

# SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM BIBLIO-FILES



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## School Library System Updates

Hello, summer!

June is here, bringing the close of another successful school year. Across the region, librarians are working on recouping the materials they loaned to students and staff all year, completing inventory, sharing summer reading lists, signing students up for summer reading programs, planning for next year, and working on ways to help keep the learning going over the lazy days of summer. Here at the School Library System, we're embarking on a large-scale weeding/inventory of our Media Library to improve our service to you!

For our final issue of the 2012-2013 school year, we have three librarians featured in our spotlight:

**Terri Brandt** (Windsor), **Patti Sweeney** (CF), and **Pat Westgate** (SV). Read all about them on page 2!

For some end-of-the-year humor (and a useful way to get those books back!), check out the "Overdue Rap" adapted by **Lonna Pierce** (Binghamton) on page 4.

A final reminder: please mark your calendars for Empire State Information Fluency Continuum workshops on August 19th and 20th. For details and registration information, see page 3.

Lastly, let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your warm welcome as I stepped into the School Library System Coordinator position. The past six months have been a true pleasure—I so enjoy the chance to work with all of you,

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## Common Core Connection

### Module Texts

As you begin planning for next year's purchases, did you know that the Media Library has a large number of texts to support the Common Core? Using the PK-12 Recommended Text list and the module units as a guide (available here: <http://www.engageny.org/resource/text-list-for-p-12-ela>) the School Library System has purchased and aligned a number of eBooks, audiobooks, book sets, and companion videos to the ELA Modules. You can find the alignment in chart form, divided by grade level and unit, here: <http://broometiogasl.wordpress.com/aligned-module-texts>

On this chart, exact-match texts are bolded.

The guidance for text selection and use on EngageNY states that certain texts are "not required, but recommended."

*While the Core Knowledge Language Arts New York materials are being revised to eliminate reliance on specific trade books, it is recommended that schools and districts make informed decisions about trade books that can work within the Core Knowledge Listening and Learning and Skills strands while allowing for guided reading and accountable student reading." To this end,*

additional resources with a similar subject/theme are included, as well links to related TeachingBooks.net pages.

Please note that some of the digital texts on the list are *very* new, and will not be able to be accessed until Fall 2013. Information regarding methods of access/authentication will be shared when school begins again in the fall.

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

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Please contact Nicole with write-ups, pictures, and/or dates and times of exceptional library programming.

We are doing innovative, important work—let's share our expertise and celebrate the outstanding librarians in our area!

Visit our website!

<http://bit.ly/WSjPo4>



## School Spotlight

This month we have three innovative librarians/library programs featured in our School Spotlight:

- ❖ **Terri Brandt** and her “Books, Bites and Talent” program at Windsor Middle School;
- ❖ **Patti Sweeney**, winner of an iClassroom at Chenango Forks Elementary; and
- ❖ **Pat Westgate** and her collaborative program with the Broome County Public Library at Susquehanna Valley High School.

As always, I am impressed by the amazing work being done by our region’s librarians, and am thrilled to be able to share their successes. Thank you to our spotlighted librarians this month and for the past six months—looking forward to seeing what great things 2013-2014 brings!

### Terri Brandt—Windsor Middle

Librarian Terri Brandt organized and hosted an afterschool “Books, Bites, and Talent” coffeehouse event at the Windsor Middle School library on May 22. Ten students participated, sharing their talents through a variety of artistic and musical performances. Student presentations ranged from screenings of Animoto videos displaying student artwork, to performances of student-written songs, to dance routines. Members of the Middle School Book Club hosted and acted as wait staff, serving refreshments to an audience that consisted of students, parents and grandparents.



### Patti Sweeney—Chenango Forks Elementary

Chenango Forks Elementary School Library will begin the 2013-2014 school year by offering a blended-learning environment thanks to the rollout of a new iClassroom.

