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School Library System Updates

Happy Fall!
 Is it just me, or did this summer go by faster than usual? Perhaps it was the massive amounts of professional development offered this summer: from text sets to Social Studies Inquiry to the NYLA-SSL Summer Leadership Institute at Cornell, there were many opportunities to learn from and with your colleagues in anticipation of the new school year.

Now, with September in full swing, the School Library System is busy making sure we are ready to serve you as you take on a new year. We're here to support your research and inquiry projects, the development of reading cultures in your buildings, and advocacy

efforts to raise awareness about the impact of your programs. See page 3 for a preview of some of the new items and upcoming professional development available through the School Library System.

On Page 2 we have a recap of some of the feedback offered on the Annual Survey. This year we had a record 36 respondents! Thank you for your feedback—we will use it to guide future SLS activities.

Also on Page 2, check out what **Alicia Sherman** (Owego Elementary) has created for her library inspired by what she learned at the Cornell Summer Leadership Institute. I bet

this month's School Spotlight will make you 😊!

This is an exciting time for school libraries all the way up to the Federal level; see Common Core Connection for the latest updates concerning ESSA and the NYLA librarian census that was conducted last year.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if we can provide help, training, information, or answer your questions or concerns. Have a great September!

Nicole Laura

Common Core Connection: ESSA & NYLA Census

New York State Library Association Census Update: The [Ensure Access to School Libraries and School Librarians bill](#), if signed into law, would require every elementary and secondary school in NYS to provide students with a school library staffed by a certified School Library Media Specialist. Thanks to participation in the NYLA Census by

school librarians across the state, there is solid data on the potential impact of adopting this legislation, and it is a NYLA legislative priority.

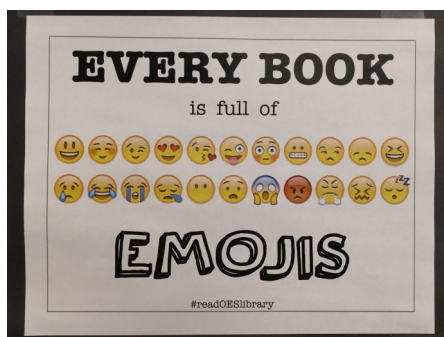
ESSA: The New York State Education Department has convened a Think Tank of stakeholders to comment on and make recommendations for the

New York State ESSA Plan. School librarians are well-represented on this Think Tank; we will keep you posted as the plan develops and becomes available for public comment. In the meantime, the American Library Association has created a comprehensive page on ESSA and libraries, found here: <http://essa.aasl.org/>

School Spotlight: Owego Elementary

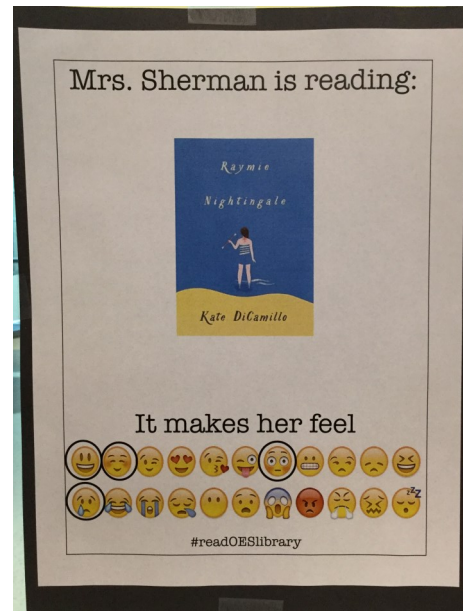
This summer's Cornell Leadership Institute focused on Olga Nesi's newest book *Getting Beyond "Interesting": Teaching Students the Vocabulary of Appeal to Discuss Their Reading*. The focus of this text, and Olga's presentation, was to help kids develop a strong vocabulary so that they can clearly articulate their reading interests...which in turn cultivates a reading culture in your school.

Inspired by Olga's message, scholarship winner Alicia Sherman thought of a perfect theme to help her students talk about how books make them feel: Emojis!



"Every book is full of emojis" is the running theme for Alicia's elementary library this year. Signs throughout the library prompt kids to select emojis that express how the books they are reading make them feel.

To model, Alicia has posters of what she's currently reading and the accompanying emojis that represent her feelings about the book.



