

MONDAY, October 5

8:30-9:30 AM: Concurrent Session I

What it Means to be Literate in the Digital Age

Carol Gordon, Professor, Rutgers
Co-Director of Center for International
Scholarship in School Libraries (CISSL)

What does it mean to be literate in the Digital Age? Literacy is the ability to understand, interpret, create and communicate all forms of information. This presentation examines traditional literacy as it relates to print and electronic text. As students encounter unmediated text in virtual environments, how can school librarians help them develop strategies that enhance their reading comprehension? How do these strategies relate to the Guided Inquiry? Literacy is explored with regard to self-directed learning and its relationship to critical thinking and problem-solving.



The Real Deal: Regional Library Systems

Regional Library System
Administrators & Youth Service
Consultants:

Michael Colford, Carolyn Noah,
Sunny Vandermark, Greg Pronevitz,
Cindy Roach, John Ramsay

Find out what the regional library systems offer. Want to hear how you can use the regional services to enhance the product that you offer to your administrators, faculty and students? Do you have ideas on how the regions could help you? This session will focus on regional services and how they impact what you offer to your schools. The Regional Administrators and Youth Service Consultants bring diverse and strong backgrounds to their positions.



Media Literacy in 21st Century School Libraries: Enabling New Teaching Practices & Learning Outcomes for the Information Age

Paul Milhailidis, Assistant Professor of
Media Studies, Hofstra Univ. and
Valerie Diggs, Department Head of
Libraries, Chelmsford Public Schools

In a world where students are bombarded with media messages on a daily basis, how they are taught to think about these messages is increasingly vital. It is not only important for students to have the skills to critically examine information, but also to make the connections between media and their lives on a daily basis. And how can school libraries help them gain a healthy skepticism of media? This session will provide Library Teachers with the opportunity to actively evaluate a selection from a variety of media sources. Media Literacy will be defined in the context of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. The presenters will lead an active exploration of media literacy outcomes through nuanced analysis of a variety of media messages. Participants will help in the creation of their own definition of media literacy as well as take strategies and curriculum-related ideas learned in this workshop to back to their school libraries.

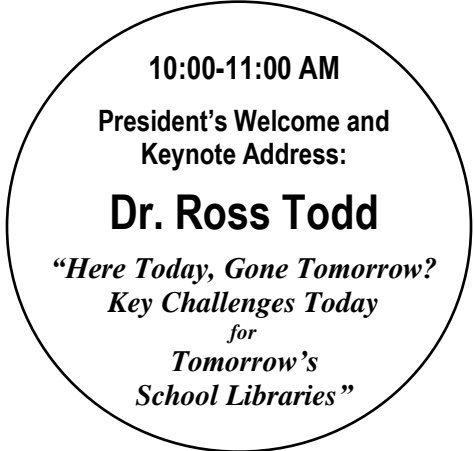


Creating & Managing your Online Identity

Beth Gallaway,
Library Consultant/Trainer

What kinds of information are risky to reveal online? How does one separate a professional online identity from the personal? What is an avatar, and how do you create one? In this session, participants will discuss identity and how they represent themselves online, review some important safety tips, and preview selected web applications. Discover sites for avatar creation, easy tech programs, community building, and more.

Beth Gallaway was named a Library Journal Mover & Shaker in 2006 for her work in advocating for videogames in libraries. Her book *Game On!* is published by Neal-Schuman (2009).



Be a Book Bug ...Read!

David Biedrzycki
<http://www.davidbiedrzycki.com>

Acclaimed author and illustrator of *Ace Lacewing*, America's favorite Bug Detective, is on a mission to inspire kids to: "Be A Book Bug...Read, Write and Illustrate." David's travels take him to schools all over the world, during which time he loves picking the brains of school librarians and discussing book ideas and concepts. NOW MORE THAN EVER, David feels school librarians are an integral part of school curriculum and have their hands on the pulse of children's literature. David illustrates entirely on computer and demonstrates how his idea seeds begin with computer sketches. Attendees will have the option to consult on a current book that David is working on.

11:15-12:15AM:Concurrent Session II

You Can't Do That; It's Illegal!: Copyright for School Librarians

Sarah Sogigian, Trainer/Consultant,
Regional Library Systems

"...it's legal in a school." Are you sure?
Copyright laws are confusing! Join Sarah
Sogigian for an easy to understand and
implement look at copyright and its
importance in school libraries.

What's New in Children's Books

Pat Keogh
Lecturer, Children's Literature

This session will look at fiction and
nonfiction books of the 2009 publishing
seasons that librarians might consider for
purchase.

Web 2.0 Made Easy (Even a 2nd Grader can use it!)

