

Friday, April 13, 2012
Session A 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Books of Note

Linda L McNeil and members of the Tri-State YA Review Committee

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The Tri-State Book Review Committee will present the Books of Note List that they have compiled over the past year. The committee is supported by large numbers of publishers that send books and materials for review and evaluation. Many times these materials are pre-releases, thus giving the committee an advanced notice of pertinent information necessary to the job. Our opinions and reviews will then be shared. Our website is <http://www.tristatereviews.org>

The New World of Summer Reading

Patrick J Higgins Jr., Supervisor of Instructional Services, Caldwell/West Caldwell Public Schools, West Caldwell, NJ

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Summer reading: a laborious chore, or a chance to invigorate ourselves, our students, and our school community? Let's explore the idea that we can make reading "viral" among our students and colleagues through the use of traditional methods and social media.

From Teacher and Librarian to Children's Book Authors: Our Journey. And Yours?

Kay L Winters, Author; Pat Brisson, Author

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Is publishing a children's book your dream? Pat Brisson and Kay Winters will take you on a journey to discover how to select topics, develop character, choose settings, build tension, solve problems, struggle through revision, work with writer's groups, attend conferences and use life experiences, and historical events, as primary sources of inspiration. Together they have published more than 36 books with main stream publishers. Many of their books have won awards, and have been nominated for state reading lists.

Speaking Out: Testimonies, Elevator Speeches, and More

Debra Kachel, Instructor, Mansfield University; Carol W Heinsdorf, Librarian, School District of Philadelphia; Janet S Malloy, Field Experience Supervisor, Drexel University

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Learn to speak effectively to parents, administrators, school board members, and legislators. Get advice on what to say and how to say. Learn how to use “talking points” and create an “elevator speech” - a simple, short message expressing your position in about the time it takes to ride an elevator, about thirty seconds to two minutes. Listen to advice from librarians who have testified to the Philadelphia School Reform Commission and met with legislators and other local business people.

PA Librarians Unite: A Digital Guide for the 21st Century Librarian

Karen Hornberger, Librarian, Palisades School District; Rebecca Kelly, Librarian, Quakertown Community School District; Mary Schwander, Librarian, New Hope-Solebury School District

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Do you feel overwhelmed by all of the Web 2.0 and digital tools available to use in your library? Are you wishing for a “go-to” guide to find out how you can best implement the tools, as well as an opportunity to collaborate, learn and share with other librarians? Bring your laptop or mobile device, your curiosity and your innovation as we explore the tools on the wiki together.

EBooks and Trade Books: A Case Study of Six Year Olds’ Interactions with New and Old Literacy Tools

Dr. Anita N Voelker, Associate Professor, Messiah College; Allysa L Reph, Student, Messiah College

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How do children respond to reading a book on a Nook? During a summer research study, presenters observed children’s behaviors, attitudes, conversations and questions as they engaged with a book on the Nook and the same title in hardcover. Discussion will include a connection between their findings and other research relating to visual literacy practices using IPods in a child centered museum of original illustrations from children’s picture books.

Got Jobs? How to Find and Land the Right Job

Susan M Hefley, Librarian, Moniteau School District

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This session will prepare new and future librarians for their job search, telling you everything you need to know to find and land the perfect job.

Double Session (B and C)

1:30 – 2:30 PM and 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Unlocking Literacy with the iPad

James Harmon, English Teacher/Adjunct Instructor, Euclid City Schools/Baldwin-Wallace College

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Ohio English teacher Jim Harmon found that students in his high school with iPad access in the year leading up to the Ohio Graduation Test had a 6-percent greater chance of passing the test's reading portion than those without, and an 8-percent greater chance of passing the writing portion. Harmon will share his broader findings, lessons learned, the impact on teachers, and provide a brief review of some of his favorite literacy apps. A question and answer period will follow.

Session B 1:30 -2:30 PM

Integrating Puppetry in the Curriculum to Increase Achievement and Creativity

Dr. Sandra M. Reidmiller, Assistant Professor, St. Vincent College

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Present research that indicates the use of puppetry across the curriculum and grade levels to increase student motivation, achievement, and creativity as a best practice in education K-12. Of special note is the success of puppetry as a learning strategy in teaching vocabulary for secondary level students as well as at the lower grades.

The Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Program Best Practices Revisited

Jeannie Bellavance, Retired Librarian, Gwynedd-Mercy Academy and Members of the PA Young Reader's Choice Awards Committee

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Would you like to have a fun and successful PA Young Reader's Choice Awards Program in your library? Would you like to bring fresh, contemporary literature into your school? Please join us in a workshop to share innovative and fresh ideas, tips and best practices. Did your students participate in the PA Young Reader's Choice Awards Program? What worked for you? Bring your ideas and samples to display and share.

Evaluating Your Performance

Dr. Celeste DiCarlo Nalwasky, Assistant Professor, Clarion University; John L Emerick, Retired, Director, School Library Services Division, PDE; Jayne M Downing, Librarian, School District of Philadelphia; Dr. Eloise Long, Professor, Kutztown University; Joyce M Mason, Librarian, Canon-McMillan School District

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All school librarians go through a performance evaluation process. The PSLA Professional Standards Committee offers a document to help in that process, "The PSLA Companion to PDE 428." The information from this session can increase your perceived value in the eyes of the decision makers of your school. New information, ideas, and strategies presented can help you become a more effective school librarian in today's digital and information age.

Selecting E-Readers

Panel of School Librarians

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Discuss the pros and cons of different types of E-Readers. Panelists will discuss why they selected a particular type of E-Reader.

Lib Guides

Sara R Cantor, Librarian, Donegal School District; Karen Hornberger, Librarian, Palisades School District; Mary Schwander Librarian, New Hope-Solebury School District; Allison L Burrell, Librarian, Southern Columbia Area School District

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This LibGuide Meeting is designed for trainers of the Digital Collection Curation workshop and librarians who have been trained in or are using LibGuides, a popular web-based tool used to present collections of traditional and digital resources on the Internet. Participants will share ideas, show the LibGuides they have created, ask questions, and learn how to create various content boxes. Examples of LibGuides will be projected on a screen. Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops.

Library Tools on a Budget

Nicole Line, Librarian, Port Allegany School District

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Learn how to enhance your library resources on a budget! This workshop will demonstrate the value of using free web tools that enhance all aspects of the library media center. There will be a wiki for this workshop. Participants need to bring a laptop or mobile device.

C Session 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Breaking the Barrier for ELL Students: Beginning a Native Language Collection

Dr. Cathi Fuhrman, Library Department Supervisor, Hempfield School District

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The population of our English Language Learners is growing at a rapid rate. Staying true to the Common Beliefs in AASL Standards can be difficult. Research shows that success and proficiency in one language contributes to the success in another language. We need to empower our ELL students by providing them with native language books that are age-appropriate. This workshop offers background justification and practical strategies for beginning a Native Language collection for K-12 students.

Little Leopard School Wide Literacy

Caitlin Kordek, Librarian, Easton School District

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At March Elementary, we have started a variety of school wide programs to promote literacy and the love of reading. Each program provides a different means to expose the students to literature in fun and engaging manner. Some of the programs include the monthly \$2.00 bookstore, mystery readers (teacher, students and guests), reading clubs, and more. The programs will be shared and then there will be time for discussion for implementing in participants' schools.

Caring for Cats: Taming Librarians' Feral Friends, Catalogs

Dr. Carrie Gardner, Assistant Professor, Clarion University; Michael M Widdersheim, MSLS Student, Clarion University

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Who doesn't love cats? Unfortunately, sometimes those warm fuzzy feelings don't transfer to our cat-alogs! Explore the findings from a study of some high school catalogs. Learn how to improve your authority records into meowing excellent shape. Upgrade your "see" and "see also" references until they purr.

Using Talking Books and Braille Services to Enhance Reading in Children with Disabilities

Keri Wilkins, Administrator, Free Library of Philadelphia, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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Program will focus on what services the Pennsylvania Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped have which will help students of all ages and disabilities have full access to reading materials in alternative formats. Demonstration of equipment and discussion of best practices for reaching and enhancing literacy in youth through multi-faceted approach to learning will be addressed.

From Print to Screen: Planning Ideas and Skills for Using Books and Movies in the School Library

Jessica Modrzewski, Instructor, Clarion University and Clarion University Students

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While many books are making the move to the big screen, they are becoming more appealing to our students in the school setting. This program is designed to provide a thorough list of books that have been adapted and transformed into movies and complete ideas, lessons, and/or unit plans to highlight the use of these materials. PA state standards and Standards for 21st Century Learners will be included.

Web 2.0 World

Pam Berger, Educational Technology/Library Consultant and Trainer

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