



Minutes – September 21, 2020 Communication Coordinators Meeting

Michelle Babbie	Kristen Gagnon	Lauren MacDonald	Anne Reilly
Matthew Bashant	Vicky Greenman	Deborah Mowers	Susan Scheu
Jim Cichon	Mary Lourdes Heaton	Danielle Novak	Terri Stile
Megan Dellecese	Julie Horwat	Katie Parker	Tanja Tamburino
Tanya Gadziala	Steve Inzer	Carole Rahme	Karen Zaleski

Note: This meeting was held via a Zoom connection, as participants are socially distanced.

I. Updates –

- A.** Gale Databases Single Sign On – the School Library System provided Gale with all of the districts’ Google domains. As a result, students and teachers are now able to access the Gale Databases using their Google sign in.
- B.** NYLA Conference – the NYLA Conference will be held virtually, and Betsy Hartnett and Janice Murray will present the online literacy class. Roma Matott, formerly the librarian at the Tilton School, House of the Good Shepherd, will work with Betsy and Jan on the presentation.
- C.** Book Circulation Survey – Betsy reviewed the results to the book circulation survey for this year. In light of the closures and the ongoing caution about transmission of the COVID 19 virus, districts have adjusted their circulation policies and procedures. All schools are encouraged to segregate returned books for a week upon return, to allow time for any virus that may be present to expire.
- D.** District Policies on Circulation – discussion was held on how districts are managing their internal book circulations. This varies by district, and is subject to revision as the year progresses and the situation evolves. Danielle Novak, West Canada Valley, noted that the elementary school has had one positive case of the virus so far, and she is rethinking the policy on sharing books with other districts.
- E.** Revisions to Librarians’ Schedules – discussion was held on how the remote and hybrid learning models have impacted the schedules of librarians. Also discussed was the impact on the use of the physical space of the libraries, since many districts are utilizing the space for instruction.
- F.** Leatherstocking Conference – this year’s conference will be held remotely. The Conference will be October 28, starting at noon. Jennifer LaGarde, “Library Girl,” will be the keynote speaker.
- G.** Other – Julie Horwat mentioned how much she appreciates the World Almanac Kids resource. Betsy spent a few minutes demonstrating some of the features and functionality of the product.