Welcome to the 2013-2014 School Year

NEW STAFF

Kim Hubbard, Library Media Specialist

Kim Hubbard received her Master of Science, Library Information Science with School Media Specialization degree from Syracuse University. She previously worked for the Utica City School District where she collaborated with teachers to integrate 21st Century information technology and literacy instruction into the current and new Common Core Curriculum. During her tenure at Utica, Hubbard oversaw a Literacy Through School Libraries federal grant.

Hubbard will be teaching in the Sauquoit Middle School Library and the Waterville Junior/Senior High School Library. She will also be providing professional development on the integration of instructional technologies into the classroom.

Hubbard considers the library the “learning hub” of the school and makes the library a welcoming environment where the school community can come together to seek, learn and share ideas and information.

I hope you are reinvigorated and ready to face the challenges and the pleasures of a new year. The Instructional Support Services staff has had a very busy summer. We held many trainings in all three areas and worked on numerous improvement projects. The School Library System staff has been working throughout the summer to try to stay abreast of the changes that will be impacting educators throughout our state. We continue to work on the ELA and Common Core challenges. Media Services worked on improving sheet music cataloging, putting content in our new app, and rearranging the warehouse area. Science Center staff has continued to modify and improve the kits, integrated a new barcoding system, developed enhanced kit content, and processed kits for the upcoming school year. Please call on us to share the information we have and to address your questions and concerns. If we do not have the answers to your questions at our fingertips we will use those fingertips to dig in and find the answers! As always, our mission is to support you and your districts. I hope you will enjoy our E-Newsletter. I am very proud to say that our E-Newsletter was submitted to last year’s National School Public Relations Association’s (NSPRA) competition and received an Award of Excellence, the highest level of achievement. Congratulations to the team in School Communications and thank you for your hard work. We have two apps that will be rolled out this school year. One will support our Media Services program, and the other is the SEARCH for Success app, which will give you even easier access to your databases. Look for those very soon. As much as things change in the world of education, there are some things that are constant and can be depended on every year. Please know that your team in the Science Center, School Library System, and Media Services is part of what you can depend on for support, training and access to the best resources available. We look forward to another year with you, and all the excitement, challenges and fun that the 2013-2014 year will bring.

Pat Shelly
Supervisor, Instructional Support Services

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NOW AVAILABLE

CORE Resources are now available to borrow to all districts in Oneida and Herkimer County through our SNAP Catalog!

Sign in to SNAP
> Go to Advance Search
> Select CORE and it will bring up more than 150 of their resources available to you.

Community of Resources and Expertise (CORE™) provides students safer and healthier school environments through the implementation of proven school- and community-based programs and services focused on:

- Safe school environments and violence prevention activities
- Alcohol and other drug prevention activities
- Student behavioral, social and emotional supports
- Mental health services
- Early childhood social and emotional learning programs

My BrainPOP

Introducing My BrainPOP {The Feature You’ve Been Waiting For!}

It’s here! Just in time for back-to-school, we’re gearing up for the much-anticipated launch of My BrainPOP, which enables you and your students to keep track of learning. As a teacher, you’ll be able to set up "classes" create custom quizzes with the Mixer, correct students’ quizzes, comment on activities, and much more. Students will be able to see a history of the movies they’ve watched and activities they’ve tackled. Additionally, a selection of GameUp titles will offer a "snapshot" tool so players can capture and reflect on key points. My BrainPOP is free for 24/7 school-wide subscribers. Stay tuned for further details.

For an introduction to My BrainPOP, we recommend our upcoming, free My BrainPOP Webinars Log on live or check them out afterwards in our archives.

Media Services Forms

Want us to purchase a new book, audio book or piece of music or even request a SNAP account? It’s easy! Just go to the link, below fill out the form and submit.

Did You Use Something You Liked Last Year? Re-Book!

