OHM BOCES SLS/Media Newsletter

February 2022

What's New/FAQ

Newsletter Archive

You can view and download previous newsletters on <u>our website</u> – if you did not receive December's newsletter, please let us know so we can figure out why.



Next SLS Librarians Meetings - Wednesday, February 16

Our next meeting for C3 and all librarians will be held next Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. via Zoom, with the Council meeting to be held immediately following at 2:30 p.m. You can register on MLP:

C3/All Librarians Meeting | Council Meeting

New Database Online Ordering System

The database ordering sheets are going to look very different this year. We are moving to an online ordering system. This year, we will be printing the carts while also providing you the login links and directions. You will have the option to submit the order either by print or online. We will be providing full directions as well as a preview at the C3 meeting on Feb. 16.

Library Advocacy Day is March 2

This year's Library Advocacy Day will be fully virtual. CLRC is planning to create a "storybook" to send to regional Assemblymembers and Senators, as a way of advocating for funding support in the 2022 NYS budget and by showing the impact libraries have in their communities. You are invited to share about a student who was helped by a service or resource you offer at your library, and the happy outcome: **Story Form**. Deadline is Friday, Feb. 11.

2022 Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants - Coming Soon

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

The 2022 Youth Literacy grant applications will be available in March. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

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.

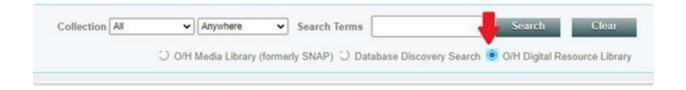
Join Here

Media Library - SNAP to OPALS Migration Updates

A recent SNAP outage due to server issues has shown us that many teachers still do not know about our catalog migration – please be sure to let all faculty know about the new Media Library Catalog. You are welcome to share this <u>generic teacher resource login guide</u> with faculty. This information is especially important to share in case SNAP goes down again and we are unable to get it back up.

While individual students are not yet in the Media Library Catalog, they can log in using the generic student accounts assigned to each school building. All digital resources should also be accessible through the 24/7 SEARCH Databases pages.

To search or browse the digital resources from the Media Library Catalog, you must click on the circular "O/H Digital Resource Library" button beneath the Search Box. At this point, we cannot search all resources (physical and digital) at the same time.



Sora / OverDrive Updates and Upcoming Changes

Overdrive App Being Retired on February 23

As previously mentioned, the OverDrive app will be removed from app stores on Feb. 23, 2022. Current app users can continue to use it, while new users would be directed to the Sora app. The Overdrive website will remain available at this point in time.



Add the New York Public Library Collection

In addition to NY Reads and Mid-York Library, you can also add the New York Public Library to your Sora account without having a card – simply click the Settings menu and then the "Add library" button, then type in "New York Public Library" and click the green "This is my library" button that appears beneath it. This should add their library collection *(based on access level)* to your account without having to log in.

Recent Sora Collections

We recently added the following collections to Sora via the Explore page:

- Big on #BookTok
- Be Mine, Valentine
- Young Love

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- · Play, Make, Do
- · Winter Wonderland
- Hi-Lo Books*
- Everything You Wanted to Know...But Were Too Afraid to Ask

*If you're looking for more Hi-Lo titles, you can also find some (always available) collections on TumbleBooks and TeenBook Cloud.

Popular Subject Tags

In addition to the curated Collections on Sora's Explore page, you can also view collections of titles via the popular subject tags – located beneath the first box on the Explore page, click "Explore all subjects" and then choose one to browse!

Popular Subjects							
3,409	Juvenile Fiction	2,540	Juvenile Literature	1,684	Young Adult Fiction	1,107	Young Adult Literature
1,080	Fantasy	852	Juvenile Nonfiction	798	Humor (Fiction)	768	Comic and Graphic Books
639	Fiction	535	Romance	452	Historical Fiction	407	Classic Literature
370	Mystery	346	Nonfiction	333	Biography & Autobiography	297	History
Explore all subjects >							

Sora Login Error

If someone is having trouble logging into Sora but you're fairly certain they have an account, try logging into the <u>Overdrive version of the site</u>. If this works, you should then be able to log into Sora. We don't know why this happens, but it's a trick that seems to work whenever someone has an account but can't log in. If they can't log into either site, email us with their information and we'll create an account if necessary.

