

The School Library System Newsletter

September 2009

Pat's Desk Talk:

Starting the Year Off Right

Welcome Back and I wish you the best year ever! The summer was wonderfully busy but I am anxious to get into the year and all the fun of working with all of you. There is a lot to cover at the beginning of the year. Most of it went in the Welcome Back Packets. I hope you have read and posted the information by now.

A few extra reminders need to be covered here. These are some we have mentioned before but we still do not have 100% compliance so I must bring them up again. There are requirements made by the state for you to fulfill in order to be members of the SLS system. Check this list to see if you are in compliance. If you are...then we are, too.

- A representative from your district attends the communication coordinator meetings
- Records must be submitted for inclusion in the regional union catalog
- Packing slips must be sent to Mary for completion of record keeping on CCD orders and mini-grant purchases (not a state requirement to send packing slips but we need them for our record keeping to be complete)

To those who already do all of these things...Thank you! We appreciate your efforts very much. To the others, thank

you in advance for getting on board with these requests and helping us stay in compliance with the state requirements.

Another reminder...You no longer need to use the email form on our webpage to do ILL and EILL requests. You now can do the requests right in CIDER. Use the ILL guide (new updated version September 2009), emailed to you recently, or attend a training to learn how the new procedure works. It is much, much easier. Once we know everyone has been trained the form will be removed from the website.



Don't forget to remove all old "red apple" materials for the old CIDER catalog and replace them with the new "green apple" materials provided in your Welcome Back Packets for the new CIDER catalog. If you have not had training on the new catalog and the new ILL procedures please contact me right away. We are receiving very positive feedback on the new catalog already. Since it is open source software it evolves constantly and we hope to see it improve steadily. Your input is an important part of that process so please let us know how you like the new catalog. We will be passing your remarks and suggestions along to the developers.

Have a great year! See you soon, I hope. Please don't hesitate to call with questions or requests.

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Professional Development Calendar Fall 2009

Kapco Book Repair: October 2
8:30-11:30, Conference Room

Administrators' Workshop: October
8, 9:00-12:00, Training Lab

***Information Technology Skills
Workshop Series I:*** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.:

Oct. 14: Ready Reference on the
Web

Oct. 22: Web Sites for Teachers and
Educators

Nov. 4: Children's Literature on the
Web

Nov. 12: Local History on the Web
Training Lab

Library Support Staff Workshop:
November 12, 8:30-2:30, Training
Lab



Notes from Kenn:

Welcome to New and Returning Library Staff!

Another summer has flown by, and it doesn't matter how good or bad the weather is, it still goes by way too fast. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and were able to do all the things you wanted.

Several Library Staff Changes

There are several changes in library staff this year. Some are totally new to our system while others have stayed with us but changed what building or district they are in. All the changes known will be reflected in the new SLS directory when it is published. Hopefully by the time you read this you will have already received your new directory. Remember to update any address books or contact information you may have set up for emails and such to reflect the changes.

Another Outstanding EILL Year!

The 08-09 school year was an extremely busy one again for Expanded ILL requests. There were 150+ more items borrowed through EILL this year than the previous year! In total, that's a lot of items being borrowed for students and staff. It's GREAT to see the service being used so much and I'd like to see the number increase again this year. If your school purchases the Expanded Interlibrary Loan (EILL) service, your students have the ability to borrow items from anywhere in the United States, making your library resources almost unlimited. Use the Manual Request

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option in CIDER to make EILL Requests. If you don't know how, I'm just a call away...793-8506!

EILL of Audio/Visual Material

Please be aware that each year it has become more difficult to borrow A/V materials and I expect it will be even harder this year. While there once were several lenders who would loan A/V for free, most have stopped lending it altogether. Please keep this in mind when making A/V requests, but know that I will make every attempt to get it for you.

As always, if you have any questions please call me at 793-8506 or email me at krunninger@oneida-boces.org



Mary's Notes:

Greetings! Welcome back to all of you who have enjoyed a summer away from school, and welcome to our new library media specialists.

We know that all of you will be working harder than ever this year to stretch your resources. We will be doing the same; our goal is to provide the best services possible and we encourage you to utilize our services to the fullest.

Remember that all of our professional development opportunities are free to our members. We have some great programs scheduled this fall, including some that are back by popular demand.

For the second year we are offering our Library Assistants Day on November 12. This is a great day for the assistants to learn new skills and share ideas.

Krista Hartman, from MVCC, will be presenting a four part training this fall on Information Technology Skills. She is extremely knowledgeable, and we encourage you to expand your world with Krista.

