and the school's Building Planning Team.



## School Spotlight: West Middle School, Binghamton CSD

Building on an activity shared by Kathleen Odean at her March presentation, Librarian Peg Gates recently quizzed her students on "Famous First Lines". Using a PowerPoint, 6<sup>th</sup> graders had a chance to guess classic books by their first lines. At the elementary level, Librarian Katie Burke added unfamiliar first lines as a way of booktalking new titles.

Want to try your hand at guessing? See if you can name these "Famous First Lines":

1. "If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book."
2. "All children, except one, grow up."

3. "My name is India Opal Buloni, and last summer my daddy, the preacher, sent me to the store for a box of macaroni-and-cheese, some white rice, and two tomatoes and I came back with a dog."

Stumped? Find the answers on the bottom of Page 4.

## School Spotlight: Binghamton High School, Binghamton CSD



Librarians Teena Lauth and Debbie Sluzar are piloting the use of 36

Chromebooks at Binghamton High School. With the transition to a Google Apps For Education School, Teena and Debbie are leading the teachers through setting up their Google Classrooms. In Google Classroom, teachers can create, review and grade assignments paperlessly. Class communications and collaborations

on shared documents are available through real time feedback. Students are benefiting from never losing their work, easily seeing what is due on their Assignments page, and accessing work from school, home or on a mobile device. Students loved downloading the Google Classroom app to their device right at school. With quick start-up and immediate access to the Google Apps for Education tools upon signing in to the Chromebooks, class time is more productive. Thousands of free and paid educational apps and extensions augment lessons.

Teena and Debbie are using this opportunity to teach students to use technology as an important tool for learning 21st Century Learning Skills and meeting Common Core Standards.



## Summer Professional Development

Please see below for descriptions and details of summer professional development opportunities for librarians:

### **Middle Level SS Academy - Grade 6: July 20, 21; Grade 7: July 22, 23; Grade 8: July 30, 31**

*\*Continuation of May professional development, see Page 4 for MLP links*

#### **Purpose:**

- Build capacity for the inquiry based Middle School Social Studies classroom
- Organize District grade level teams to develop inquiry units aligned to the NYS K-12 SS Framework and related model of the inquiry Arc

#### **Outcomes:**

- Identify and explain the attributes of an inquiry based social studies classroom
- Define instructional practices necessary for effective implementation
- Identify a range of resources to support rigorous, inquiry driven instruction
- Create inquiries aligned to the NYS K-12 Framework and NCSS Inquiry Arc

### **Getting Started with 3D Printers: August 25, 8:00-3:00- ISC-A**

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=14861&I=1802302>

Are you ready to join the Maker Movement? This session will introduce teachers to the new Cube2 3D printers that will be available for loan through the Media Library service. Participants will learn the basics of 3D printing from start to finish, including hands-on practice with 3D modeling software. Following the introduction of the process, participants will discuss and brainstorm how 3D printing projects can be used to create powerful, cross-discipline learning opportunities for students.

#### **Outcomes:**

- Identify and apply the 3D printing process
- Create and export 3D models using free SketchUp software
- Develop lessons and resources that integrate 3D printing projects into the curriculum

*\*This session is limited to districts that participate in the Media Library service.*

### **Robotics in the Classroom: August 26, 8:00-3:00- ISC-A**

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=14861&I=1802309>

Robots may seem futuristic, but the future is now! Robots in the classroom are more than just "cool" -- they can be used to create hands-on learning opportunities that align to instructional goals. In this session, participants will learn how to use Dash & Dot and Cubelets robotics kits, which are available for loan through the Regional Center for Science and Math service. Following this introduction, participants will have the opportunity to explore how these robots can enhance curriculum, promote critical thinking and creativity, and increase engagement across subject areas.

#### **Outcomes:**

- Identify how to use Dash & Dot and Cubelets robots
- Experience sample instructional activities using Dash & Dot/Cubelets
- Develop lessons and resources that integrate robotics into the curriculum

*\*This session is limited to districts that participate in the Regional Center for Science and Math service.*



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Prepping the first print on our Cube 3D Printers!

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### Upcoming Events

[Sharing the Vision: Administrators' Advantage in a Common Core World - Your School Librarian](#)

May 8, 2015 | Doubletree Hotel | 7:50AM-3:00PM

### Social Studies Academies—Grades 6-8

[Grade 6—May 5, 2015 8:00-3:00 ISC-A](#)

[Grade 7—May 11, 2015 8:00-3:00 ISC-A](#)

[Grade 8—May 18, 2015 8:00-3:00 ISC-A](#)

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## End of Year Purchasing—CCCD

### Please note the following deadlines:

**May 19** – deadline to submit all book orders using CCCD funds.

**June 10** – deadline to submit all packing slips and notifications that orders have been received.

**Please keep in mind:** New book orders cannot include titles that are not available until after May 2015; all packing slips must be sent to Kathy Harasta. Thank you!

## Media Library Updates

### We have several new multiple book sets available for loan through the Media Library. Titles include:

*Room 214: A Year in Poems*—Helen Frost

*Eleanor and Park*—Rainbow Rowell

*Darius and Twig*—Walter Dean Myers

*Three Times Lucky*—Sheila Turnage

*Liar and Spy*—Rebecca Stead

*Ninth Ward*—Jewell Parker Rhoades

*Bad Island*—Doug TenNapel

*Egg and Spoon*—Gregory Maguire

*The Family Romanov*—Candace Fleming

*Rain Reign*—Ann M. Martin

*The 5th Wave*—Rick Yancy

*El Deafo*—Cece Bell

*The Rock and the River*—Kekla Magoon

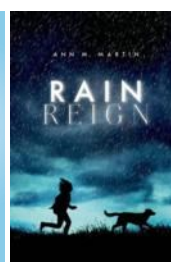
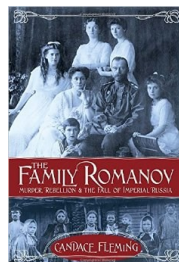
*City of Orphans*—Avi

*We Were Liars*—E. Lockhart

*Peanut*—Ayun Halliday

*Battling Boy*—Paul Pope

*The Revealers*—Doug Wilhelm



1. A Series of Unfortunate Events: *The Bad Beginning*, Lemony Snicket 2. *Peter Pan*, J.M. Barrie 3. *Because of Winn Dixie*, Kate DiCamillo