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School Library System Updates

The first few weeks back are always a whirlwind of meeting new students, establishing routines, and getting back in the swing of school. As September draws to a close (already!), the School Library System has a few exciting events on the horizon.

On October 14, Gale trainer Stacy Knibloe will be here to share updates to the Gale databases that the School Library System and NOVEL NY provides, including National Geographic Kids and Opposing Viewpoints. On November 20, Leslie Preddy will present on creating affordable makerspaces in K-12 libraries. As an author, speaker, librarian,

and AASL President, she is on the cutting edge of this library movement! Registration links are available on page 3.

As you may have heard, I will be on maternity leave from September 25 through January 4. Rest assured that the School Library System team is ready and prepared! Kathy, Elaine, and Kristina will be your direct points of contact for any library-related questions, concerns, or information. If you are in need of a manager, please contact Pat Walsh at pwash2@btboces.org or 766-3773.

Over the summer, 6, 7, and 8th grade Social Studies teachers

and librarians collaborated to create inquiries aligned to the new Social Studies Framework. See the Common Core Connection for developments.

Last, we have several new librarians in our region!

Robin Albrecht: Tioga CSD

Lisa Besecker: Franklin/Jefferson (Binghamton)

Sara Edwards: Maine Memorial (ME)

Kari O'Donnell: Newark Valley

Jesslyn Shafer: Roosevelt/Mann (Binghamton)

Julie Zick: Chenango Forks Elementary
 Please join me in welcoming them—and welcome back to school!

Nicole Laura

Common Core Connection

This summer, 85 school librarians and middle school social studies teachers came together for six intensive days to draft original inquiries aligned to the new Social Studies Framework. The hard work of these collaborative teams paid off: by the end, each team had drafted an inquiry complete with a compelling question, formative and

summative assessments, and comprehensive resources. In the last week, the state has released the

final pieces of their inquiry toolkit. To see these inquiries, toolkit videos, and other resources, visit <https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-k-12-social-studies-resource-toolkit> and <http://c3teachers.org>.

In 2015-2016, be on the lookout for future opportunities to collaborate with your social studies colleagues on this exciting work!



School Librarians of the Southern Tier



SLST-East is our local school library professional organization. The following message is posted on their behalf:

The School Librarians of the Southern Tier are gearing up for another fabulous year, and we would like to invite all librarians, library students, paraprofessionals and retired librarians to join us!

SLST members work together to support and promote school

libraries, librarianship, and literacy-related groups throughout the Southern Tier. We meet four times a year to share ideas, experiences and learning, to solve problems, and plan activities.

This year, we will be participating in RoberCon*, contributing a decorated tree to Home for the Holidays at the Roberson Museum, crafting with youngsters at the Discovery Center's Kids' BookFest, judging the entries in the Young Authors and Illustrators Contest at WSKG, and more.

Please visit our website at sites.google.com/site/slsteastbinghamton, check out our Facebook page (facebook.com/SLSTEast) or

follow us on Twitter with #slsteast. Click here to respond to a poll to determine 2015-16 meeting dates: <http://tinyurl.com/slsteastmeetings>

If you have a question, or would like to contact us, please write to us at slsteast@gmail.com.

We hope you will join us at our next meeting.

***If you are interested in signing up to cover a shift at Rober-Con, please contact Pat Westgate (SV) at pwestgat@svsabers.org**

Annual Survey/5 Year Plan of Service

Each year, the School Library System is charged with surveying members with a set of questions aligned to our 5 year Plan of Service. The results of this year's survey are now available online; you can find them here: <http://tinyurl.com/SLSSurvey2015>

Some items of note:

- All respondents were satisfied with SLS services.
- Inter-library loans returning in a timely fashion were noted to be an on-going issue, particularly outside of our region. As a reminder, if you ever have difficulty with the return of ILL books, please contact the SLS office. We are happy to intercede!
- Scholarships and workshops continue to be appreciated and well-received.
- There is interest in increasing our services to Special Clients (e.g. Students receiving special education services and ELLs). The SLS team is

exploring options so we can better provide services in this area.

- There is interest in expanding ILL opportunities with local organizations; we will continue to see what options can be put into place. The current difficulty around setting up local ILL is that many local libraries/universities charge for loans, while those in more distant geographical locations provide them for free.
- One respondent expressed interest in more after-school workshops; unfortunately, given historic low attendance at after-school offerings, we will likely not increase the number of after-school workshops at

this time.

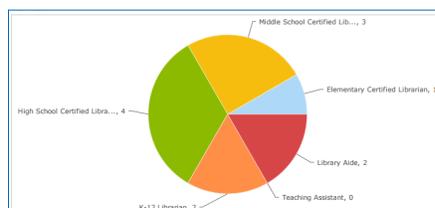
- There was a request for more information regarding eBooks. You can find help information on the various eBook platforms at these links:

Mackin Via: <https://www.mackin.com/corp/resources/mackinvia/>

ePoint Plus: <http://www.epointplus.com/help>

SLS eBooks Page: <http://www.btbooces.org/eBooks.aspx>

Relatedly, the School Library System will need to update our Plan of Service this school year. There is a planned work session to review our current Plan of Service and recommend changes on January 20, 2016 from 12:00-3:00 PM. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on [My Learning Plan](#).





Out and About:: 3D Printing Workshop this summer!

Visit Us Online:

[http://btboces.org/
SchoolLibrarySystem.aspx](http://btboces.org/SchoolLibrarySystem.aspx)

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Upcoming Events

[Making the Most of Your Gale Resources](#)

October 14, 12:00-3:00, ISC-C

K-12

[Makerspaces: Revolutionizing in the School Library](#)

November 20, ISC-A 8:00-3:00

K-12

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



Media Library Updates

New for 2015-2016:

3D Printers: These printers may only be loaned by those who attended the pre-requisite training this summer. If you were unable to attend in August, but are interested in borrowing this equipment, please be on the lookout for a repeat session sometime in 2016.

3D Scanners: The Media Library houses two 3D scanners that are compatible with the iPad Mini (also available for loan through the Media Library). These can be borrowed independently from the 3D Printers. Using the iPad camera, the scanners capture 3D images and translate them into models.



New Regional Resource: ePoint Plus



All members of the School Library System now have access to ePoint Plus eBooks. Many of these are the former Marshall Cavendish titles, with the addition of 29 new eBooks. Under this new platform, these eBooks are now accessible on mobile devices via an app. For more information, and to see the complete list of resources that are available through the School Library System, visit: <http://www.btboces.org/SchoolLibraryResources.aspx>