Leatherstocking Conference and Technology Showcase

November 19, 2015, marks the 30th year that the O/H School Library System has co-sponsored the Leatherstocking Conference. Each year national level keynote speakers have been brought to the Central New York region for this outstanding event. Special Featured Speakers, local presenters, and vendors from across the country and Canada round out a full day of professional development for librarians and teachers. It is a conference to be proud of hosting.

This year’s Keynote Speaker is Shannon McClintock Miller, School Librarian, Tech Education Specialist, Technologist, Education Consultant, and member of many library-related boards. She will be speaking about educators leading the change they want to see in their schools. Shannon believes that educators can empower others to use communication, creativity, social media, collaboration and connections to make a difference. In the keynote, Shannon McClintock Miller will focus on what one needs to do to create and foster changes that are happening within the library and education.

There will be two Featured Speakers this year: Stephen Abram and Starr LaTronica. Stephen is a renowned library trend watcher and innovator and author of “Stephen’s Lighthouse” blog and is the author of hundreds of articles, book chapters and ALA Editions’ bestselling “Out Front with Stephen Abram”. Starr is the Youth Services/Outreach Manager for the Four County Library System in Vestal, NY. She has served on the ALA Caldecott Committee, and as Chair of the ALA Newbery Committee. She also served as judge for last year’s National Book Award in the Young People’s Literature category.

Local presenters are educators from districts in both the Oneida/Herkimer BOCES SLS and the Madison-Oneida BOCES SLS. They will be highlighting collaboration projects, technology in schools, and much more.

Register for the conference in MyLearningPlan. Cost to attend the conference is $65 and includes lunch. The conference will be held on November 19 at Vernon Downs Hotel in Vernon, NY.

CLICK HERE to register in MyLearningPlan
MUST HAVE UPDATED LISTS

Librarians PLEASE return your updated staff lists. Colleen Huddleston has sent you lists of the staff from your buildings as an email attachment. It is imperative that we get the corrected lists back. We use your corrected lists for updating the Snap catalog. Our records are only as accurate as what you send us. Some have not sent the list back in years. Others do it promptly. An accurate catalog keeps people’s frustration levels down, so please help us keep your staff happy!

BILLS FOR LOST MATERIALS BEING SENT OUT

Last chance to send in lost Media Services items from 2013-14! In order to give people as much time as possible to return items, we send bills out a year AFTER the items are lost. We are now processing bills for lost/damaged items (books and sheet music) from the 2013-2014 school year and will be sending them to your districts. Once the bills are issued we do not take the items back because we cannot reverse the billing process. So encourage your teachers/students to look for those missing items and send them back in the courier ASAP.

432 New Titles for High Schools Through CVOD in Snap

Classroom Video on Demand, a streaming media product for high schools, works steadily to increase the number of titles in their library. In June they added 432 new titles that teachers and students can access through their BOCES Snap account.

Here’s a sampling of those new videos. Click Here to log into your Snap account to view them yourselves.

- Top 5 Weather Myths Debunked
- Science of Beer Brewing
- Robots: The Real History of Science Fiction
- Our Amazing Brain
- Everyday Illusions
- Muscle Memory
- How to Get into Drama School: Part 1
- This Day In History: April 6, 1862 – Battle of Shiloh Begins (large collection of “This Day In History” series
- Dumb It Up
We received word this week that International Telecommunications Services will be going out of business. We have purchased Teen Kids News from them since 2009. They will continue to air the show through the end of this school year, but it will no longer be available after that.

A great product for student research The World Almanac for Kids is now part of elementary and middle school teachers’ Snap accounts. It’s very important that you get this news out to your teachers because the Kid’s Almanac is no longer available in print format. Students can have accounts in Snap, so if teachers want their students to use it directly from Snap send us your student lists with graduation dates and we will enter them into the program. If you have questions, contact Theresa VanHatten tvanhatten@oendia-boces.org or Colleen Huddleston chuddleston@oneida-boces.org for assistance.

Learn360 has added more than 1,500 new titles from 20 new producers to enhance our already robust and impressive media library. You’ll find producers such as Jim Henson Productions, Smithsonian, BBC, Visual Learning, Common Sense Media, JoyUs Productions, First Run Features, and many others that will help to bring the world into your classrooms and learning environments!

**Highlights of their newly added content**

- **BBC** Hundreds of new titles
- **Common Sense Media** 60 programs on digital literacy
- **The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss** Jim Henson Company
- **Art with Joy series** JoyUs Productions
- **Ask Smithsonian series** Smithsonian
- **Visual Learning** 400+ core science programs spanning all grade levels—many available in Spanish, too!
- **Excluded** Revealing Media Group
- **4th and Goal** First Run Features
Virtual Resource Library

The Virtual Reference Library is morphing into a broader collection so we have adapted the name to reflect those changes. It is now called the Virtual Resource Library which allows us to include eBooks that aren’t just for reference work. The world of digital resources is expanding so rapidly that we need to be in a position to embrace any form those resources take that will be of use to students and teachers as they progress through their school’s curriculum. Check with your school librarian to learn how to access these resources at home or at school.

The Virtual Resource Library (VRL) Includes the Following:

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School Library Advocacy Website Launched

Check out this new website created by Deb Levitov (former editor of School Library Monthly), Christie Kaaland (Professor Antioch University Seattle), and Debra Kachel (Adjunct at Antioch University Seattle). The blog begins with a post on “Making Sense of the Reauthorization of ESEA and its Impact on School Library Programs”.

