

OHM BOCES SLS/Media Newsletter

March 2022

What's New/FAQ

2021-2022 CCD Money

Kristen is in the process of sending email reminders with the amount of CCD money you have remaining for this school year. If you would like to use that money for Sora ebooks or audiobooks, let us know and we will tell you what to do. If you need some instructions or quick tips on using Overdrive Marketplace, email Aileen at mediacenter@oneida-boces.org and she will help you out.



Women's History Month - Digital Resources

March is Women's History Month! [Click here](#) to access a list of digital resources on the subject compiled by Heather. We also have a related collection of nonfiction and biographical titles on Sora's Explore page.

2022-2023 Database Orders

As you consider your database orders for next year, check out some in-depth information from the vendors:

- [Trials](#) are available for many products
- [Promotional materials](#) to learn about new products you may be interested in or to share with teachers, for products you already have
- [Training materials](#) are great to share when you want to improve usage on a product, as well as when you add a new one
- [Product logos and buttons](#) for use on your site or for promoting the use of the resources
- [Google SSO](#) setup info for many databases and digital resources

Virtual Resource Library Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 23rd, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The VRL service provides the opportunity for districts to belong to a digital resource library built through the collective purchasing power of all members. This web-based digital collection is selected by a committee of librarians and teachers and is accessible by all students and staff from any computer with internet access. Committee members will help us choose our purchasing for the next school year. **This will be hybrid - your choice of virtual or in-person at 502 Court St, Utica. In-person attendees will be treated to lunch.**

[View all details, preview trials, and give feedback](#) and [Sign Up on MLP](#)

Next SLS Librarians Meetings – Wednesday, April 27

Our next meeting for C3 and all librarians will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is tentatively scheduled to be in-person - we will provide more details once they have been confirmed.

[Register on MLP](#)

OH! Libraries Facebook Group

Join our Facebook group for all Oneida/Herkimer school librarians, to encourage conversation, stay informed of any news and events, or just to keep in touch.

[Join Here](#)

Media Library - SNAP to OPALS Migration Updates

Overdrive Ebook/Audiobook Records Fixed in Media Catalog

The links to Overdrive ebooks and audiobooks in our Media Library catalog have been corrected and should all work properly now, rather than only directing to the excerpt. Going forward, these should be updated with new titles weekly.

Lost Materials Invoices Going Out

Invoices for materials lost from the Media Library during the 2020-2021 school year will be going out to districts soon. Fines for materials lost prior to that time, including those lost during the initial COVID-19 shutdown, have been forgiven as a courtesy.

Going forward, we will be sending three overdue email notices to teachers about a specific title before marking those items as lost, unless an extension is requested. We will include the librarians on the final notice. All lost materials will be invoiced during the summer following the school year they were borrowed.

Multiple Book ILL Requests

If you repeatedly put in any requests for extra copies of a title we have in our Multiple Book Library because we don't own enough for the class size, please let us know at mediacenter@oneida-boces.org so we can order extra copies to accommodate.

Sora / OverDrive Updates and Upcoming Changes

ARPA Audiobooks Added to Collection

With our ARPA Grant funds, we were able to add 375 audiobook titles (506 copies) to our Overdrive/Sora library. These audiobooks match titles in our Multiple Book Library, in order to ensure better accommodation for any students or classes who need matching audio while reading. Several of these titles were extra copies of the most popular Media Library audiobooks, for better class availability.



New Sora Collections

- March is Women's History Month
- Ready, Set, Spring!

Default Loan Length

The default loan length when first signing into Sora appears to be three weeks – users can change this to four weeks by going into the Settings menu (three horizontal lines in the top right corner), scrolling down and clicking on All Settings, then clicking on Lending Periods and changing them to 28 days. This is particularly useful when teachers are using class sets with students but haven't requested that they be assigned, as it will require fewer renewals.

Correction: NYPL Collection - Card Required

It appears as though, in order to borrow books from New York Public Library, you **will** need a digital NYPL card. Anyone age 13+ who lives or works in New York State can [apply for one here](#) – however, because this is several steps and requires you to create an account with personal information, this is probably better suited to teachers rather than students. Apologies for the inaccurate information last month!

Upcoming PD Opportunities

Movie Magic: Using Feature Films in the Classroom

Friday, March 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Virtual

The Feature Films available to OHM BOCES school districts through SWANK's streaming movie service can be a powerful tool to spark dialogue and encourage students to reflect on content. However, because every movie's narrative is impacted by factors not related to the story itself (director's stylistic choices and execution of their vision, period of time in which the film was made, production costs, etc.), effectively selecting and using film within your curriculum requires careful planning and execution. Join presenter Roma Matott to learn best practices for incorporating feature films to meet learning objectives while increasing students' critical thinking and media literacy skills.

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

Book Challenges: Survival Kit Part II

Friday, March 18, 12:30-3 p.m. – Virtual

This session will be primarily geared towards a secondary school librarian audience. In this session, we will dissect what was learned in the Survival Kit Part I, engage in discussion about local book challenges, and practice scenarios to navigate heated discussions.

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

The Gift of Story: Exploring the Affective Side of the Reading Life w/ John Schu

Friday, March 18, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Vernon Downs Hotel

In this presentation of the heart, teacher, librarian, book lover, and story ambassador, John Schu, invites us to consider literacy beyond its academic benefits, highlighting the ways the story speaks to our hearts and brings us together. This presentation will be based on the presenter's forthcoming title for educators, "The Gift of Story" (spring, 2022).