Katie Cerasale-Messina, Library
Teacher, Whelan Elementary, Revere

This session is geared towards
elementary school librarians who have
limited experience with Web 2.0
technology and those who are looking for
new ideas to bring back to their classes
and to adapt for their own lessons. We
will take a look at various Web 2.0
applications and how they can be used in
an elementary school library or
classroom. Librarians will see how using
blogs, wikis, social bookmarking,
podcasting, and open source web sites
can make their jobs a little easier and
their lessons more engaging to our
techno-generation. The presenter will
model how to use at least two of these
applications and attendees will leave with
several ideas on how to use Web 2.0
applications in their libraries right away.



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Become an Advocate for Your Library: MSLA Advocacy Wiki

Judi Paradis, Plympton Elem/Waltham
Patricia Fontes, Nashoba Regional HS
<http://mslaplanning.pbworks.com/>
*The MSLA Advocacy Wiki is an important
resource library teachers can use to
advocate for their library programs to
parent groups, administrators, principals,
school boards, local legislators, and
teachers. What material is gathered
there? How it is updated? How can you
use the materials? Judi and Pat have been
co-chairs of the MSLA Advocacy-
Legislative Committee through May 2009.*

The Science of Reader's Theater

Melissa Stewart, Author
<http://www.melissa-stewart.com>
Picture books can easily be adapted
into Readers Theater scripts that children
will love practicing and performing. This
session explains how to choose science
books that are perfect for RT and how to
create scripts that teach meaningful
science lessons and build fluency at the
same time. Melissa Stewart is the award
winning author of more than 100 science
books for children. Her newest picture
book, *Under the Snow*, is a Junior Library
Guild Selection for Fall 2009. Melissa holds
degrees in biology and science journalism.

AASL, Working for You

Nancy Everhart, AASL President-Elect
The theme for Nancy's upcoming term is
"Vision"; she will explain her ideas for the
future of our profession and listen to your
thoughts. As AASL President, Nancy
wants to get the nation focused on what
21st-century school libraries staffed with
certified school library media specialist
leaders can do for student learning.
Towards that goal, she is driving her RV
cross country, visiting outstanding
public/private programs in all 50 states.

12:30-1:30PM: Concurrent Session III

Transform Your School Library into a Learning Commons

Valerie Diggs, Director Libraries K-12,
Chelmsford Public Schools

What does it take to transform a school
library into a Learning Commons? Who
are the key players, and just how is this
done? What is a Learning Commons?
Why should I want to change the name
and image of my school library? How do I
accomplish this change? Do I have to give
up control of my space to those I share it
with? Benefits of a Learning Commons
will be discussed, including benefits to
learners first and to the school
community as a whole. Flexibility and
creativity are key components of the
Learning Commons. This session will also
discuss the concept of empowerment: of
both the learner and teacher. Are you
ready for change that will have an effect
on the entire school community? We are
not talking about large expenditures of
money or massive renovations, but a
change in how space is used.

What's Hot in Graphic Novels

Robin Brenner, Teen Librarian,
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 Brenner is the editor in
chief of "No Flying No Tights", the graphic
novel review website, and has written
reviews and features 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 her book,
Understanding Manga and Anime, and is
the Chair of Great Graphic Novels for
Teens in 2008.

Drawing Out Your Inner Illustrator

Ralph Masiello, Author Illustrator
<http://www.ickybugman.com>

Are you one of those people who says, "Gee, I wish I could draw"? Do you feel self-conscious when you draw in front of your students? Do you say, "All I can draw is stick-people"? Well, then this is your lucky day! Children's book illustrator, Ralph Masiello (*The Flag We Love, 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. Through the years he has seen the struggles of frustrated and intimidated "illustrators". 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. Ralph Masiello's *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. By following simple steps, using simple lines and shapes, anyone can be an artist! Come have fun and plenty of laughs while learning more about Ralph, his art, his life, his upcoming books, *Mystic Phyles* and the *Robot Drawing Book*. Let Ralph inspire your inner illustrator! Paper and pencils will be provided. 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 Elem.

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.



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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

Fun with Research: Strategies that Work

Donna Guerin and Patricia Carbone

Come, have fun and answer the question, what do real researchers do? The focus is on the skills young students and teachers need to become effective and efficient users, producers and presenters of information. The presenters model the successful strategies they use to teach questioning, searching, note taking, citing, organizing and presenting skills.

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 new Recommended Readings list
- *Literary Map of Massachusetts
- *Literary Landmarking
- *Read This Book! early reading program
- *National Day of Writing, Oct. 20, 2009

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

Maureen Ambrosino, CMRLS; Sarah Sogigian, Metrowest and 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. Want a sneak peek as to what Maureen and Sarah are reading? Join us on Goodreads.com!



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. I have found a handful of tools that I enjoy using for teaching 21st century skills, making my library web site more interactive and promoting the library. My latest projects include the animated videos "How to Take Good Notes" and "The Library Gadget 3000." Let me show you all of my favorite tools, including blogs, Jing, VoiceThread, and GoAnimate.

Storytelling: Giving Your Students Another Way to Succeed

Doris Smith, Storyteller
Retired Library Teacher

This workshop will focus on techniques and resources for using storytelling in your library. Participants will 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 to children. No one is ever too old for a good story.