



Summit on School Libraries in Pennsylvania: A PTA and PSLA Dialog



Saturday, May 22, 2010

8:00 am—2:30 pm

Hilton Scranton Conference Center

100 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA

PTA Mission:

The overall purpose of PTA

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant recourse for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

PTA Vision:

To make every child's potential a reality.

PSLA's Mission:

The mission of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association is to enable every student to effectively pursue information and develop ideas as they construct and share knowledge through independent and class-based explorations in excellent school library programs. Professional development for school librarians will facilitate student learning and ensure access to information for all. Our ultimate goal is to develop competent, confident, and inquisitive learners.

PSLA's Vision:

The Pennsylvania School Librarians Association will:

- Promote inquiry-based learning for students to ethically and effectively navigate evolving information to successfully complete tasks vital to college, career, and life.
- Promote collaboration between school librarians and all other advocates of learning in our schools and communities.
- Promote the application of best practices in school librarianship.
- Promote the highest standards of professional integrity and service.
- Promote information literacy, the love of reading, and the commitment to lifelong learning.

Registration Form



Pennsylvania PTA

every child. one voice.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ PA _____

Phone # (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Librarian School District _____ Act 48 Number _____

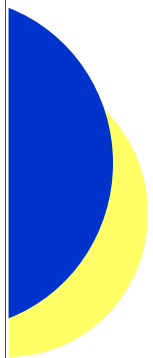
PTA Member Position (if applicable) _____

PTA Unit _____

Registration is Free, but space is limited! Registration will be on a first-come basis. **Deadline: May 13, 2010**
Mail completed form to Deb Kachel, 15 Conestoga Rd., Lancaster, PA 17602 or FAX 717-393-4760

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Tentative Agenda



PSLA will host a **Saturday Summit** with members of Region 16 PTA and PSLA members, on Saturday, **May 22, 2010**, at the **Hilton Scranton Conference Center**.

The purpose of the event is to:

- **Share information** about the status of school libraries, including recent reductions in library services for children across the state,
- **Share with parents** some of the research and characteristics of quality school library programs;
- **Seek parent input** in how school libraries can act as an outreach agent to parents to help with educating students; and
- **Begin a dialog** between our two organizations to focus on improved funding and library services for children and teens.

Books donated by:



8:00 - 8:20 Registration/ Greetings;
Coffee and Danish (Hilton kiosk station)

8:20 – 8:40 Ice Breaker Activity

8:40 – 10:00 PSLA Presentations/Q & A Sessions

Topics to include:

- **The role of the school librarian** (*Standards for the 21st Century Learner*)
- **The research on school libraries** (*Lance, School Libraries Work!* reading research)
- **What does quality look like for school library services? What does a school librarian teach?** (*PA Guidelines*)
- **Status of PA school libraries today** (state-funded projects, staffing, age of collections; inequalities)

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 10:30 Brainstorming

Participants generate a list of main topics (ideas for PSLA & PTA to work together to improve school library programs).

10:30 – noon Breakout Groups

Smaller groups of 5-6 are assigned one of the main topics. Groups create lists of actions that could be implemented.

Noon - 12:45 Lunch buffet

12:45 - 2:00 Idea Sharing

Representative from each group presents ideas from action list.

2:00 - 2:15 Concluding Remarks/ Evaluation

Join the Dialog! Attend The Summit on School Libraries in Pennsylvania!

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Questions? Contact Debra Kachel, PSLA, kachel@bellatlantic.net; or Deborah Dunstone, PA PTA, dunstone@papta.org, 570-489-2399.