In May, CF Elementary Principal Nicole Knapp held a contest in which teachers could write a proposal and instructional plan for the implementation of iPads in their classroom. The winner would be awarded 30 iPads, an AppleTV and a Macbook. The school’s Site Council voted on the submissions and Patti Sweeney, the school library-media specialist, was awarded the iClassroom!

When asked about the contest, Patti had the following to share: “I’m very excited about the prospect of providing a one-to-one environment for all K-5 students during library instruction. This will go a long way in emphasizing our library as a true center of learning within the school. The iPads will enable me to provide an interactive reading experience to our students as well as teaching them to become creators of eBooks & digital stories.

I am really looking forward to next school year and discovering all the new ways we can learn together.”

The library’s iClassroom will serve as a model for teachers in the building interested in using iPads in their instruction. The library is open for teachers to come in and observe, ask questions and see for themselves how tablets can be used for learning within the classroom. Congratulations, Patti!

### Pat Westgate—Susquehanna Valley High School

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Susquehanna Valley High School welcomed Sarah Reid, teen librarian from the Broome County Public Library. After sharing new materials,

Sarah presented information about the Summer Programs for Teens, the Summer Reading Contest, and volunteer opportunities for students over the summer. Sarah’s visits always generate great excitement, as she brings a big box of new books and manga that students can check out before she leaves. Students without an existing library card are able to apply for and receive a Broome County Public Library card on the spot. At the end of the presentation, students enjoyed cookies and a lively discussion about new books.

If you would like Sarah to visit your school library, you can contact her at [sreid@co.broome.ny.us](mailto:sreid@co.broome.ny.us) or 607-778-6456; please provide her with at least two weeks’ notice to schedule a visit.





## Empire State Information Fluency Continuum Workshop

Registration for the two summer workshops on the Empire State Information Fluency Continuum is now open.

It is highly recommended that you register for both sessions (half day on August 19 and full day on August 20).

Day 1 features a comprehensive overview of the ESIFC structure and content;

Day 2 builds upon this framework, with Paige Jaeger of WSWHE BOCES sharing ways to practically apply the ESIFC skills and assessments into your instruction through research activities.

To register, please visit My Learning Plan. Direct registration links are below:

**August 19:**

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?I=1349357>

**August 20:**

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?I=13>



## Conferences, Workshops, and Webinars

The New York State Department of Library Development is offering a series of webinars on the new NOVEL NY databases. Two of these upcoming webinars are described below:

### Getting to Know Kids InfoBits:

June 18 at 3 PM

Kids InfoBits is designed especially for students in kindergarten through grade five. Complete with an engaging, developmentally appropriate graphic interface, premier reference content and the best magazines for elementary students, Kids InfoBits addresses the way kids learn and conduct research — and makes it fun! Tune into this preview webinar to learn more about Kids InfoBits and what it can do for you and your elementary age users in the library. A continuing education certificate will be provided upon completion.

Register at

<http://tinyurl.com/infobitswebinar>

## Summer Reading

- This year's New York State Summer Reading Program is titled "Dig Into Reading/Beneath the Surface".
- Check out <http://www.summerreadingnys.org> for booklists and downloadable promotional materials, including bookmarks, t-shirt transfers, and brochures.



Keep Reading This Summer!  
**Summer Reading**  
AT NEW YORK LIBRARIES  
[www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org)

Sign Up for the  
Summer Reading  
Program @ Your  
Local Library

## **Bring Back Those Books!**

Students and teachers, please lend me your ears,  
I've a library message that you need to hear.  
Our books you have borrowed the entire school year,  
But now is the time to return them, I fear.

Return them today, or things may get gory;  
We must have them back for the annual invent-tory.  
Please do not tarry, don't think of yourself;  
Our books really need to be back on the shelf.

Check backpacks and lockers and under the bed,  
If you bring back those books,  
you'll have nothing to dread.

But if you neglect our request and our plea,  
We will hunt you down, and it may get ug-ly.

So, as you wrap up the school year,  
please hear what I say:  
Please bring back my book-children this very day!