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## School Library System Updates

Happy 2014!

This month's newsletter features new resources, scholarship opportunities, and upcoming webinars: everything you need to hit the ground running in the new year!

In January, the School Library System held the final Empire State Information Fluency Refresh and Reflect session. If you missed it, visit <http://broometiogasls.wordpress.com/empire-state-information-fluency-continuum/> for a copy of the presentation and handouts.

Once again, the School Library System will be offering scholarships to the annual New York Library Association

Section of School Librarians (NYLA-SSL) conference, held on April 24-26 in Syracuse, NY. For more details, see page 2. I hope you consider applying to take advantage of this professional learning opportunity—right in our backyard!

Speaking of professional learning, please mark your calendar for "Sharing the Vision: Partnerships for 21st Century Libraries", a joint librarian/administrator professional development opportunity on **Monday, May 19** at Terra Cotta. Our featured speaker is Doug Johnson, Author and Director of Libraries and Technology for the Mankato (MN) Public Schools. Save-the-

Date flyers have been sent to district administrators; registration information will be distributed in February.

See page 3 for more upcoming workshops and events, webinars, and new Media Library items available for loan.

As always—if I can support you in any way, please let me know! I'm always happy to come to you to help with implementing new technology, assist with curriculum work, or just to observe the amazing things you're doing so I can feature you in our school spotlight! I hope to hear from you soon.

*Nicole Laura*

## Common Core Connection

This month's Common Core Connection is a call for your help. The School Library System Association (SLSA) is working on creating alternative text lists for the EngageNY domains/modules.

I have volunteered to create a list for [1st grade, Domain 3: Different Lands, Similar Stories.](#)



The goal of this project is to create a comprehensive list of topic-aligned, high-quality books that are the appropriate level/lexile, for the purpose of giving school districts alternative and/or additional options for student reading materials.

To see a completed list, visit <http://nyslsa-school librarians-elamodules.wikispaces.com>

If you are interested in participating, please send me an email or give me a call using the contact information on the left by **Friday, February 14**. I hope you consider joining me in contributing to this powerful project!



## School Spotlight: Susquehanna Valley HS

On December, 16, 2013, Susquehanna Valley High School librarian Pat Westgate organized and hosted an event that brought Thailand to the students of SV. Former SV teacher Dan Simonds and SV graduate Tara Kenyon spoke to the students and staff of Susquehanna Valley High School about their recent experiences in South East Asia. Simonds resigned his position as an SV Social Studies teacher to pursue a job as an English as a Second Language teacher in Nakhon Sawan, Thailand. He and Tara taught

and traveled for over a year, having many adventures and making new friends from around the world.



Students listen to Dan and Tara share stories of Thailand in the SVHS library.

Dan and Tara shared stories, photos and videos as well as a short demonstration of speaking the Thai language. They told the students that working abroad is not as hard as you think and encouraged them to travel to new countries. You can read about their adventures on Dan's blog: <http://www.travelblog.org/Bloggers/jaiyen>. What a fabulous opportunity for students to be exposed to a global perspective from a member of their community!

## NYLA-SSL Scholarship Opportunity

The Broome-Tioga BOCES School Library System will again be offering scholarships to the NYLA-SSL Conference. This year's conference is in Syracuse, on **April 24-26, 2014**. To learn more, visit <http://cnysl.weebly.com/2014-ssl-conference.html>.

Scholarships will cover the cost of full conference registration at the NYLA

early-bird member price of \$200, plus two nights' lodging. Preference will be given to those that are NYLA members, and those that have not recently received a SLS Scholarship.

I highly encourage you to apply—this is a fantastic opportunity to make connections, hone your professional practice,

and meet/learn from some amazing speakers and authors.

To apply, visit <http://fs6.formsite.com/BTbocesSLS/form50/index.html>

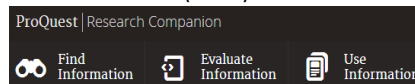
**Applications must be submitted by 4:00PM on Friday, February 7, 2014.**

## Database Poll

For the 2013-2014 school year, the School Library System purchased Rosen's Digital Literacy database (Grades 7-12) for the entire region. Usage statistics indicate that this database is not currently being used frequently in schools. As we look to purchase regional databases for 2014-2015, your input is greatly appreciated.

Specifically, I'm looking for feedback regarding potential purchases of the following databases (pending pricing quotes/regional interest), as well as suggestions for other options:

ProQuest Research Companion (9-12)



National Geographic Kids (Gale) (K-6)



Renewal of Rosen's Digital Literacy (7-12)



Will you take a few moments to complete a four question poll?

To take the survey, and find links to free trials, please visit: <http://goo.gl/MeP53s>

**This poll will close on Friday, February 28, 2014.**

Thank you!



*Out and About:*

*Librarians working hard, planning ESIFC units and lessons at our January 16 Refresh & Reflect session.*

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<http://broometiogasl.wordpress.com>

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## Upcoming Events

### [SLS Council Meeting](#)

February 5, 2014 | ISC-A | 8:00-11:00

### [OPALS Users Meeting](#)

February 5, 2014 | ISC-A | 12:00-3:00

### [Best Books with Kathleen Odean](#)

March 12, 2014 | BCPL | 9:15-3:15

Click on the image below or visit <http://goo.gl/1s2ARi> for our Professional Development Catalog



## Media Library Updates

After the Book Repair workshop the School Library System held in November, the Media Library purchased a Book Repair kit. The kit includes an Easy Trimmer for cutting and trimming; 12 inch ruler, Teflon Scissors, Squeegee, Instructional DVD, acid free glue, acid free repair tape and sample book covers. Feel free to borrow this kit through SNAP to test out these items prior to ordering for your library!

## Conferences, Awards, and Webinars

### NEW! The Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity.

Awarded to a "librarian who has faced adversity with integrity and dignity intact."

#### Deadline for nominations:

May 1, 2014

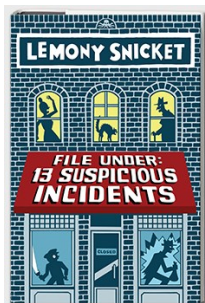
#### From the award description:

"The prize will be a generous amount of cash from Mr. Snicket's disreputable gains (\$3,000 check + \$1,000 travel), along with an odd, symbolic object from his

private stash, and a certificate, which may or may not be suitable for framing."

For more information:

[www.ala.org/awardsgrants/lemony-snicket](http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/lemony-snicket).



### Scholastic Library Publishing Award

"Awarded to a librarian whose unusual contribution to the stimulation and guidance of reading by children and young people exemplifies outstanding achievement in the profession"

#### Deadline for nominations:

February 3, 2014

For more information:

<http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/scholastic-library-publishing-award>