School Stars Contest

School Stars is a global contest aimed to celebrate how schools promote Sora. Librarians can win up to \$2,500 of content credit in one of five entry categories, based on how your school has promoted Sora during the 2021-2022 school year. <u>Learn more here</u>, or <u>enter your school here</u>.

Black History Month Resources

Infobase Free Trial

Our Infobase rep has offered a one-month trial of their African American History database. For details please email mediacenter@oneida-boces.org.



Infobase says: In honor of Black History month and to enhance African American History Studies, Infobase would like to share access to our award-winning African American History Online database for your schools to explore throughout the month of February. Library Journal had this to say about our resource - "...ambitiously aims to explore all aspects of the African American experience, from the past to the present...with impressive results. Even obscure topics ignored by other resources are covered here... makes some insightful connections...an excellent resource...highly recommended..."

Three new Topic Centers are now live in African-American History Online. They include:

- · African-Americans and Politics
- Black Women in American History
- Jim Crow Era

OHM BOCES Resources for Black History Month

Click the link for a Google doc highlighting some of the many digital resources relating to Black history, available in the School Library System, including fantastic ebooks, videos, and a whole channel on Discovery Education and Collection on Sora. The list has just a few examples, but you can link from there to many more!

Swank and Kanopy Videos

Please share this information widely with your teachers:

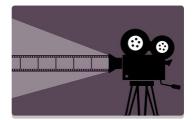
When you want to use a film on Swank:

- Please allow at least a week so we have time to receive your request and get it approved and activated by the Swank rep
- For prompt responses, put in your name and email; otherwise it auto-fills an anonymous no-reply email and the SLS staff have to work with your local librarian to figure out whose request it is
- Be sure to fill in an academic use describing how the film ties in to your lesson; we cannot
 approve the request without this. "N/A" doesn't work, but it can be as simple as "students will
 discuss how emotions in the film relate to their daily life" if you want to tie it to your SEL
 curriculum.
- The note "Additional fees & time may apply" means the item is available for Swank to license but they haven't yet. There's usually a \$150 charge and up to a 4-6 week wait time; if you need something sooner it's safest to choose another title.

Newly Added on Swank

These titles are ready to play, no need to send a request.

- **Divergent** (2014) In a society where the population is segregated by personality, a teenager classified as "divergent" uncovers a plot to kill everyone in her category and races to find out why they are considered so uniquely dangerous.
- Fantasia (1940) Mickey Mouse plays "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" in this Disney classic featuring music by Bach, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and others performed by the Philadelphia Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski's direction.
- Fantasia 2000 (1999) An extrapolation of Disney's 1940 blend of classical music and animation includes "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" from the original and seven new segments accompanied by James Levine and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Hosts for the separate pieces include Steve Martin, Angela Lansbury and Quincy Jones.
- **Haute Cuisine** (2012) A chef becomes the French president's personal cook, and perseveres despite hardships.
- **Invincible** (2006) This true-life football saga centers on Vince Papale, a 30-year-old sandlot player who earned a spot on the 1976 Philadelphia Eagles. In time, Papale becomes a special-teams star and fan favorite.
- Iron Jawed Angels (2004) Historical drama about Alice Paul (Hilary Swank), Lucy Burns and the fight for women's suffrage in the U.S. in the early 1900s. Frances O'Connor. Directed by Katja von Garnier.



- Spare Parts (2015) Undocumented Mexican-American high-school students in Arizona form a
 robotics club, and take on MIT in the National Underwater Robotics Competition with the help of
 a teacher.
- The Imitation Game (2014) Biopic of Alan Turing, the brilliant mathematician and computer scientist who helped the Allies secure victory in World War II by cracking the German Enigma code, and who was later prosecuted as a homosexual by his own government.

