School Library System Updates

Wow! Is it already the end of April? April at the School Library System was filled with professional learning opportunities. On April 16, Starr LaTronica shared best new books for young readers. At the end of the month, our seven scholarship winners attended the New York Library Association Section of School Librarians annual conference in Rochester, NY. See page 2 for photos and more information about each of these events!

In Media Library news, your School Library System team has been working hard to create a regional collection of Common Core aligned eBook and digital audiobook collections (including many module titles), as well as new technology kits. Stay tuned for more details on these new items coming soon!

We are so pleased to award a second round of scholarships, this time for the 2013 Carol A. Kearney Summer Leadership Institute, titled Lead with the Common Core II. Scholarship recipients will spend two full days of professional learning on the Cornell Campus in August.

Congratulations to:
Elizabeth Engle (UE),
Peg Gates (Binghamton),
Carrie Randall (ME) and Patricia Sweeney (CF).

Common Core Connection

“The Seventh Shift”:
According to a Tagxedo word cloud analysis, the word “Research” appears 82 times in the Common Core P-12 ELA Standards—more than many of the key words represented by the 6 shifts, like literacy (78) and vocabulary (41).

Check out the Common Core ELA Standards Tagxedo on page 4.

In light of how frequently this word appears (and its related importance to the Common Core Standards), Paige Jaeger, School Library System Director at WSWHE BOCES has dubbed “Research” as the Seventh Common Core shift.

What does this mean for librarians?
Librarians are essential to quality research tasks! Through instruction on selecting, comparing, evaluating, and analyzing sources; protecting intellectual property with appropriate citations; and leading complex/ rigorous research tasks, librarians have a key role in this feature of the Common Core.

Reach out to your teacher-colleagues today to let them know how you can collaborate to meet the “Seventh Shift” - Research!

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

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Professional Development Spotlight

On April 16, School Library System members participated in a half-day workshop with Starr LaTronica, learning about the best new books for elementary readers.

Later in the month, seven members who received scholarships from the School Library System attended the New York State Library Association Section of School Librarians (NYLA-SSL) conference in Rochester NY.

Conference attendees spent three action-packed days of professional learning, including opportunities to hear notable speakers and authors like Jay Asher (13 Reasons Why), Jacqueline Woodson (Winner of the Coretta Scott King Award, Newbery Honor Medal, National Book Award, and the Margaret A. Edwards Award for Lifetime Achievement), Dr. Steven Layne (author of fiction and professional titles, including his latest Igniting a Passion for Reading), Kathy Schrock (technology guru and webmaster for “Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything” http://www.schrockguide.net) and Dan Gutman (author of My Weird School series). Attendees also participated in a variety of sessions, with information ranging from the Common Core standards, to new technology tools, to successful collaborative models, to student assessment.

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Above: Starr LaTronica shares recommendations with the crowd at BT BOCES. Participants were given new books and promotional materials to bring back to their libraries!

Above: Phyllis Sanford (Deposit) and author Jay Asher at NYLA-SSL

Right to Left: Author Dan Gutman, Tech Guru Kathy Schrock

Above: Jaqueline Woodson performs a reading of her award-winning book, Show Way
NYLA-SSL Carol A. Kearney Leadership Institute Scholarships

If you did not receive a scholarship through the Broome-Tioga School Library System, I encourage you to consider applying through the New York Library Association to attend the summer leadership institute, August 5-6, 2013 on the Cornell University Campus.

Apply here: http://tinyurl.com/summerleadershipinstitute

The deadline has been extended to May 6, 2013—there's still time to apply, and there are still awards available.

School Library System Advocacy Page:

The Broome-Tioga BOCES School Library System tutorials page also contains a page with tips and tools for advocacy. Do you have an advocacy tip that has worked well, or a link to share?

Contact Nicole and she'll add it to this site.

http://broometiogasls.wordpress.com/advocacy/

Conferences, Workshops, and Webinars

Nick Glass, Executive Director and Founder of TeachingBooks.net, is offering several short webinars on a variety of Common Core-related topics.

Webinars are live and last ten minutes; each topic is offered twice a day. Upcoming webinars include:

Mentor Texts and Mentor Authors
Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m. and Wednesday, May 8, 2 p.m.

Common Core and NYEngage for New York Schools
Wednesday, May 8, 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

To access these webinars, go to:
http://TeachingBooks.net/WebinarPresentation
[Hit "Enter as a Guest" and type in your name]

Access to TeachingBooks.net is provided free of charge to all members of the School Library System.

Award Opportunities

For the past several years, the New York State Educational Media/Technology Association has awarded competitive grants to educators in New York State to fund projects in media literacy education. The grant is in the amount of $1,000 for New York certified classroom teachers or school librarians who are working with K-12 students on media literacy. Media literacy is defined as the ability to comprehend, design, and produce media. It includes critical thinking skills used to evaluate and analyze information in a variety of formats. Media literacy is essential to be able to distinguish between fact and fiction.

Deadline: May 24, 2013

Application:
http://www.edmediatech.org

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.
This word cloud, created using Tagxedo (http://www.tagxedo.com) is a great visual reminder of the key ideas inherent to the Common Core ELA standards.

Can you find the “Seventh Shift” hidden in the cloud?