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# SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM BIBLIO–FILES

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## GET IN TOUCH WITH THE SLS TEAM!

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## School Library System Updates

*Please let me take this opportunity to express how thrilled I am to be serving you as your new School Library System Coordinator. I'm very much looking forward to working with all of you, getting to know your library programs, & helping you bring 21st Century tools and skills into your libraries! Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time with questions, suggestions, or concerns: you can always find my contact information on the bottom left. Thank you!*

A SNAP Update is scheduled for 1/25 at 4:00PM. Service will be interrupted for roughly 30 minutes. Details—page 3.

Marshall-Cavendish eBooks:
MARC RECORDS ARE ON THEIR WAY! According to the MC rep, they will be arriving via email shortly—I will forward them to you as soon as they arrive.

CyberSmarts eBooks: The order is being processed. These will be hosted via a URL; each school has its own username/password combination. Watch for more information coming soon.

**UPCOMING PD and MEETINGS**
**1/22:** SLS Council 8:00-11:00AM, ISC-C
**1/28:** SLST-East Meeting, 4:30PM Binghamton HS. *All are welcome!*
**2/14:** Project Look Sharp-Teaching with Primary Sources: 8:00AM-3:00PM, ISC-B
**2/26:** SLS Council: 8:00-11:00AM, ISC-C
**2/26:** Library Automation Users Meeting: 12:00-3:00PM, ISC-A
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## Common Core Connection

Primary sources are an essential component of the Common Core standards: students explicitly need to know how to read/analyze primary sources. Reading Standard 5 for Literacy in History/Social Studies (Grades 11-12) reads: "*Analyze in detail how a complex primary source is structured , including how key sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text contribute to the whole.*" Wow your teachers and engage your students with the new Library of Congress Teachers Page. You can search by Common Core/State Standards, filter by grade level, and locate a wealth of multimedia primary source documents.

**Find it here:**
http://www.loc.gov/teachers
*For more on primary sources, sign up on My Learning Plan for Project Look Sharp-Teaching with Primary Sources on 2/14!*

Got a great read-aloud to recommend? What about a non-fiction cluster that's working wonders? Share it here!

## School Spotlight

Librarians play a key role in supporting the curriculum, but it can be difficult to promote our lessons and programs to a wider audience. Advocacy is essential, so let's start sharing our amazing accomplishments!

Are you planning an exciting program in your library? Do you have an author visiting? What about a collaborative classroom-library project? A library re-organization? A cool digital tool being used to support 21st Century Skills and the Common Core? If you do, I would love to share your successes here!

See the side-box for information on how to get started. On Twitter, share your stories in real-time with #btsls or #btlibrarians. Let's get trending!

On the flip side...do you have a great idea but aren't sure where to start? I can share your questions with the "collective wisdom", explore PD opportunities/resources, or visit your library to help!

## Award Opportunities

**American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Collaborative School Library Award**
This award will be granted to a collaborative teacher/librarian pair for a best practice information literacy project/event. Librarian must be an AASL member.
**Deadline:** 2/1/2013
Application and information:
http://bit.ly/Qes9fW

**AASL Information Technology Pathfinder Award:**
This award "recognizes and honors school librarians demonstrating vision and leadership through the use of information technology to build lifelong learners". Must be an AASL member.
**Deadline:** 2/1/2013
Application and information:
http://bit.ly/Vmk7aC

**Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Award**:
This award "*recognizes and encourages the critical collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning and increase student achievement.*"
**Deadline:** 6/30/13
Application and information:
http://www.galeschools.com/TEAMS/

# Advocacy/Grant Opportunities

**Reminder:**

Please take a moment to sign this important petition advocating for public school librarians by January 27th. (Thanks to Cheryl Naslund for originally forwarding) http://1.usa.gov/W71xyT

**Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grants:**

Applications are now open.  More information is available at : http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx

**Scholastic** has an entire page devoted to library grants. Find it here: http://www.scholastic.com/librarians/programs/grants.htm
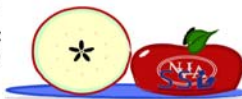
# Conferences, Workshops, and Webinars

❖ Did you know that Grolier offers free webinars and other online resources for all NOVEL NY users? The next webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd. Check out what's available here: http://novelny.grolier.com/

Registration for the Annual New York Library Association Section of School Librarians (NYLA SSL) Conference is now open. Information about scholarships coming soon:

Rochester, NY   April 25-27, 2013

School Librarians:
*Savvy to the Core*
Collaborating and Providing
Literacy/Reading Advocacy

http://sslspring2013.wordpress.com/

❖ Have you found a great online resource or upcoming webinar? Let me know and I'll share it here!

# SNAP Update

SNAP will be updated to Version 2 on Friday, January 25th beginning at 4:00PM Updates include:

1. The ability to create personalized lists at three levels: "My List", Shared Lists, and Public Lists. Essentially, you can create your own personalized "mini-catalog" within SNAP—an excellent tool for curating resources and retrieving them year-to-year!

2. "My Record" which allows for batch re-ordering using a checkbox. Easily re-order previously used items without searching from scratch.

**SNAP is looking into updating their software to include the following features at an additional cost:**

❖ **Capture/edit content:** Download digital resources, "chapterization" capabilities (create smaller clips from larger videos), edit digital resources, create your own personalized streaming catalog with customized clips

❖ **Facebook/Google+** Authentication capabilities

❖ **Web Crawling Services:** this service would mine non-

indexed sites/databases to retrieve web-based content (from both subscription databases as well as free web content)

Would any of these updates be useful to you? Let me know!
*Is there anything else you would like to see changed/improved/added to SNAP? Tek Data is always looking for suggestions. Contact me and I'll pass it along to the developers. Thank you!*