Newly Added on Kanopy

- NOVA: Addiction (2018) As the deadliest drug epidemic in US history rages, follow the cuttingedge work of doctors and scientists as they explore how ADDICTION affects the brain, and how we should address our opioid crisis. (PBS)
- Fat: Not the Nutritional Bad Guy (2016) Episode 7 of Changing Body Composition through Diet and Exercise. It's a common—but erroneous—belief that the amount of fat you eat is directly proportional to the amount of fat on your body. To the contrary, the latest research shows why you need to add specific fats to your diet for optimal health and to meet your body composition goals. (The Great Courses)
- Fats (2009) Part of the Series: Elements Of Human Nutrition. We often think of fat as harmful, but it is actually very important to the body. It is equally important to learn the effects of fats on the body in order to maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle. Why is fat so important to a person's diet? Is all fat bad? Discover the importance of lipids to good nutrition, the differences between various kinds of fat, and how fats relate to vitamins, hormones, energy, and our nervous system. (Learning Seed, USA)

Upcoming PD Opportunities

Book Challenge Survival Kit!

When

Wednesday, March 2nd, 3-4pm

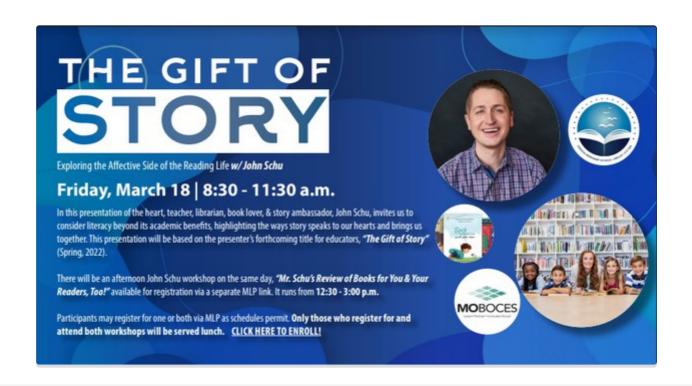
Where

This is an online event.

More information

Join the W-FL BOCES and Oneida/Herkimer School Library Systems, and attorney Stephanie "Cole" Adams, who will share her expertise and legal insights around book challenge policies and protocols in an online webinar for school administrators, librarians, teachers and any other interested educators! Participants will engage in a dialogue of how these facets can be applied to situations occurring in their own districts, and thereby arm themselves to handle collection challenges in the future. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask in-advance questions to attorney Stephanie Cole Adams; a question form will be sent prior to the webinar.

Sign Up on MLP | Learn More



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

When

Friday, March 18th, 8:30-11:30am

Where

4229 Stuhlman Road Vernon, NY

More information

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). There will be an afternoon John Schu workshop on the same day available for registration via a separate MLP link. Participants may register for one or both via MLP as schedules permit. Only those who register for and attend both workshops will be served lunch.

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

When

Friday, March 18th, 12:30-3pm

Where

4229 Stuhlman Road Vernon, NY

More information

Join in a heartfelt and spirited conversation with John Schu, teacher, librarian, book lover, and story ambassador, 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. There will also be a morning Mr. Schu workshop available for registration via a separate MLP link. Participants may register for one or both via MLP as schedules permit. Only those who register for and attend both workshops will be served lunch.

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Upcoming Webinars

Barrier Busting: Designing Truly Accessible Services for Youth

When

Thursday, Feb. 10th, 2-3pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

Twenty percent of the children you serve have a disability. Welcoming them into your library is easier than you think. Learn about the culture of inclusion, the materials that expand access and the tools you need to reach your community.

Sign Up | View more LILRC webinars

New and Upcoming Kids Books

When

Thursday, Feb. 17th, 4:30-5:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

Hundreds of new books are published every month. But who has the time to read so many books? In the form of book talks, teacher/librarian Charlie Kelly will highlight new and upcoming culturally relevant kids books which include picture books, chapter books, novels, graphic novels, poetry, biography, and nonfiction titles.

Sign Up | View more RRLC webinars

Freedom to Read Roundtable

When

Thursday, Feb. 24th, 5-6:15pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

Join the Texas Library Association for a crucial roundtable discussion of censorship and tangible steps to protect the freedom to read. Voices from every aspect of this ongoing and constantly evolving issue will weigh in, using the recent book bannings in Texas and the response from teachers, librarians, and the community at large as an example of a way forward in protecting the first amendment nationwide. The ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom will close out the program and all attendees will receive resources following the event. Free to attend and open to all.

