AASL Fall Forum

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AASL expands reach of Fall Forum with Satellite Site Attendance Options

Registration is open for the American Association of School Librarians’ (AASL) Fall Forum. “Transliteracy and the School Library Program” will be held Oct. 12-13, 2012, in Greenville, S.C. New this year, those unable to join AASL in South Carolina can attend the Fall Forum at a satellite site location in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Pennsylvania, North Texas or Bay Area California. More information on registering and programming can be found at www.ala.org/aasl/fallforum .

The AASL Fall Forum is a multi-day national institute held during non-AASL national conference years. A more intimate event, the institute focuses on one topic of importance to the profession. Those attending “Transliteracy and the School Library Program” can expect to take an in-depth look at transliteracy by examining current research and identifying the skills students need to navigate the current information landscape. During breakout sessions, attendees will focus on the different aspects of transliteracy in the school library program, including participatory culture, community engagement, inquiry and advocacy for and relevance of librarians in this ever-changing environment.

After attending Fall Forum, participants can expect to return to their schools with strategies for collaborating with classroom teachers to effectively integrate transmedia skills and participative online tools into the subject-area curriculum. They will also be able to create opportunities for students and classroom teachers to engage in these online environments through the library program.

Expanding the educational reach of the biennial Fall Forum, this year AASL is offering registrants the opportunity to attend via one of four satellite sites. An alternative for those unable to travel to the Greenville location, satellite site attendees can expect their site programming to exactly mirror the programming in Greenville. Attendees will view a live broadcast of the keynote and speakers and interact virtually with the Greenville location and the other satellite sites. During breakout activity time, satellite site attendees will work with others at their location with the help of an onsite facilitator.

“The Fall Forum committee is working to make the interactions and idea-sharing between sites and Greenville as invaluable as the information learned over the two-day event,” said Carl Harvey, AASL president. “Stay tuned for ways to connect on the topic not only during, but before and after the institute.”