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December 10, 2009 Liaison Meeting **Web 2.0 Apps to Enhance** **the School Library Program**

The second annual "Tech Treasures", which features school librarians' presenting their best Web sites took place at the Nassau BOCES School Library System Liaison meeting, on December 10, 2009. After a brief overview of School Library System news by Eva Efron, supervisor of SLS, the liaisons were busy scratching on paper and clicking on keyboards to keep up with a presentation by Sheila LaLima on her use of online note taking services Diigo and EverNote. Victor Lee explained how he uses his various web sites with his students. Ann Tracy passed around her many examples of incorporating Wordle into her library program, and showed her PhotoStory example of her award winner presentation.

Smartboards were all the rage with Laurie Matucci-Walsh as she demonstrated some of her lessons. Anne Brusca showed took us on an exciting journey with GoogleLitTrips. Cathe Brown showed how the Jing Project helps her to enhance her OPAC with images in visual search. Arlene Munson led us into the land of comics with BitStrips for Schools and then in the lunch break.

Many stayed in for lunch to engage in the all important colleague networking time that is missed during the school day.

Laurie Burke was our docent into the online Newseum and then filled our brains with more information then we could handle from the Arts and Letters Daily [Aldaily.com] web site.

Deirdre Heiz gave some examples of using the web to convert YouTube videos and then incorporate them into her library program. Teresa Bolz finished off by showing her new found feature in TeachingBooks.net. I found the website under book trailers in the educators' area. The website was <http://www.60secondrecap.com>

The day ended with a chance for breakout sessions to further discuss and hands-on time of Smartboards, along with elementary and secondary web sites.

We once again thank all the participants who took the time to demonstrate the tools that they use in their library. As always, all the Web sites that were mentioned during this, or any past liaison meeting can be found on the Nassau BOCES School Library System site <http://www.nassauboces.org/nsls> under the Liaison meeting date of your choice.

March 9, 2010 Liaison Meeting

The theme for the March Liaison meeting is reading, in all formats. The day begins with Renee McGrath providing the update of titles published during the last year. She will give a brief summary along with the curriculum connections.

Nicholas Glass, founder of TeachingBooks.net, will demonstrate the link to materials to support these titles. Hands-on time with TeachingBooks.net and other breakout sessions will complete the full day.

All school librarians are invited to attend this professional development opportunity focused on the school library. District Liaisons are expected to attend. For more information check the NBSLS website.

LIBRARIANS AT WORK @ DECEMBER 10TH LIAISON MEETING



NEA'S Read Across America

The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its fourteenth year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships and reading resources. NEA's Read Across America Day, NEA's national reading celebration takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books, and you can too! <http://www.nea.org/readacross/>

How cool is this?

Read-Write-Think Monthly Calendar

Read-Write-Think, in partnership with the National Council of Teachers of English and the International Reading Association, produces a monthly calendar with interesting literary and cultural dates. Want to know what happened today in history—check the calendar! <http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/index.asp>

Do you have students who cannot read "normal" print and who cannot hold a book?

Talking Book and Braille Library

The Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL): A major transition is occurring with the Talking Book and Braille Library at the State Library. TBBL has transitioned to a new internal computer operating system for managing the services provided, and has also begun the first distribution of "new" digital machines and the first downloading of online talking books. Thousands of readers (listeners) will be receiving new (much smaller and lighter weight) machines on which to play books and magazines. This important service is available free to anyone who cannot read 'normal' print or who cannot hold a book. It is easy to get signed up. If you know of individuals who would benefit from this great service, visit the TBBL Web pages at: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/contacttb.htm>

U.S. Census Bureau Provides Downloadable Maps *and more*

The U.S. Census Bureau has downloadable maps that are available online for classroom use. Find the maps in the Geography section at: <http://www.census.gov>. Find more resources for your students and teachers at: <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/teachers.html>.

AASL Announce Top 25 Web sites for Teaching and Learning

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) announces a new resource for school library media specialists and their teacher colleagues. The Best Websites for Teaching and Learning, a list honoring the top twenty-five Internet sites for enhancing learning and curriculum development, is considered the "best of the best" by AASL. The Top 25 Web sites for Teaching and Learning were named so because they foster the qualities of innovation, creativity, active participation and collaboration. All sites are free, web-based sites that are user-friendly and encourage a community of learners to explore and discover. They also provide a foundation to support AASL's Standards for the 21st-Century Learner. Valuable information on each site, including tips for effective classroom use are available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/bestlist/bestwebsites.cfm>

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