According to Alicia, "I will be encouraging my students to talk about how books make them feel, not just what they are about. I will also recommend books to my students based on what they want to feel when they are reading —scared, grossed out, silly, etc. In addition, I also have a book recommendation sheet that students can fill out. I plan on keeping those in a binder on my desk."



Alicia has offered to share her files if anyone would like a copy. You can send her an email at Shermana@oacsd.org

If you're interested in reading Olga's book, we have a copy available through the SLS Professional Library. Just send Kathy Harasta an email with a request to borrow.

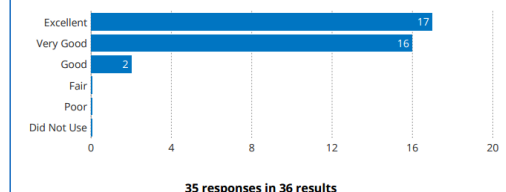
Annual Survey Results

Each year, the School Library System is charged with surveying members with a set of questions aligned to our 5 year Plan of Service. The results of this year's survey are now available online:

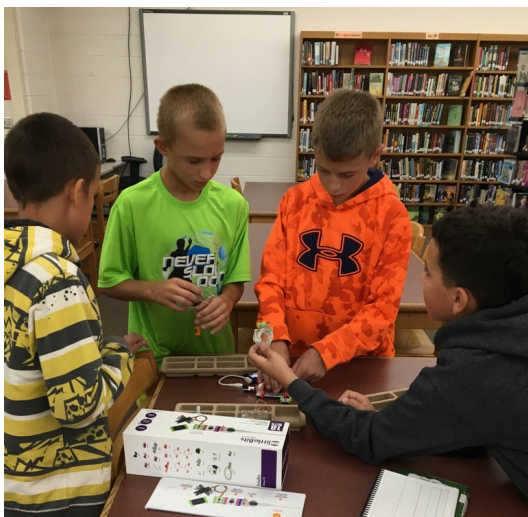
<http://tinyurl.com/SLSAnnualSurvey2016>.

We worked to shorten the survey this year, and streamline the types of questions asked. Hopefully it made responding a more pleasant experience! Overall, we're happy to report that members are satisfied with SLS services. In addition, there was some fantastic feedback on this year's survey, from recommendations for improvement to SCOOLES and inter-library loan, to requests for professional development (check out our eBook session on 9/29, inspired by survey feedback!), suggestions for purchases, things you'd like to see continued, and feedback on ways we can make your jobs easier. Thank you to everyone who responded!

Digital Collections: How would you rate your satisfaction with SLS-provided digital collections (databases and eBooks)? These include SIRS, National Geographic Kids, Rosen Digital Literacy, World Book eBooks, Gale/DK eBooks, ePoint Plus eBooks, Rosen CyberSmarts eBooks, and TeachingBooks.net.



35 responses in 36 results



Out and About: Owego Middle Schoolers experiment with Little Bits from the BT BOCES Media Library

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Upcoming Events

[eBooks for Teaching, Learning & Recreational Reading](#)

September 29, 12:00-3:00, ISC-B
(following the Council meeting)

[NGSS, PBL, & Makerspaces with Heidi Neltner, Kentucky Society for Technology in Education 2016 Teacher of the Year](#)

October 14, 8:00-3:00, ISC-A

[Tools for Annual Reports: Branding Your Library](#)

October 26, 8:00-3:00, ISC-B
K-12

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Media Library/SLS Resources

New for 2016-2017

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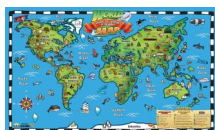
Puzzlets: These hands-on coding systems feature a tray/set of pieces that provide students with the tangible experience of manipulating objects while learning to code. Think Osmo for coding practice—a set of 15 is available through the Media Library. Good for Grade 1 and up.



Google Expeditions Kit: This kit features 30 headsets and one teacher tablet to take students on virtual field trips using the Google Expeditions app. Stay tuned for more details regarding training and borrowing.



NBC Learn: Was in trial phase, now a full subscription. Did you know that you can provide your school with “whitelist” access (no username/password required) simply by adding the link <http://archives.nbclearn.com> to your library website?



PopAR Posters and Books: The Media Library now features an interactive World and United States map, as well as two new PopAR titles: *Construction Vehicles* and *Princess and Her Pals*

SLS Resources

Rosen Ancient Civilizations eBooks: India, Mesopotamia, and China: Interactive eBooks will be available soon at <http://rosenlearningcenter.com> and will be added to Mackin Via later in the year.

