

Time to turn over a new leaf

Changes include new leadership; unified name for SLMS profession



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EASTERN NEW YORK SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ENYSLMA Notes

According to the School Librarian Section of NYLA, in keeping with the AASL vote to change the name of our profession from School Library Media Specialists (SLMS) to School Librarian, SLMS will now be known as Section of School Librarians or SSL. According to Fran Roscello, President of SSL, it will be at the discretion of the affiliates to change their names. Although I am in favor of maintaining our organizational name, I certainly welcome a dialogue to consider the proposition. Send me an e-mail or come to the Fall program to discuss this with your fellow school librarians.

ENYSLMA's mission is to advocate for and promote the interests of the school library media specialists in our area so that they can enable their students to become independent learners and avid readers. To accomplish this mission, we assist and encourage our members through an active network of dedicated professionals. We offer mentoring services to new LMS and students pursuing a degree in library school. We actively lobby for increased support of school library media programs and school library systems. We offer three programs annually that range from best practices, national issues or trends and author speakers. When I reflect on this statement, I realize how much technology has advanced in the last 67 years since SSL was formed and how librarians in every arena have adapted their programs, and more notably played a key role assisting and perhaps accelerating that movement. It is both overwhelming and gratifying. I am so proud to be a school librarian, and I am

optimistic enough to believe the title "librarian" has evolved from being associated with strictly print and microfilm to include myriad digital media of the 21st Century. In addition, I am proud to be part of a professional organization charged with such an honorable mission. To maintain our professional stature, however, optimism is not enough. Networking with other school librarians is absolutely essential for boosting our moral and honing our craft, but now more than ever we need to magnify the perception of our purpose "to enable students to become independent learners and avid readers." We do this by supporting our teacher colleagues and working cooperatively to design curriculum. We also collaborate with our IT departments, PTAs, administrators and provide students with the best inquiry based lessons and tools we can find. In addition to these critical endeavors, we need to share the ideas and lessons we have crafted with each other and our teacher colleagues. As ENYSLMA members, we need to continue pursuing professional development opportunities to explore new media, gain self-confidence as vehicles of information delivery and network with fellow school librarians.

Join us Saturday, October 22, for our first 2011-2012 program, featuring a dual workshop on booktalks. See the enclosed registration form for more details.

-Kali Nagler, ENYSLMA
President, 2011-2013

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NYLA's Legislative report



The following is a recap of NYLA's Budget and Legislative priorities that were successful:

- Article VII Supplemental System Aid was made Permanent. Library Materials Aid was not merged with Software and Textbook Aid, and allows these two categorical aids to be used to purchase Library Materials.
- The Legislature restored \$3 million in Library Aid, which brings library funding to \$79 million. So far, three of the Library Legislative Priorities have passed both houses of the Legislature, but have not yet been signed by the Governor.
- Of interest to SLMS is the Bill (S.5244 McDonald/A6839 Nolan) that would require the State Library to be open at least five days a week, but gives the Board of Regents flexibility on which days to be open.
- Another Bill that passed in the Assembly (S4174 Oppenheimer/A6239 Bing) would require school districts to disseminate informa-

tional materials and applications for library cards to their students if they are provided by their local library. For an update on all of the Legislative Priorities and their status, check the NYLA Home page.

- The New York Library Political Action Committee now has a page on Facebook – check it out. They will be issuing a report card in the Fall on the voting records of the legislature. Please be aware if your legislator voted in favor of Library Aid restoration and if they voted for our Library Priorities. If they did not, contact them to ask them why not. If they supported libraries, thank them. It is very important to support the PAC so they can then support our library supporters in the Legislature.

- Jill Leinung

SSL conferences slated for 2011-2012

SSL (formerly SLMS) has changed their name to conform with the change made by AASL. We are now the *Section of School Librarians*.

One of the events coming up for SSL is the NYLA 2011 Conference – *Libraries Rock*. It will be held in Saratoga Springs November 2 - 5th. The Commissioner of Education and State Education Officials will be featured in some of the workshops, plus a workshop on Public and School Library cooperation.

The SSL Conference will be held in Binghamton this year - *Expand your Influence at the Confluence*. It will be held May 3 - 5th, 2012. Featured

guests include Keynote speaker Joyce Valenza, Knickerbocker Award winner; Emily Arnold McCully (Caldecott Award winner); and luncheon speaker David Wiesner (Caldecott Award winner). SSL has kept the cost at last year's rate of \$200 for the conference.

Finally, check your membership status and please join SSL/NYLA. If you are currently out of work, your membership is more important than ever as the connections your membership brings can be helpful in finding employment. If you have a job, SSL/NYLA advocates for you in order for school librarians to keep their jobs.

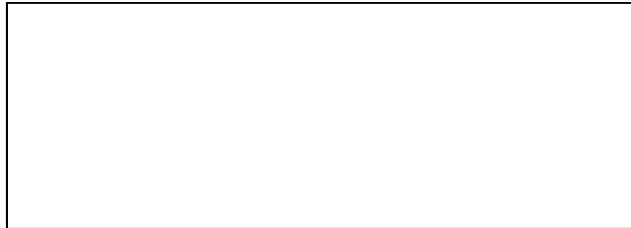
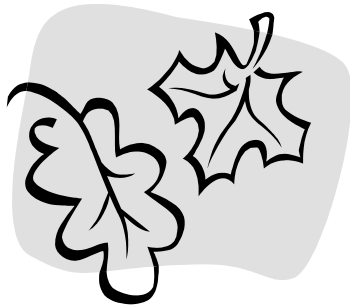
- Jill Leinung

CALLING ALL RETIREES

ENYSLMA has several retired members. Many of them have been active in ENYSLMA throughout their career and now that they are retired, may be interested in maintaining the friendships and working relationships they have had through the years. They may be interested in mentoring opportunities or speaking at a workshop. If you are a retired member of ENYSLMA and would like to be active in our organization, contact Terri Moran at temlibrary@aol.com

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**Check it Out
Calendar of Events**



ENYSLMA:

- Fall program - October 22nd - flyer enclosed!

Capital Region BOCES:

- ***NoodleTools Training*** - a general overview, including both teacher and student interfaces, will be covered. October 4th, 4-6 p.m. at Bethlehem Middle School. Register for training on My Learning Plan.

4th Annual Capital Region Inquiry Forum:

- "Inquiry Ignites the Common Core" - October 28th, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at HVCC Bulmer Auditorium. Keynote Stephen Danna, WSWHE BOCES RTTT Network Team Facilitator. Register on My Learning Plan. For more information, go to www.questar.org/library.