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Mr. Schu's Review of Books for You and Your Readers, Too! (K-6)

Friday, March 18, 12:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Vernon Downs Hotel

Join in a heartfelt and spirited conversation with John Schu as he presents some of the best new books for grades K-6. In typical John fashion, he will share book trailers, websites, activities, and interviews you can easily incorporate into book talks and programs to get everyone in your library hurrying to your bookshelves to find the perfect book.

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Is Rap Poetry? Debate: Resources to Promote Poetry

Tuesday, March 22, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 12-12:30 p.m. – Virtual

For librarians and ELA teachers of grades 8-12. Looking for a unique way to promote poetry with students? In this short half-hour workshop, participants will be introduced to all the resources they need to have students debate the decades old question: Is rap poetry?

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

Blackout Poetry: Resources to Promote Poetry

Tuesday, March 29, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 12-12:30 p.m. – Virtual

For librarians, ELA and Special Education teachers for all grades. Do your students groan at the mention of poetry? Well, turn that frown upside down and join us for a quick poetry activity that is bound to get everyone excited! In this quick, half-hour session, participants will be given all the resources they need to teach students to create poetry by 'blacking out' words on a printed page. This simple, creative method is perfect for all students including those that struggle with writing.

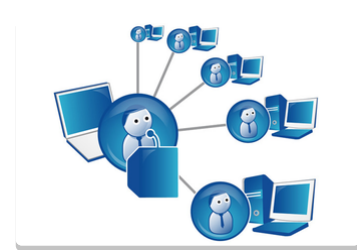
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Other BOCES Professional Development

Understanding Equity: What the Heck'uity is Equity?!

Friday, March 18, 8:30-9:30 a.m. OR 12:30-1:30 p.m. – Virtual

Sign up on MLP: [Session 1](#) | [Session 2](#)



Early Learning: Small Matters!

Friday, March 18, 8:30-9:30 a.m. – Virtual

[Sign up on MLP](#)

Referring Students for Special Education Programs

Friday, March 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m. OR 12:30-1:30 p.m. – Virtual

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Start 'Em Up! The Power of Professional Learning Communities

Friday, March 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Virtual

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Expression Through The Arts

Friday, March 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Virtual

[Sign up on MLP](#)

These Things Are Fun and Fun is Good: Motivating Students with the Power of Badging

Friday, March 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Virtual

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Upcoming Webinars

Cataloging and Processing ABCs

Thursday, March 10, 2:30-4 p.m.

This webinar will teach library staff the basics of cataloging and processing books, such as creating specs on file. We will also discuss importing records (using Follett Destiny) and how to add additional

resources to records to enhance student engagement.

[Sign Up](#)

Summer Reading Resources for Younger Readers with Print Disabilities

Friday, March 11, 12-12:45 p.m.

[New York State Talking Book and Braille Library \(TBBL\)](#), Director, Shawn Lemieux, will provide an overview of services and share updates. Participants will learn how to connect young readers with print disabilities to audio and braille resources and how to access TBBL materials for upcoming Summer Reading programs.

[Sign Up via NY State Library](#)

Media Manipulation: Do You Know It When You See It?

Wednesday, March 16, 2-3 p.m.

In today's 24/7 online world, media is relentlessly pervasive and invasive. Media manipulation is easy and provides income for practitioners. It can create misinformation that can harm and mislead. Learn some basic clues to look for to identify media manipulation.

[Sign Up via LILRC](#)

Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Patrons

Wednesday, March 16, 4-5 p.m.

Learn the latest pronouns, flags, vocabulary and laws within the LGBTQ+ community. Discover free resources to help you in your allyship and inclusive services beyond just PRIDE Month in June. Explore best practices from other industries to support your mission at your site.

[Sign Up via CLRC](#)

NASA Education Resources for Librarians

Wednesday, April 6, 4-5 p.m.

This program will introduce school and public librarians to STEM and STEAM resources from NASA that are good for use in library settings, including NASA JPL Education Office resources, NASA Office of STEM Engagement resources, and in-person and virtual resources/activities.

[Sign Up via LILRC](#)

[View More Events on the Empire State Library Network site](#)

Useful Resources

Book Challenge Survival Kit

From a recent presentation, this is a guide to assembling a customized survival kit for a content challenge at your school library, along with a video of and slides from the presentation, as well as a flyer for the upcoming program, "Collection, Selection, and Objection: A Day of Dialogue Around the Policies, Laws, and Professional Considerations of Supporting a Diverse and Representative Collection."

[Survival Kit Documents](#) | [Session Powerpoint](#) | [Session Video](#) | [Program Flyer](#)



[National Association for Media Literacy Education](#)

The National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE) is a professional association for educators, academics, activists, and students with a passion for advancing media literacy education.

Membership is free. They have an [upcoming virtual conference](#) in July and every fall host a [U.S. Media Literacy Week](#).

2022 Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants

Schools, public libraries and nonprofit organizations that help students who are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas:

- Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs
- Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives
- Purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs

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Under a plan of service approved by the Commissioner of Education, the Oneida/Herkimer School Library System (O/H SLS) serves the school librarians, teachers and students in 22 school districts and three nonpublic schools by promoting and facilitating equitable access to diverse, inclusive, and accurate information through coordinated resource sharing.

By providing professional development, we assist O/H SLS members in adapting to the dynamic nature of digital technologies and developing instruction in digital fluency and information literacy.

The O/H SLS advocates to stakeholders on the positive impact of school librarians and libraries on student learning.

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