Go to our SNAP Catalog and login. Select My Account and then My Past Orders. Your past orders will automatically load and you will then be able to select the items you would like to borrow again. Select Add to Cart with Next Available Date or Add to Cart with Same Date. Go to My Cart and click Submit My Order. You may also edit the dates if you like and then complete the booking process as usual.
**TIMELY TOPICS**

Magic School Bus from Scholastic Audiobooks!
The summer reading (or listening) list can continue! “Take a ride on the Magic School Bus” with new stories from Scholastic Audio’s Magic School Bus series. Learn360’s addition of 27 audiobooks from Scholastic Audio includes another favorite series, *Clifford the Big Red Dog*.

**NOTABLE NEWS**

*New School Year—New Content*

Everyone likes back-to-school shopping, and Learn360 is no different. But instead of clothes and notebooks, we’re shopping for the best content! We’ve recently added great new videos from some of our top producers. We highlighted some of these new producers at the end of last school year, but with the beach still lingering in the minds of so many, we thought a reminder wouldn’t hurt...

- **Films for the Humanities & Sciences (166 titles)** - True to its name, you’ll find great social studies and science content for your high school students.
- **Cambridge Educational (238 titles)** - Created for high school students and covering all the core subjects.
- **Meridian (190 titles)** - Also a high school-centric producer, covering topics such as Business Ethics and Teen Substance Abuse.
- **Skywriter Media & Entertainment Group (193 titles)** - Introducing "The Raccoons" and "Kidsworld Sports," two series made for your younger students at the elementary and middle school levels.
- **TMW* (27 titles)** - New math and science content for high schoolers!
- **VEA* (24 titles)** - Series such as "Changing the Code" (about DNA) and "From Crime Scene to Courtroom" are sure to keep students awake and on the edge of their seats!
- **Shopware (8 titles)** - Vocational titles on subjects such as carpentry and electrical work.

**FEATURED TITLES**

1. *Cells: The Building Blocks of Life* from Cambridge Educational
2. *Continents and Oceans of Our World* from Academic Media Network
3. *Ergonomics and Design* from Distribution Access Inc.
4. *Franklin - Franklin Goes to School* from Nelvana
5. *Get Organized! Managing School, Life, and Fun* from Cambridge Educational
6. *John F. Kennedy* from Worldwide Academics
7. *Science Lab Safety* from Cambridge Educational
8. *The Iceman Cometh* from A&E Television Networks
9. *When Ireland Starved* from National Geographic
10. *Global Resources: Management and Competition* from Films for the Humanities & Sciences

Need the 2013-14 Courier Route Schedule? CLICK HERE
Special welcome to all of the new staff in the libraries! If you have questions about anything library-related, please give us a call. If a phone call is not enough, we will be glad to send an SLS staff member to your library to help get you off to a good start. Communication Coordinator Committee and SLS Advisory Council meetings are now listed in My Learning Plan. If you are a member of either of these groups, please register on MLP for upcoming meetings. This will give us an accurate count for the meetings, and will make it easier to receive professional development credit for attendance.

Training: contact the SLS office if you would like training on products or services in your district. We will send a trainer to your site to work with library staff, teachers and/or administrators. Fall and winter classes offered at our building are now posted on My Learning Plan and on our website. But do remember, that we will come to you if that is the best way to reach your staff.

Cooperative Collection Development units are worth $618 each in purchasing this year. If your district has requested CCD units, please send your orders anytime. The budget year started on July 1, and we started placing orders during the summer months. If you find that you would like more CCD units, have your business manager send an email with the request to Mary McCormick. For districts that sustained losses due to flooding, or schools that have done a particularly heavy weeding of the collection, increasing CCD participation may be especially useful.

Meeting dates for the SLS Advisory Council and the Communication Coordinators Committee C3 are:

**Advisory Council**
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- Wed, Oct. 9, 2013
- Tues, Dec. 17, 2013
- Thurs, Feb. 27, 2014
- Fri, April 4, 2014
- Fri, May 23, 2014

*(lunch with C3 meeting directly after)*

**Communication Coordinators Committee C3**
8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- Tues, Sept. 24, 2013
- Thurs, Nov. 21, 2013
- Wed, Jan. 22, 2014
- Fri, March 28, 2014
- Fri, May 23, 2014

*(a.m. only - lunch with council)*

TeachingBooks.net has some great new features this year. There are lots of new materials, plus: Celebrating as the Caldecott Medal turns 75, qualitative text complexity measurements, and QR codes for instant access to their materials. You can print flyers and shelf cards from links on the side of the resource pages which include QR codes. The QR codes are great for BYOD programs and will connect teachers and patrons directly to the online resources. Give it a try!

