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School Library System Updates

Author Jenny Han wrote, “Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August”. I would argue that for those of us in education, there are different flavors of magic all year long: between the months of September and June, we have the magic of watching the kids we teach grow and change; in the summer, sunny days, a slower pace, and a chance to reflect, regroup, and recharge. In this month’s newsletter (and the final newsletter of 2016-2017!) I’d like to reflect on the good and magical things that happened this year through the School Library System, particularly in the last few months. From our year-end event, to the

annual NYLA-SSL conference, to the inclusion of school libraries in the NYS Draft ESSA plan, to the wonderful lessons and programs you are all implementing, there are so many great stories to share. Below, you can find an update on the NYS Draft ESSA Plan and the Future Ready Libraries initiative. On Page 2, check out photos and descriptions of some fabulous programs at Maine Endwell Middle School, Vestal High School, and George F Johnson elementary, with a special focus on how libraries are supporting NYS Science Learning Standards (NYSSLS). On Page 3, you’ll find updates on new resources, including SLS-provided

databases for 17-18, and new books & tech through the Media Library. On page 4, check out photos from Sharing the Vision 2017. As you wind down this year, I would like to invite you to peruse our summer catalog of professional development offerings (linked on Page 3), and to fill out our annual survey to give us feedback on what you need to continue to move your programs forward in 17-18 and beyond, found here: <https://fs6.formsite.com/BTbocesSLS/SLSAnnual/index.html> Respond by July 1 to be entered in a drawing for a book of your choice. Wishing you a wonderful summer—see you soon!

Nicole Laura

Curriculum Connection: ESSA Draft Plan Updates/Future-Ready Libraries

ESSA
 In it’s current iteration, school libraries are included as a part of the [NYS Draft ESSA Plan](#). In the draft plan, school librarians/libraries can be found on pages 16, 120, and, in most depth on pages 135-136. In this section, the draft makes mention of school librarians as leaders in curating resources, providing digital literacy instruction, providing safe spaces, and leading STEAM initiatives. In [the summary document](#), libraries can be found on

Page 8, under “Supporting All Students/What Will Be Different?”, as well as on Page 47 and 50.

[The comment period](#) for the draft plan closes on **Friday, JUNE 16**—comments may be emailed to ESSAComments@nysed.gov

Future-Ready Libraries
 Our SLS professional development focus for 17-18 aligns with the [“Future Ready Librarians”](#) initiative, kicking off with

the NYLA-SSL summer Leadership Institute featuring **Shannon Miller**, and culminating with our year-end Administrator/Librarian event featuring **Mark Ray**.

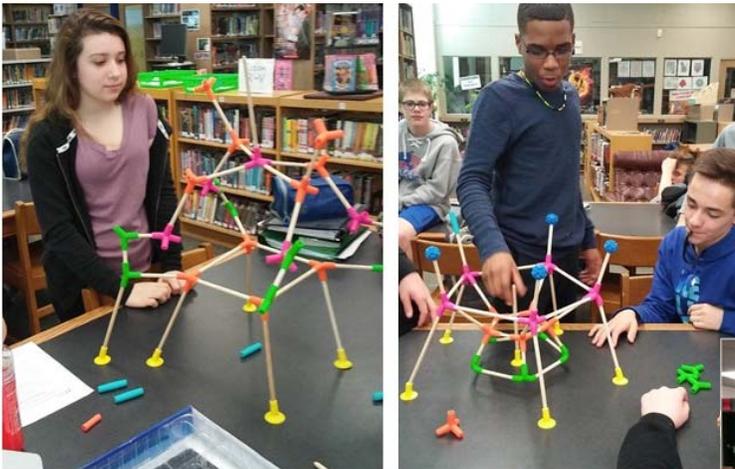
This summer, I encourage you to set goals using the **Future Ready template**. Vestal High School Librarian **Patti Sweeney** has already taken the challenge (perhaps you have, too!)—join her here: <http://tinyurl.com/FRGoals2017>



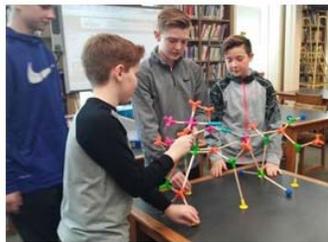
School Spotlight: Maine Endwell MS

Librarian Erin Hitchcock borrowed the BOCES Media Library’s set of Joinks to engage students in the iterative practice of engineering design. Students designed and refined solutions to engineering problems to build structures using wooden dowels and flexible connectors — and had a ton of fun, too!

School Spotlight: Vestal HS



Librarian Patti Sweeney spent this year transforming an outdated, underused section of her library into a collaborative, video-conferencing, media and instructional area. With the help of students and support of her administrators, Patti made a dramatic change to the functionality and appeal of her library. Check out the evolution of this space below:



School Spotlight: George F. Johnson (UE)



Led by librarian Sue Carey, students in the GFJ library have been designing and creating using BOCES Media Library SNAP circuits and Straws & Connectors, as well as Origami paper, to explore science and engineering concepts in the elementary library.



From electricity to the forces of flight, students employed NYSSLS practices and created projects to explore science concepts and core ideas in the library’s Makerspace. After each class, students completed a project checklist & wrote about their process and discoveries to connect science, research, and literacy in the library.





*Out and About: Troop Card Making Station—
Innovative Libraries Tour @ Pine Grove MS*

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Upcoming Events

View our summer professional development calendar here:

<http://tinyurl.com/BTBSummerPD>

School Library System Fundamentals: New & Review

Date: August 10; Elementary: 8-11; Secondary: 12-3

Leverage school library system resources to enrich your instruction! In this session, participants will be introduced to new School Library System resources, review how to access existing resources to support instruction and collaboration, and review School Library System loan procedures.

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



New & Upcoming Resources



Hue Animation Studio (5)

Stop motion animation kit with camera & book

Lulzbot 3D Printers (2)

Desktop 3D printer with heated print pad and ability to print a wide range of filaments, including wood, stainless steel, and conductive/magnetic. Training will be offered in the Fall.

New Science Literacy Resources

Rosen Spotlight on Earth & Space Science & Spotlight on Life Science (Gr 3-6): eBook collections with a focus on NYSSLS concepts; unlimited/simultaneous use

K-5 Science Thematic Book Sets:

Print & eBook picture book sets on a variety of grade-level NYSSLS concepts



Databases 2017-2018

New: Newsbank - America's Historical Newspapers 20th Century and Archives, Student Edition Grades 6-12
(Includes beta access to Access World News);

Continuing: National Geographic Kids, SIRS **Eliminating:** Rosen Digital Literacy

Sharing the Vision 2017



BT Librarians honored by Jennifer for their outstanding, innovative programming!



2017 School Library System Administrator of the Year: Dr. Tonya Thompson, Superintendent Binghamton City School District