Sign Up | View more Booklist webinars

Cataloging and Processing ABCs

When

Thursday, March 10th, 2:30-4pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

New to cataloging and processing, or looking to brush up your skills? 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

<u>View More Events on the Empire State Library Network site</u>

Recently Added Multiple Book Sets

Here are the Multiple Book titles most recently added to our Media Library, starting with the newest:

Restart, by Gordon Korman

Interest Grade Level: Middle Grade (4-7) | Reading Grade Level: 5.1 |

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When Chase returns to middle school after falling off the roof and losing his memory, he learns that the person he was before the amnesia is not someone he likes.

The Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde

Interest Grade Level: Upper Grade (9+) | Reading Grade Level: 7.7 | Lexile: 920 | **30 copies**Dorian Gray, a remarkably handsome young man, meets Lord Henry Wotton and is corrupted into a life of terrible evil that is reflected only in his portrait.

Willodeen, by Katherine Applegate

Interest Grade Level: Middle Grade (3-6) | Reading Grade Level: 4.2 | Lexile: 610 | **40 copies** When the annual migration of hummingbears, a source of local pride and income, dwindles and no one knows why, Willodeen, armed with a magical birthday gift, speaks up for the animals she loves and vows to uncover this mystery.

Ban This Book, by Alan Gratz

Interest Grade Level: Middle Grade (4-7) | Reading Grade Level: 4.5 | Lexile: 690 | **40 copies**A fourth grader fights back when From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L.
Konigsburg is challenged by a well-meaning parent and taken off the shelves of her school library.
Amy Anne is shy and soft-spoken, but don't mess with her when it comes to her favorite book in the whole world.

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You, adapted by Jason Reynolds from Ibram X. Kendi Interest Grade Level: Middle Grade Plus (9-12) | Reading Grade Level: 7.4 | Lexile: 1000 | 30 copies
This adaptation of Ibram X. Kendi's "Stamped From the Beginning" explores the history of racist ideas in America by examining the lives of notable historical figures, from Cotton Mather and Thomas Jefferson to W.E.B. Du Bois and Angela Davis. Discusses how racist ideas spread and how they are also discredited.

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club, by Phillip M. Hoose Interest Grade Level: Middle Grade Plus (6-9) | Reading Grade Level: 7.1 | Lexile: 970 | 30 copies
Tells the story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion during World War II.

Refugee, by Alan Gratz

Interest Grade Level: Middle Grade (5-8) | Reading Grade Level: 5.3 | Lexile: 800 | **50 copies**Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany;
Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

Hillbilly Elegy, by J.D. Vance

Interest Grade Level: 9+ | Reading Grade Level: 9.0 | 30 copies

Shares the story of the author's family and upbringing, describing how they moved from poverty to an upwardly mobile clan that included the author, a Yale Law School graduate, while navigating the demands of middle class life and the collective demons of the past.

It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime - Stories from a South African Childhood (Adapted for Young Readers), by Trevor Noah

Interest Grade Level: Middle Grade (5-9) | Reading Grade Level: 5.6 | Lexile: 780 | 29 copies

The host of "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" traces his wild coming of age during the twilight of apartheid in South Africa and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed, offering insight into the farcical aspects of the political and social systems of today's world.

Ghost Boys, by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Interest Grade Level: Middle Grade (5-9) | Reading Grade Level: 3.0 | Lexile: HL360 | **30 copies** After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.

A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School, by Carlotta Walls LaNier

Interest Grade Level: 9+ | Reading Grade Level: 5.0 | Lexile: 1040 | **30 copies**Memoir of the author's experience as one of the "Little Rock Nine," a group of black students who volunteered to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Fresh Ink: An Anthology, ed. Lamar Giles

Interest Grade Level: Upper Grade (7-12) | Reading Grade Level: 4.7 | Lexile: HL700 | **30 copies**An anthology featuring award-winning diverse authors about diverse characters. Short stories, a graphic novel, and a one-act play explore such topics as gentrification, acceptance, untimely death, coming out, and poverty, and range in genre from contemporary realistic fiction to adventure and romance.

Dear Martin, by Nic Stone

Interest Grade Level: Upper Grade (9-12) | Reading Grade Level: 4.8 | Lexile: HL720 | **30 copies**Following a wrongful arrest as a result of racial profiling, Justyce McAllister starts a journal to the late
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to work through his thoughts on contemporary American race relations.