NoodleTools

*Just a reminder:* SLS will be paying for NoodleTools this year. NoodleTools is a research platform for grades 4-12, this provides accurate citation tools, paperless note-taking and outlining, document archiving/annotation, student team collaboration, student/teacher feedback loop, Google Docs integration, and more. Trainings were held last spring, and during the summer, and schools that are using the program are very enthusiastic. If you are interested in more training, contact Mary McCormick and we will schedule training sessions. Districts that do not use it will be discontinued for the 2014-2015 school year.

TumbleBookCloud

TumbleBookCloud is the big brother/big sister to TumbleBook Library, and it is now available in the Virtual Reference Library. Like TumbleBook Library, TumbleBookCloud is an online collection of ebooks and read-along chapter books, graphic novels, educational videos, and audio books. TumbleBookCloud features content for middle schools and high schools. All books are available with unlimited access, all the time, from any device with an internet connection. There is a link to this product in all middle school & high school SEARCH for Success accounts.

OverDrive

The Oneida/Herkimer SLS eLibrary is powered by OverDrive, and supplies audio and eBooks for all grades – fiction and nonfiction. This is the same platform used by MidYork Library System. The eBook Committee has decided to stay with OverDrive for one more year and really focus on increasing use. If you need help setting up accounts or training on how to use this eBook Service contact Mary McCormick. There will be a OverDrive/NoodleTools Training for Librarians on Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Award Winning Books

2013 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal & 2013 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults

BOMB by Steven Sheinkin
The Race to Build -and Steal- the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon

In Darkness by Nick Lake
2013 Michael L. Printz Award

This Is Not My Hat
Illustrated & Written by Jon Klassen
2013 Randolph Caldecott Medal

Hand in Hand
Ten Black Men Who Changed America
by Andrea Davis
2013 Coretta Scott King Awards
2013 Author Award Winner

I, Too, Am America
Illustrated by Bryan Collier

The One and Only Ivan
by Katherine Applegate
2013 John Newbery Medal

Seraphina
Written by Rachel Hartman
2013 William C. Morris Award

Award Winning Books

2013 Coretta Scott King Awards
2013 Author Award Winner
WELCOME BACK

The OHM BOCES Science Center team welcomes you back to the 2013-2014 school year. We hope that all have a great year and we appreciate being part of your district’s curriculum.

PACKAGING

We will continue using the lesson in a bag model and host our curriculum online through our OHM BOCES Science Center BrainHoney site.

> To access the content, start here: OHM BOCES Science Center Website

> Then click the Science Center BrainHoney Homepage link

If you are missing a bag, please contact the Science Center and we will send it right out via the courier.

MULTIPLE SECTION DELIVERY

Utilized in cases where a single teacher teaches multiple sections of a kit title, this model will include one full kit with all accessories and a “multiple section” kit that includes the required consumables for the additional sections. Should you need any additional bags OR accessories, please do not hesitate to be in contact with the OHM BOCES Science Center and we will gladly send you the needed bags or accessories. This feedback will allow us to continue to improve our kit resource offerings.

NEW DELIVERY SCHEDULE

We have shifted dates for delivery from a five-day schedule to a four-day schedule in hopes that we can better accommodate holidays and snow days. This will be a trial and we will be in contact if the delivery dates shift back to the traditional model.

