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School Library System Updates

Hello, summer! Amazingly, the end of the school year is upon us—a perfect opportunity to look back on a productive year and look forward to 2014-2015.

In the past three months, the School Library System enabled ten librarians to attend the New York State Library Association Section of School Librarians annual conference (see page 2), re-established and hosted *Sharing the Vision: Partnerships for 21st Century Libraries*, (see page 2) and re-organized the Media Library (see page 3)!

This summer, we are excited to announce an opportunity to discuss and plan

elementary library curriculum. Thank you to **Carrie Randall (ME)** for spearheading this initiative! See page 3 for details; K-5 librarians, we hope you can join us!

Looking ahead to 2014-2015: Stay tuned for information and training on our new Personal Learning Network space, hosted on LibGuides. Also, as a result of our database poll, we're pleased to announce that the School Library System will be providing **National Geographic Kids** to all elementary and middle school buildings, **Rosen Digital Literacy** to all middle school and high schools, and **SIRS Knowledge Source** to all high school buildings.

These databases were purchased to support the School Library System professional development theme of 2014-2015: **RESEARCH**. They will be accessible over the summer if you'd like to explore!

Professional development sessions are already being entered into My Learning Plan for 2014-2015, and the calendar will be arriving in your inboxes over the summer. I can't wait to see what 2014-2015 brings!

If you have any questions, the SLS team will be available all summer. Have a restful and relaxing summer—see you in September!

Nicole Laura

Common Core Connection

The end of the school year is a wonderful time to reflect on our professional practice, and consider ways we can improve in the new year. For the School Library System, 2013-2014 was all about investigating the CCLS—finding where libraries fit, making connections, and discovering how essential librarians' roles and expertise have the potential to be!

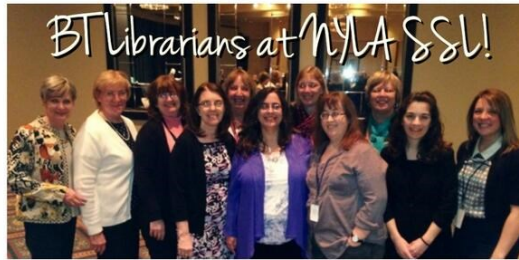
In 2014-2015, the hope is to demonstrate how libraries can not only *support* the CCLS, but are **essential** to student success, especially for research. With that thought, here are some ideas for personal, professional development this summer:

◆ Check out the Odell Core Proficiencies, particularly the "Researching to Deepen Understanding" units

◆ Familiarize yourself with the new Social Studies Framework, or brush up on the modules your colleagues are using
 ◆ Make connections with a colleague via social media or in person
 ◆ Flip through the ESIFC: What can you use in 2014-2015?
 While I hope your summer is full of R&R, these tips will have you ready to roll when September arrives!

NYLA-SSL Conference

In April, ten Broome-Tioga BOCES region school librarians took the New York State Library Association Section of School Librarians (NYLA-SSL) conference by storm, thanks to scholarships from the School Library System. As this conference, attendees heard from respected voices from the fields of technology and librarianship, from David Lankes (Syracuse University professor, author, and library advocate), to Marc Aaronson (YA nonfiction author and Rutgers professor), to Richard Byrne (edtech blogger, FreeTech4Teachers) to Doreen Cronin (children's author).



Session topics ran the gamut, including makerspaces, flipped classrooms, text sets, teen book festivals, mobile learning, Common Core inquiry and literacy, and collaboration models.

Special recognition goes to **Alicia Sherman** (Owego Apalachin Central School District) on winning the Sally Daniels SSL Conference Award. This award is presented to a new librarian that is recognized as an emerging leader. Congratulations, Alicia, on a well-deserved award!

Sharing the Vision: Partnerships for 21st Century Libraries

On May 19, the School Library System hosted the *Sharing the Vision: Partnerships for 21st Century Libraries* event. Building and district administrators joined their librarians for an exciting and informative session led by Doug Johnson, Director of Libraries and Technology at the Mankato Public Schools in Mankato, Minnesota.



Common Core, and her kindness and compassion.



rapidly changing technology, to effectively advertising and advocating for library services, to becoming (or remaining!) an essential part of the learning culture at your school.

Mr. Johnson presented best practices for evaluating library programs, creating a shared vision for the library, and improving communication between librarians and their administrators. In the afternoon, librarians attended an extended workshop on facing challenges in positive ways, from embracing

At this event, **Dr. Jennifer Dove** (Director of Literacy and Humanities, Binghamton City School District) was honored as the **2014 School Library System Administrator of the Year**.

Dr. Dove was recognized for her tireless support of librarians, her championing of librarians as instructional partners and literacy leaders, her inclusion of librarians in the implementation of the

Thank you to our planning and award committee members: **Peg Gates and Teena Lauth (Binghamton)**, **Phyllis Sanford (Deposit)**, **Sandy Stiles (Owego Apalachin)**, **Elizabeth Engle (UE)**, **Trisha Williams (Harpursville)** and **Melissa Santacrose (CF)**. As well, thank you to all who attended and made this such a successful event! We're already looking forward to 2015.

For more pictures, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/sharingthevision>



*Out and About:: CF, CV, and Harpursville at
Sharing the Vision: Partnerships for 21st Century Libraries
May 19, 2014*

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July 28, ISC-D 12-3 PM

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Media Library Updates

The Media Library has recently undergone a reorganization. The School Library System team and Media Library now reside in the same area where Kathy and Elaine are located (in the Professional Development and Resource Center offices), and the Media Library holdings are split between our warehouse in Endicott and the Glenwood Road facility. As a result, you may experience slight delays as you order kits, posters, and VHS tapes this summer, which are now housed off-site. Thank you for your patience as we organize—and you may want to allow for a few extra days when planning your orders during the summer months. By September, all new processes will be in place and running smoothly.