Finally, encourage your administrators to attend the training on October 8, designed especially for them. SLS and Media Services will provide administrators with information on our services. We will also use the time to toot your horn; most administrators do not realize how much you are able to do for your students, and for them.

We are looking forward to another great year. Expect lots of information – and fun – from us!



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Anne's Notes:

If you've already sent me your magazine holdings, thank you. If you haven't, please do. One of the nice things about the new CIDER is that you can limit your search to magazines. Click on Advanced Search and type in your search term. Then, choose "anywhere" from the pull-down menu and type in "periodicals".

SLS Professional Collection New Additions - September 2009



The Back Page

Author: Bill Ott

Publisher: ALA, 2009

"A compendium of the literal back pages of Booklist. A column that has been published in the magazine since 1991, The Back Page is filled with humor and occasional defiance of the conventional, delighting readers with anecdotes, stories, quizzes (which are almost impossible to answer without cheating) and a host of insights into what makes books what they are—those wonderful and magical sources of great thoughts. Readers will enjoy essays about books and authors, genre fiction, life at Booklist and so much more." (ALA website)



The Coretta Scott King Awards, 1970-2009, 4th Ed.

Editor: Henrietta M. Smith

Publisher: ALA, 2009

Released for the 40th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Award, this volume gathers together African American children's literature with comprehensive coverage of the award winning books, biographical profiles, color plates that give a sense of the story and art, and a subject index for curriculum planning



The Librarian's Book of Quotes

Compiled by: Tatyana Eckstrand

Publisher: ALA, 2009

Nearly three hundred insightful, thought-provoking, and inspiring aphorisms about the library profession. Writers from Shakespeare to Ray Bradbury and librarians from John Cotton Dana to Nancy Pearl are included. Citations are provided to the original source material, and a biographical dictionary provides background on individuals who may not be household names.

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Magic Search: Getting the Best Results from Your Catalog and Beyond

Authors: Rebecca S.,
Kornegay, Heidi E.

Buchanan, & Hildgard B. Morgan

Publisher: ALA, 2009

Explores how to increase the effectiveness of using the Library of Congress Subject Heading (LCSH) subdivisions to produce effective results from your searches. LCSH subdivisions can save time and provide a new level of precision in information retrieval for patrons of the library.

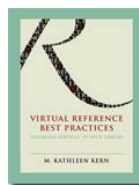


Sequels, 4th Edition: An Annotated Guide to Novels in Series

Authors: Janet G. &
Jonathan F. Husband

Publisher: ALA, 2009

Sequels, greatly expanded series listings,. Mysteries continue to be a mainstay, with fantasy, science fiction, and romance listings, plus non-genre fiction selections from authors such as Edward Abbey and Lawrence Durrell. This classic reference includes hundreds of annotated series, title and subject indexes, and suggestions for reading order. Library professionals will find: guidance on the chronology of a series, and easy-to-use tools to identify novels by character, setting, and author (includes series from 1989 – 2007)



Virtual Reference Best Practices: Tailoring Services to Your Library

Author: M. Kathleen Kern

Publisher: ALA, 2009

Outlines the tools and decision-making processes that will help you and your library evaluate, tailor, and launch virtual reference services that are a perfect fit for your community and your library. Moving from general guidelines to making concrete decisions about integrating virtual with traditional reference.

Communication Coordinator Committee Meetings

8:00-3:00, Training Lab

September 21, 2009

November 24, 2009

January 25, 2010

March 12, 2010

May 20, 2010

Advisory Council Meetings

1:00-3:00, Training Lab

October 6, 2009

November 24, 2009

January 25, 2010

March 30, 2010

May 20, 2010

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"Dreams on the Oregon Trail"
Meet Author **Barbara Linsley** for a Book Signing
at the New Hartford
Barnes and Noble Books
Saturday afternoon, October 3.
Beginning at 1:00
Winner of the:

**2009 WILLA Literary
Award Winners**

Honoring books
published in 2008



Awarded annually for outstanding literature featuring women's stories set in the West, the WILLA Literary Awards are chosen by a distinguished panel of twenty-one professional librarians.



Children's/Young Adult Fiction & Nonfiction
WINNER: *Dreams on the Oregon Trail*, by Barbara Linsley (Whitehall Publishing)

2009 WILLA Literary Award Winner

Congratulations to Barbara Linsley, author of *Dreams on the Oregon Trail*. Barbara presented her book at the March 2009 Communication Coordinator Committee meeting. She has won a WILLA Literary Award for her story, which chronicles life on the westward trail.

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