

1:30-2:30 PM: Concurrent Session III

Transform Your School Library into a Learning Commons

Valerie Diggs, Library Teacher, Director of Libraries K-12, Chelmsford Public Schools
What is a Learning Commons? How do you change a school library into a Learning Commons? Why should I want to change the name and image of my school library? Benefits of a Learning Commons will be discussed, including benefits to learners and to the school community. Flexibility and creativity are key components of the Learning Commons. Valerie will also discuss the concept of empowerment of both the learner and teacher. It's not about large expenditures of money or massive renovations, but a change in how space is used.

What's Hot in Graphic Novels

Robin Brenner, Brookline Public Library
<http://www.noflyingnotights.com>
Join local graphic novel and manga enthusiast (and librarian) Robin Brenner for a look at what's hot in graphic novels this year. Discover the elements that make the format unique, where to find information, and how to select and maintain a collection. Receive a core titles list of both old and new titles. Learn how to use graphic novels to investigate different kinds of literacy (visual, textual, combinations), inspire critical thinking about literature, and encourage student creativity. Robin is the editor of "No Flying No Tights" graphic novel review website, and has written for *Library Journal*, *School Library Journal*, *Good Comics for Kids*, and the *Graphic Novel Reporter*. She was a 2007 Will Eisner Award judge, a 2008 Eisner Award nominee for *Understanding Manga and Anime*, and is the 2008 Chair for Great Graphic Novels for Teens.

Drawing Out Your Inner Illustrator

Ralph Masiello, Author and Illustrator
<http://www.ickybugman.com>
Are you one of those people who says, "Gee, I wish I could draw"? Ralph Masiello, illustrator of *The Flag We Love* and *The Icky Bug Alphabet*, has been visiting schools since 1987 and has drawn with tens of thousands of students and teachers all across the nation. He believes anyone can draw, whether it is for fun or for a living and has created a series of books based on what he has done with school children and teachers. *The Bug Drawing Book*, *The Dragon Drawing Book*, *The Ancient Egypt Drawing Book*, and *The Ocean Drawing Book* will inspire and delight even the most reluctant illustrators. Come have fun and plenty of laughs while learning more about Ralph, his art, his life and his upcoming books. Enjoy the slide show, drawing demonstration, and door prizes!

Making the Connection – Grade 3, Massachusetts Social Studies Frameworks, Literature, Research and a Fixed Schedule – Making it all Work!

Anne-Marie Ross
Plymouth Elementary School
This session will focus on how we can enhance and support the 3rd grade Social Studies Frameworks through literature and research skills using a fixed schedule.

Find Your Students' Voice with VoiceThread!

Laurie Belanger,
Freetown Lakeville Middle School
We will look at a web tool that allows students to learn, collaborate with others and the world, and incorporates many types of media. VoiceThread is free to use and needs no software or downloads. Start doing fun book talks, and book rants. Create class discussions on images, documents, videos that will entice the reluctant learners. This is a tool in your professional arsenal for the visual, artistic, and auditory learner.

3:00-4:00PM: Concurrent Session IV

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: New Teen Books Fall 2009 Edition

Maureen Ambrosino, CMRLS;
Sarah Sogigian, Metrowest, Boston Regions
They're back, with the semi-annual list of what's good, bad, and just plain ugly in new YA Lit. (You may get to hear about some titles before they're even on sale.) This session will present fun and interesting books that will be appreciated by readers in your libraries. For a sneak peek at what Maureen and Sarah are reading, visit Goodreads.com

Programming from the Massachusetts Center for the Book

Sharon Shaloo, Executive Director
<http://www.massbook.org/>
Learn about the many programs that the Massachusetts Center for the Book sponsors:
*Letters About Literature, a national reading and writing promotion
*Massachusetts Book Awards and the new Recommended Readings list
*Literary Map of Massachusetts
*Literary Landmarking
*Read This Book! early reading program
*National Day of Writing, Oct. 20, 2009

My Favorite Tools

Laura Beals D'Elia, Fay School
Using technology and Web 2.0 tools is a great way to engage students, deliver instruction, and enhance your library web site. These tools aid in teaching 21st century skills, make a library web site more interactive and promote the library. View the animated video, "The Library Gadget 3000" and a lineup of Laura's favorite tools: screencasting, blogs, VoiceThread, GoAnimate and embeddable code. Laura will show how she uses these tools and share where to find more web 2.0 resources.

Storytelling: Giving Your Students Another Way to Succeed

Doris Smith, Storyteller, Retired Library Teacher
This workshop will focus on techniques and resources for storytelling in your library. Learn methods that can be used to engage students in the art of storytelling. Doris Smith has been a storyteller for over thirty years telling in many venues from schools and hospitals to playgrounds. She has taught storytelling to adults and children. One is never too old for a good story.

Fun with Research: Helping Students Master 21st Century Information Skills

Donna Guerin and Patricia Carbone
Students can become successful researchers if librarians and teachers work together and model what real researchers do to answer questions and solve problems. Come, relax and share what works! The focus is on incorporating a user-friendly research model across the curriculum, identifying the skills young students and even teachers need to become problem solvers and effective and efficient users, producers and presenters of information. During a hands-on session, the presenters model the successful strategies they use to integrate a research model and teach questioning, searching, note taking, citing, organizing and presenting skills.

Greetings from

AASL President-Elect, Nancy Everhart

Thank you for inviting me to participate in your exciting and informative conference.



The theme, "MSLA, Now More than Ever" with the ideas of *Economy, Excitement and Education* manifests AASL's current priorities and takes a proactive stance in helping school library media professionals deal with what is happening with today's economy.

I congratulate the conference committee and the MSLA officers on your outstanding array of speakers and authors who have agreed to share their views and experiences in creating and sustaining successful school library media programs. And, kudos on going green! I look forward to meeting all of you and enjoying the conference.

Please approach me and tell me your ideas for my upcoming Presidential term in 2010-2011. My theme is *Vision!*

Join Nancy in her session, "*Visualizing the School Library*"
11:15 AM-12:15 PM, Concurrent Session II on Monday