Two New Features in Tumblebooks

This Fall, Tumblebooks is introducing two new TumbleBook features to help patrons find the books they want. “If You Liked This Book, You Might Also Enjoy” - will be an exciting new feature added to the website. When patrons choose a book, they will see some suggestions of other similar books they might like. Also, the new search box will show a brand new “Help Me Find a Book” feature - for both teachers and for students.
New Titles for 2015-2016 in our Gale Virtual Reference Library

Each year, a committee of librarians selects new titles to be included in our Gale Virtual Reference Library. We started this co-ser in 2009 and have added titles for the past six years so that we now have a very robust collection. The subject areas covered by the books include: Art, Biography, Environment, General Reference, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Multicultural Studies, Nation and World, Religion, Science, Social Science, and Technology. Each subject area has a variety of titles.

This year the new titles selected for incorporation in our GVRL were:

1. Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Essential Reference Guide
2. Climate Change: An Encyclopedia of Science and History
3. Contemporary Authors – 5 volumes
4. Encyclopedia of World Biography 2013 and 2014 Supplement
5. Idiot’s Guides: Psychology
8. Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations
9. Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States
10. Middle Ages Reference Library
11. Novels for Students – 5 new volumes
12. Poetry for Students – 6 more volumes
14. The Middle Ages
16. Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life

Coding Initiatives Gaining Strength in Schools and School Libraries

THE HOUR OF CODE IS COMING, DECEMBER 7–13, 2015!

Everywhere you turn you see information on the importance of coding for our students. I have recently attended state and international level conferences on libraries and technology and coding was a hot topic at all of them. Coding will be a big part of our students’ futures and we need to prepare them to be active members in this learning initiative. The O/H SLS will be sponsoring a region wide Hour of Code in December as part of the Global Hour of Code. Plans and projects for this regional initiative in school libraries will be discussed at the November Communication Coordinator Committee meetings. If you wish to be a part of the planning group send an email to Patricia Skelly at pskelly@oneida-boces.org.

There is also a state wide coding presence. A New York “Code4Lib” group has already been established as a result of the I2NY Summit 2015.
New York Heritage and DPLA – Digitized Primary Sources

**New York Heritage** is a web portal for educators, historians, genealogists, students, and researchers who are interested in learning more about the people, places, and institutions of New York state. The site provides free access to more than 170 distinct digital collections, totaling hundreds of thousands of items. Items in New York Heritage are also added to the Digital Public Library of America via the Empire State Digital Network, DPLA’s hub for New York state. **DPLA** is a discovery tool that provides access to digital content held by the nation’s archives, libraries, museums, and other cultural heritage institutions. In this webinar, you will learn about New York Heritage and DPLA, how cultural organizations digitize their collections and make them available in New York Heritage and DPLA, and how to use both sites to access digitized historical content.

**Exhibitions include:**

- Building the First Transcontinental Railroad
- America during the 1918 Influenza Pandemic
- Women with Wings: American Aviatrixes
- From Colonialism to Tourism: Maps in American Culture
- Tom in Two: Mapping the American Civil War
- The Golden Age of Radio in the US
- Staking Claims: The Gold Rush in Nineteenth-Century America
- The Show Must Go On! American Theater in the Great Depression
- Leaving Europe: A new life in America
- Boston Sports Temples
- History of Survivance: Upper Midwest 19th-Century Native American Narratives
- America’s Great Depression and Roosevelt’s New Deal
- Indomitable Spirits: Prohibition in the United States
- Activism in the US
- This Land Is Your Land: Parks and Public Spaces
- Bread and Roses Strike of 1912: Two Months in Lawrence, Massachusetts, that Changed Labor History

**Not Just an App Anymore**

Get organized and use social media to stay on top of information and topics that pique your interest.

A year or so ago, Pat Skelly sent librarians a link to Flipboard. At that time, you had to have a mobile device to use it. This past year, the company made the website connect with your mobile device app or work as a stand-alone. So it is easier to access for everyone. If you were one of the librarians who couldn’t act on the email at the time and haven’t started following the “Library World: All Things Library” magazine that Pat created on Flipboard then now’s the time to get on board! Flipboard is an app (on web or mobile devices) that allows you to collect articles, websites, etc., on a specific topic into a “magazine.” You can set up as many magazines as you like in your own account and you can follow people who have set up magazines with content you are interested in reading (that’s the getting organized part). You can be a follower of someone else’s magazine (that’s the social media part) or, in certain instances, be a contributor. If you did not create the magazine yourself, you have to be invited by the creator of the magazine to be a contributor.
This September the OHM BOCES Science Center shipped seven new science kit titles spanning grades K-5 to area schools. Recently, Mrs. Jackie Corleto’s 1st grade class at Sauquoit Valley Elementary School got a chance to engage in some hands-on exploration of energy and its different forms as part of the first grade Light, Sound, and Communication Next Generation Science Kit.

This represents the first phase of the OHM BOCES Science Center’s undertaking to update our program to address Next Generation Science Standards, and to better support our teachers and students to engage in meaningful, hands on science in the elementary classroom.

For more information please contact the science center

sciencecenter@oneida-boces.org