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School Library System Updates

As we close 2016, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you for everything you do for the students in our region—now more than ever, information literacy skills and the ability to be an informed consumer and creator of content is vitally important. Librarians are the leaders of this essential work—and I'm privileged to learn with and from you! In this issue, check out **Sandy Stiles'** (OA) STEM initiative in the library with Snap Circuits, and **Liz Howe's** (UE) Student Help Desk on page 2.

Below, in Curriculum Connection, you'll find information on the Student Research Awards from the NYS Archives. These awards

would be a great motivator for a library/Social Studies collaboration. As well, the new Science standards have recently been approved — you'll find the link below.

On page 3, we have some new items in our Media Library, including new Osmo games and a BreakoutEdu kit—both are available through SNAP. Also on page 3 are links to upcoming professional development sessions on the Social Studies Framework and the Information Fluency Continuum, and serving students with special needs in the library.

We are pleased to announce that we have officially scheduled

Jennifer LaGarde (Library Girl) for our year-end event; this year's Sharing the Vision will take place on **May 11, 2017**.

You can now sign up for text alerts from the School Library System. This will consist primarily of workshop-related notifications. See page 4 for instructions on how to sign up. Finally, the SLS Council has decided to engage in a book study of *Engaging the Rewired Brain* by David Sousa. If anyone not on the Council is interested in participating in this book study remotely, please let me know by the end of the month. Have a safe, happy, and restful holiday—see you in 2017!

Nicole Laura

Curriculum Connection: Student Research & New Science Standards

Student Research:

The NYS Archives are once again offering cash prizes and certificates for outstanding student research. Three awards are given, one for each division (Grade 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12). Entries must show a "heavy reliance" on historical records and include an annotated bibliography. There are several eligible entry formats, including a research paper,

PowerPoint, exhibit, documentary, and performance. This project is the perfect catalyst for initiating a collaborative research project with your Social Studies colleagues!

Find the entry form, guidelines, and other related information here: http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_student_sraguidelines.shtml

The application deadline is July 1.

New Science Standards

As of December 12, NYSED has officially adopted the new Science standards. Stay tuned for opportunities to explore these more deeply in the coming months. The new standards can be found here:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/mst/sci/documents/p-12-science-learning-standards.pdf>

School Spotlight: Owego Apalachin MS

Sandy Stiles, the librarian at Owego Apalachin Elementary, recently embarked on bringing more STEM experiences to her students. Sandy utilized some of the many makerspace/technology resources available through the BOCES Media Library. Read on for Sandy's feedback on her students' experience with Snap Circuits:

What if there was a way to combine students' natural curiosity and need for kinetic activity, with a fun, educational platform? BOCES Media Library has just the thing: Snap Circuits! The kits come with battery packs that supply power for everything from LED lamps (the easiest project) to FM radios! Students at Owego Middle School have been using them since September and it has been wonderful to see the "staying" power of the kits.

Students are initially amazed when they can make the light go on, but as they try other projects using the clear diagrams provided, they begin to learn what makes things work.

Rated for ages 8 and up, Snap Circuits have broad appeal for all, and many keep coming back for more. For some it has been a gateway experience leading to other, more

sophisticated platforms, such as Arduino boards. Give them a try -- there's nothing to lose but boredom!

Thank you, Sandy, for sharing your experience! These kits are a perfect match for the new Science standards, particularly those dealing with "Forces and Interactions". A variety of Snap Circuits kits are available to borrow through [Snap](#).



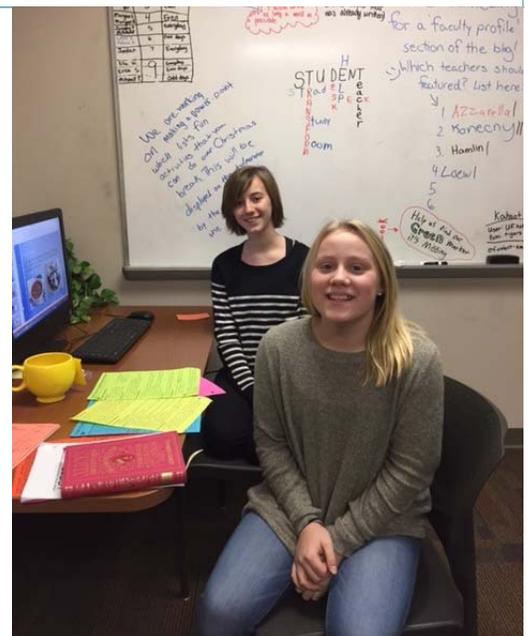
School Spotlight: Jennie F. Snapp MS

Student Help Desk

How Can We Help You?

From Elizabeth Howes, librarian at Jennie F. Snapp Middle School (UE):

The Jennie F. Snapp School Library has opened a Student Help Desk. A group of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students volunteer during their lunch and study hall time to provide tech support to students and teachers. The help desk team is very eager to help their school community and share their enthusiasm for all things technology. They are currently sharing software and app reviews on their blog—you can find reviews of Piktochart, Prezi, and Powtoon. In the future, the team plans to create video profiles of teachers using technology in their lessons, as well as provide in-classroom support for tech tools and applications. Check out the Help Desk Blog at <http://www.uek12.org/StudentHelpDesk.aspx>





Remind Text Notifications from BT BOCES SLS

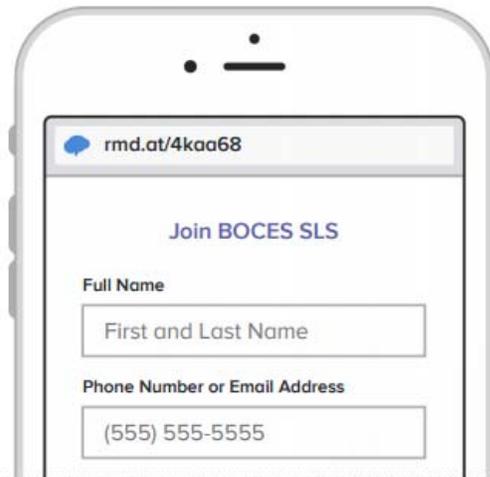
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rmd.at/4kaa68

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If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @4kaa68 to (614) 503-4637.

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