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School Library System Updates

February and March were two whirlwind months! In February, the School Library System held the third of its quarterly Council Meetings; information from the state, future regional purchases, and updates on the regional librarian professional learning network were shared and discussed. To read the minutes from this and other Council Meetings, visit <http://broometiogasls.wordpress.com/council-presentations>.

In March, the School Library System played a role in the regional *Uncommon Approaches to the Common Core* conference. The day focused on collaboration between “informal” and

“formal” educators. Some sessions were videotaped; check <http://www.wskg.org>.

In the same week, we hosted book maven Kathleen Odean, who once again presented to a packed house of librarians, classroom teachers, and literacy specialists (page 3). As always, this workshop left attendees with a wealth of ideas! If you would like an extra copy of Odean’s book list, just send an email my way!

Congratulations to our **10 NYLA-SSL Scholarship Winners!** For a full list of winners, see page 2. I’m looking forward to seeing how this conference helps our winners grow professionally! Also on

page 2, see the results of our recent regional database purchasing survey. This poll will remain open until April 7, 2014.

The theme of this month’s newsletter is “reading for pleasure”. Our **Common Core Connection** discusses “independent reading”. Our School Spotlight (page 2) features **Stephanie Hodkinson** (Whitney Point), who is using Twitter to spark students’ interest in books. Librarians across our region are helping students develop their personal interests and promoting a volume of reading—yet another way librarians are an essential partner in meeting the Common Core standards.

Nicole Laura

Common Core Connection

Much of the focus on Common Core reading revolves around the central texts in the modules/ domains. However, beyond required reading, students need to read widely and frequently, and select reading materials based on personal interest. The regional *Uncommon Approaches* conference speaker Kate Gerson tweeted, “**Libraries and librarians are the best kept**

CCSS secret there is. It’s all about finding something worth reading” (March 8). In her keynote speech, Gerson summarized the work of Marilyn Jager Adams (2009) who is cited in the CCSS ELA Standards Appendix A. Appendix A states that developing reading ability is not linear: “Students need opportunities to stretch their reading abilities but to also experience the satisfaction

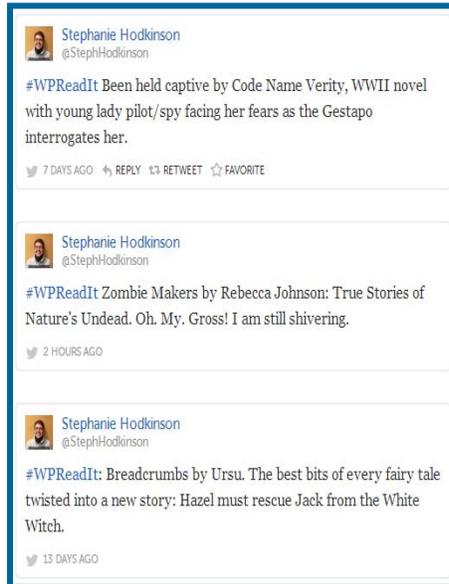
and pleasure of easy, fluent reading [...] Students deeply interested in a topic, for example, may engage with texts on that subject across a range of complexity” (p. 9). Librarians are trained to match readers to books, and build students’ capacity to find “deeply interesting” texts—so that students are inspired to read often with increasing complexity.

School Spotlight: Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (Whitney Point)

Stephanie Hodkinson thought it was time she start using Twitter. The question was...how? How would she “embrace Twitter” in a meaningful and purposeful way? With the help of Dustin Andrus, BOCES Instructional Technology Specialist, Stephanie recently embarked on a new Twitter project: 140 character book reviews.

This project elegantly combines technology and literacy, and is a perfect, brief way to “book talk” in a widely accessible format.

Kudos to Stephanie for taking the leap, and for making Twitter a part of her professional toolkit!



You can find and follow Stephanie @steph hodkinson; her book reviews can be found using the hashtag #WPRadIt.