The new delivery/pickup days for our schools are:

**Tuesday**
- Utica CSD
- Whitesboro CSD (Deerfield and Marcy)

**Wednesday**
- New York Mills
- Whitesboro (Harts Hill, Westmoreland Road)
- Westmoreland CSD
- Clinton CSD
- Waterville CSD
- Mt. Markham CSD
- Sauquoit CSD

**Thursday**
- Frankfort-Schuyler CSD
- Central Valley CSD
- Herkimer CSD
- Dolgeville CSD
- Poland CSD
- Remsen CSD
- Holland Patent CSD

**Friday**
- Whitesboro CSD (Parkway Middle)
- Oriskany CSD
- Rome CSD
- Camden CSD

**Media Courier:** Owen D. Young, Brookfield CSD, Herkimer BOCES
NEW BAR CODED DELIVERY

The OHM BOCES Science Center has upgraded its shipping protocol for scanned shipment and delivery of all kits and accessories. Our couriers will spend less time in schools chasing kits down from classroom teachers. We ask for your cooperation in having your kit ready for pickup when due. We encourage kit usage and should you need an extension to complete the experiments for your students, please be in contact via email or phone with the OHM BOCES Science Center to arrange the extension. We will always work to grant extensions as long as the kits are not committed to be repacked and shipped to another district with a short turnaround time.

NEW ORDER BOOK SETS THROUGH SNAP

You will notice that the book sets are not included in the kit. They now will be housed through the OHM BOCES SNAP server. The move was made to increase the flexibility for teachers to receive the books when they most likely use them. Further, in addition to the book sets, we are continuing to add multiple copies of many of the titles so that teachers can order class sets or small group sets of a single book title for a targeted period of time.

All of the information on the book sets and multiple copy books, including a tutorial video on how to access, is included in your BrainHoney site under the folder titled, “Order Multiple Books.”

NEW KIT DEVELOPMENT

This summer we worked with teams of teachers to develop a new Life Science K-8 content sequence that found crossing points among the NYS Common Core ELA and Math curriculums, the Next Generation Science Standards, and the current NYS Elementary and Intermediate Standards. The goals for development remain to provide greater opportunity for STEM based, inquiry rich, and transdisciplinary project based learning. This model will enable our kit users to accomplish multiple content area standards with each lesson in hopes of diminishing the common concern of time allocation. These new kits are in the development stage and as the fall continues, we will solicit teachers to field test the new kits. Please consider being part of the team willing to test this new material. More information will follow.

We will be sending a new kindergarten kit out titled **THE FIVE SENSES.** This is a twist on the traditional senses kit, and will include more activities that directly align with the Common Core Module without changing the integrity of the kit standards for those that are not adopting the Modules. The activities give a greater opportunity to participate in hands-on activities for all five senses. We know this kit will continue to improve, but felt it important to assist in the challenge of meeting important hands on curriculum integration for newly adopted content.
FALL TRAININGS FOR NEW TEACHERS, GRADE TRANSFERS, AND EXPERIENCED TEACHERS ALIKE

We are committed to supporting our teacher training program. Each grade will have a full day training this year with the goal of increasing teacher's comfort with the content, as well as accessing the content and books through our online access model. A significant portion of the training will be used to complete the hands-on activities from the kits and to expose our participants to the OHM BOCES Science Center Framework of Inquiry and an Engineering Design Challenge. The Inquiry Model breaks the scientific method into grade level appropriate chunks. The examples used will provide teachers greater ability to adopt inquiry into more of their lessons.

Training dates began in September. Click the following link to check out our training schedule and sign up through My Learning Plan.

CLICK HERE to link to the Science Center Training Schedule

Additional training: This also can be facilitated through multiple models. The Science Center staff has hosted building level trainings, grade level trainings, and faculty meeting update sessions both at OHM Science Center and at the home district or school. Please know that we are interested in working with you on assisting with the integration of science content in your classroom. We will work on a model that best suits your needs.

Greater Mohawk Valley STEM Hub

A formal announcement regarding the Greater Mohawk Valley STEM Hub was made on September 13, and we are pleased to announce that the OHM BOCES Science Center is a member of this five BOCES region consortium committed to finding greater professional connections among the varied resources in our greater Mohawk Valley region with the goal of preparing our next generation of learners. One of the stated goals for the GMVSH is “extend trans-disciplinary inquiry and project-based STEM instruction to elementary and middle school grade levels.” We look forward to the collaboration as we continue to work to improve our offering.