Long Way Down, by Jason Reynolds

Interest Grade Level: Upper Grade (7-12) | Reading Grade Level: 4.3 | Lexile: HL720 | **47 copies**As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Useful Resources

Newsbank: Research Rocket Graphic Organizers

Newsbank: Research Rocket has a "Teacher Worksite" section with lesson plans, but the Graphic Organizer section doesn't work well with our SEARCH portal, despite a lot of effort by both the Newsbank and OPALS tech teams. The good news is, Newsbank has provided those



Graphic Organizers in PDF form. They're now in the Librarians Supporting Librarians drive under Digital Resources.

Project Lit Community

"Project Lit is a national grassroots literacy movement, a network of teachers and students who are committed to ending book deserts by increasing access to relevant and inclusive books, as well as promoting a love of reading in schools and communities. What originally started as a book drive has morphed into a monthly book club for students, teachers and community members, and has spread like wildfire so that students and teachers can come together in a culture of shared reading." Student-

led and student-driven, chapters across the world have compiled a fantastic list of must-read books. For more information, check out this short <u>podcast</u> hosted by EndBooksDeserts.com.

The organization is seeking Project LIT Chapter Leaders to lead students to become literacy activists. The format is very open and should be tailored to the needs of your students and community. If you are interested in becoming a Project Lit Chapter Leader, just complete a <u>Project Lit Chapter Leader Application</u>. You can also <u>view their must-read titles and Chapter Leader guidelines here</u>.

Book Café 2.0: Crowdsourcing Great Books

O²CM BOCES is holding a Book Café, seeking "to discover new books that should be added to our libraries from all levels." Librarians can sign up and choose 2 books to review via a personal blog each month for a few months. At the conclusion, there will be an optional in-person meeting to share the books via short book talks. There are two signups: one for working on the books (virtual only via a blog) and a second for the reveal to share all of the books (in person at O²CM BOCES).

<u>Project Look Sharp - Library/Information Literacy Lessons</u>

In response to feedback from librarians, Project Look Sharp has added a new subject area: Library/Information Literacy to their collection of over 500 free media decoding lessons. This includes 106 lessons that use rich media documents – from books to blogs, paintings to Pinterest – to teach information literacy and habits of critical questioning. In the coming months, they will be announcing new librarian-inspired elements to their website, new information literacy lessons and new PD resources. Stay tuned and please pass on the word to librarian and classroom teacher colleagues.

CNY Innovation Challenge

The CNY Innovation Challenge aims to spark ideas for developing unique products or services and to foster entrepreneurship. Students have creative solutions that can be marketable products, and this challenge was designed to do just that! This is a pitch competition (like Shark Tank!) in teams of 2-4, led by an adult mentor to win cash prizes. Open to all students in grades 6-12 in CNY. Competition will be at the Syracuse Maker Faire – SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College on Saturday, April 2. Email questions to elangan@macny.org.

Arab American National Museum

The AANM is the first and only museum in the United States devoted to documenting and sharing Arab American contributions that shaped the economic, political and cultural landscapes of American life. The Museum also brings to light the shared experiences of immigrants and ethnic groups, paying tribute to the diversity of our nation. A great resource for Arab American Heritage Month in April, this museum offers workshops, lessons, virtual tours, English-Arabic storytimes and much more. For more information, watch this short introductory video, The Arab American National Museum: Our Storyteller or check out their YouTube channel. For more information on Arab Americans, read Insight Into Diversity's article: National Arab American Heritage Month.

New York State Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework and Policy Statement

The New York State Board of Regents launched an initiative to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in schools across New York State. As the first steps in the initiative, the Board released a policy statement and a draft framework and call to action for all schools in New York State to develop policies that advance diversity, equity and inclusion as a priority in their schools.

2022 ALA Award Winners

View this year's major book award winners for the Newbery Medal, Caldecott Medal, Coretta Scott King Book Award, Printz Award, and more.

2022 NYLA-SSL Conference

Registration is now open for NYLA 2022, which will take place Thursday, May 19th to Saturday, May 21 at Turning Stone Conference & Event Center in Verona, NY. The theme will be "Reboot, Refresh, Reimagine."

NYLA-SSL Updates for January 2022

View the latest newsletter from the New York Library Association - Section for School Librarians

SLSA Statement on Intellectual Freedom



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Oneida/Herkimer School Library System & OHM BOCES Media Services





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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