And, while you're there, don't forget to check the Broome Tioga School Library System hashtags, #btls and #btlibrarians, for news, updates, and regional discussions.



NYLA-SSL Scholarship Recipients

This year, the School Library System was privileged to be able to provide scholarships to 10 librarians in the Broome-Tioga region.

Scholarships provide the cost of conference registration and lodging.

The 2013-2014 Scholarship Recipients are:

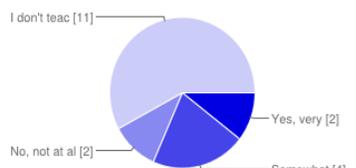
- BOCES: Rick Gridley
- Binghamton: Peg Gates, Debbie Sluzar
- Chenango Forks: Patti Sweeney
- Deposit: Phyllis Sanford
- Owego: Alicia Sherman, Sandy Stiles
- Susquehanna Valley: Rita Foran, Pat Westgate
- Windsor: Jennifer Anderson

Scholarship recipients are expected to share their learning with the region; be on the lookout for Twitter chats, guest articles, and other sharing opportunities in May.

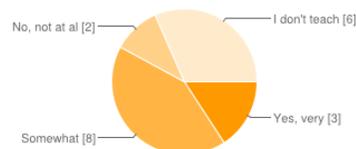


Database Survey Results

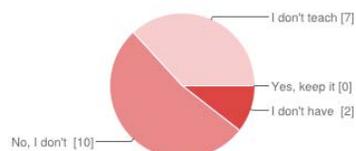
ProQuest Research Companion



National Geographic Kids



Rosen Digital Literacy



Additional Suggestions:

- SIRS: 5 people
- PebbleGo: 2 people
- World Book: 2 people

Other suggestions: Gale Student Resources in Context, FactCite.com, Britannica Pathways Science, Searchasaurus, JSTOR, Questia, CultureGrams

Next steps:

Purchasing decisions will be made by April 11. The survey will remain open until **April 7, 2014**. Decisions will be based on regional requests, followed by pricing. Survey is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/dbsurvey14>



Out and About:

A packed house at the Broome County Public Library, listening to Kathleen Odean present on "Best Books for Grades 6-12"

March 12, 2014

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Upcoming Events

[NYLA-SSL Annual Conference "Expect More":](#)

April 24-26, Syracuse OnCenter

[Sharing The Vision—Partnerships for 21st Century Libraries](#)

featuring Doug Johnson

May 19—Terra Cotta

Click on the image below or visit <http://goo.gl/1s2ARj> for our Professional Development Catalog



CCCD Database Orders

Reminders: The deadline for current year CCCD orders is **April 11, 2014**. Please send all packing slips to Kathy Harasta. If you are exploring purchasing for 2014-2015, database descriptions, pricing and trial information is available at <http://broometiogasls.wordpress.com/databaseinfo>.

If you are interested in a database that is not listed, please contact Kathy Harasta.

Conferences, Awards, and Webinars

REMINDER: Applications for the 2014 Administrator of the Year Award are now open. Deadline to nominate your administrator is **April 4, 2014 at 4:00 PM.**

WEBINAR

Incorporating Text Sets into Elementary and Middle School Classrooms—Follett Webinar

Who: Mary Ann Cappiello and Erika Dawes, authors of *Teaching with Text Sets*

When: April 8, 2014 3:00PM

Register: <http://follettlearning.com/webinars-upcoming.cfm#.UzmlJvldV8G>

AWARD

Roald Dahl's Miss Honey Social Justice Award

What: The Roald Dahl's Miss Honey Social Justice Award recognizes AASL members who have collaboratively designed a lesson, event, or course of study on social justice. Winners receive \$2000, a \$1000 travel stipend to

attend the award ceremony, and a \$5000 book donation.

Apply: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/social-justice>

Deadline: June 1, 2014

Note: The 2014 award must be based on Roald Dahl's novel "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Future awards only need to speak to the spirit of social justice exemplified by a character from Roald Dahl's books.