

The School Library System Newsletter

March 2010

Pat's Desk Talk:

Summer Workshop Schedule Sneak Preview

Every year we work hard to build a roster of summer workshops that will cover a variety of aspects of a librarian's multi-faceted job. Our goal is to help you acquire new knowledge at the same time you strive to fulfill district and state requirements for continuing education in a meaningful way.

As of today, March 4, I have finalized eight PD events for you and teachers in your district. I am excited about all of them and hope you will be, too. The flyers will be out early next week to give you plenty of time to plan and get pre-approval. I hope you will share these flyers with the staff in your district. Photocopy them to your heart's content.

Please remind your administrators that professional development provided through my department is at no additional cost to the district. You are already in my service so these PD events are part of belonging to my service. Thank you.

More information will be forthcoming:

July 13, 14, 15 (a.m. only)
MVCC Workshop - Using Networking
Technology to Reach and Teach
Krista Hartman

July 20 (5 hours)
Podcasting and Jing
Patricia Skelly & Kim Casselman

July 22

Project Look Sharp: Integrating Media
Literacy & Critical Thinking into the
Curriculum
Chris Sperry
(co-sponsored by Media Services)

July 27

Visual Thesaurus
A.M. - PreK-6 and P.M.- gr. 7-12
Georgia Scurletus

July 19, 26 & August 2, 9 (16 hours)

SMART 4-Day Intensive
Patricia Skelly

August 5 (a.m. only)

Media & SLS Administrator Training
Patricia Skelly & Sylvia Sallustio

August 12

Books, Books, and More Books
A.M. - PreK-6 and P.M.- gr. 7-12
(co-sponsored by Media Services)
Starr Latronica

August 19

Board Games for Learning (a.m.) &
Why We Need to Be a Part of the Digital
Universe (p.m.) (Twitter & Facebook)
Chris Harris

May also have one on Research:
VRL/Databases



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Notes from Kenn:

Manually Track ILLS Filled Outside of CIDER

Any ILL request you fill that does not come to you through CIDER must be counted manually. This is for any request you fill that came from a phone call or email. Requests that are received and filled through CIDER will automatically be counted in the statistics report at the end of the year. An email asking for the number of loans you filled outside CIDER will be sent to you at the end of the school year so this number can be added to your CIDER statistics.



Mary's Notes:

"Good Thing" Reminder

If you have not explored Visual Thesaurus, treat yourself, and take a few minutes to get to know this amazing resource. The School Library System purchased this product for all of our schools last year, and we plan to purchase it for the upcoming year. VT is addictive, and it has features that will appeal to every age level. The SLS will be doing workshops on using VT in school, but I would encourage you to just have a little fun, and *play* with VT. If you love language you will love Visual Thesaurus.

If you need help accessing Visual Thesaurus, give us a call. Then, call again and be prepared to tell us what you have discovered!



Library Notes from Jody Hildreth, Sauquoit Valley Elementary School

Flat Stanley in the Digital Age

For years, elementary students have followed the reading of *Flat Stanley* by sending their own paper Stanley around the world. Family and friends would snap photos of Stanley in famous locations then send the pictures back. With the Internet and digital cameras, and Google Earth, Stanley is getting an upgrade in his travels.

The students at Sauquoit Valley Elementary School read *Flat Stanley*

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during their library class. Afterwards each child was given their own personal copy of a Flat Stanley chapter book and a paper Flat Stanley to color. On the back of each Flat Stanley are directions for how to take a digital photo and upload it to the school's website. The directions also say to pass Stanley on to someone else so that he can continue his journey.

This year, inspired by the Leatherstocking Conference keynote speaker, Meg Ormiston, the photos of Flat Stanley are being incorporated into Google Earth. Students get a better idea of how much Stanley has traveled by seeing small Stanley icons placed around the world in Google Earth. With only a little formatting, each picture is viewed by clicking on the Stanley icons along with a brief description of what Stanley is doing at each location.

See this project for yourself by visiting:
www.svcasd.org/flatstanley



Anne's Notes:

If you do your own cataloging, and you have any e-books, you may be interested in the Plano ISD catalog. It can be accessed at: <http://catalog.pisd.edu/>.

They've cataloged quite a lot of e-books, and the records are exportable. If you want to "borrow" one of their records, choose MARC (non-Unicode/MARC-8) and save the record. This catalog also lets you limit your search to graphic novels or DVDs.

Spring Calendar

C3:	Mar. 23, 8:00-3:00 May 20, 8:00-12:00
Ad. Council	Mar. 30, 1:00-3:00 May 20, 1:00-3:00
VRL Training	Mar. 11, 3:30-5:30 Mar. 25, 3:30-5:30

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