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NBSLS Liaison Meeting

Standards for the 21st Century Learner:

Ready! Set! Action!

Gail Dickinson, a member of the committee that created the recently released AASL Standards for the 21st Century Learner, was the keynote speaker for the October 23rd NBSLS Liaison meeting. She explained the new AASL Standards; the philosophy and the structure of the document. The committee's goal was to design a document of standards and indicators of the 21st Century Skills; what students need to be able to know and do. These skills are the key abilities needed for understanding, learning, thinking, and mastering subjects. School librarians want and expect students to become skilled and ethical users of information, only the tools have changed. Common Beliefs were discussed. What is the most important Common Belief for the school librarians? Do the classroom teachers have the same priority? What is the priority for the technology directors? The school librarian can work with the others because their priorities are similar.



The dispositions are the ongoing beliefs and attitudes to guide thinking that can be measured. Students are expected to become independent learners who have the skills to research, investigate and problem solve.

Ms. Dickinson offered several suggestions to enhance the school library program. Since the school library program is focused instructional time encourage teachers to include a detailed note about the curriculum related instruction happening in the school library during the scheduled library time. Keep track of the students learning and share the progress with the parents and teachers. School library projects can be assessed using a rubric, a checklist, a journal, personal interviews, reflection and self assessment.

December 2nd Liaison Meeting

21st Century Skills: Reading

The day begins with Rene McGrath, Children's Services Manager at Nassau County Library System, who will review the 2008 children and young adult titles.

The morning session ends with a review of the presentation on the AASL Standards for the 21st Century Learning from the October Liaison meeting. Dr. Bea Baaden, L.I.U., C.W. Post will demonstrate enhancing a good lesson (or unit) plan to include appropriate 21st Century Skills.

In the afternoon session, small groups will work together to enhance existing lessons with appropriate 21st Century Skills. These lessons will be electronically gathered to be shared with the NBSLS school librarians. Bring a laptop with wireless capability. You will be able to prepare your lesson plan electronically, make notes to Renee's list, check web sites and other links for the lesson plan.

Interlibrary Loan Update

Interlibrary loan is one of the core responsibilities for the School Library System. NBSLS is the source for this service for the schools of Nassau County. Teachers and students contact their school librarian with their request for a specific article or book not found in the school library. The school librarian then contacts Donna Slaski at the NBSLS office to search and find the requested material(s). All members of NBSLS are able to participate in the service at no charge.

Fall is one of the busiest times of the year for interlibrary loan for NBSLS. By the end of October, more than 1000 books and journal articles have been requested for students and teachers in Nassau County. Many of the medical and science articles are for students working on Intel projects. Requests have also been received on topics in the social sciences, politics, history, education, culture, and the arts. Fiction titles have been acquired for several book discussion groups on the elementary and high school levels. To provide better service, the New York State Library is sending requests electronically which has enhanced our delivery of documents.

In addition, NBSLS hosts a collection of over 1000 library professional books and puppets available for interlibrary loan to the member schools. MARC records about these items can be found on the Union Catalog.

Please contact Donna Slaski at dslaski@mail.nasboces.org or 608-6623 for further information about participating in interlibrary loan. Link to the December issue of CIT Response for a list of new titles added to the NBSLS Professional Collection. [CLICK HERE](#)

At the October meeting, student response systems or “clickers” were used to quickly gather data to set questions based on the AASL Standards and the “Common Beliefs” that formed them.

Over the years many districts have purchased this tool; one of the best places to utilize them - is your school library. Demonstrated to the liaisons, was the ease of entering many different types of questions, starting a polling session, and then immediately viewing the results.

What better way to assess the story you have been reading, conjuring up outcomes to a story and having the students pick one to continue on. This

Remember: Prior to each Liaison meeting, please check the website www.nassauboces.org/nsls/ for updated information (*choose Meeting Date on home page*). Included on this page is the agenda, directions, meeting materials, and other items in preparation for the meeting. NBSLS Liaison meetings are professional learning opportunities for all school librarians. Register for the session through My Learning Plan.

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