

# OHM BOCES SLS/Media Newsletter

## May 2021



### What's New / FAQ



### Welcome, Kristen Holt!

Welcome to Kristen Holt, the newest employee of the OHM BOCES Media/SLS Department, whose first day was Monday, May 3. Kristen is the SLS program assistant and comes to us from Utica College. She has already wowed us with her knowledge and skills and she fits right in like she has been here forever. We are so very happy she decided to join our team. She can be reached by email at [kholt@oneida-boces.org](mailto:kholt@oneida-boces.org) or by phone at 315-793-8505.

### Are You Retiring This Year?

Please let Betsy Hartnett know at [ehartnett@oneida-boces.org](mailto:ehartnett@oneida-boces.org) if you or any of your library staff are retiring at the end of this school year.

### SWANK Movie Streaming Update

SWANK Motion Pictures is our teacher-only portal for locating full-length films to show your students. You can then send students the link directly to the film, or play it for your class.

We had a couple of requests recently for titles that are visible on the SWANK site and which can be requested, but which are not currently available to show. SWANK owns the rights to a huge number of films, but they don't have digital content on-hand for everything. To obtain or convert it would cost a large additional fee and four to six weeks of lead time.

If you find a film in this category that you feel is worth putting in the extra fee for, let us know and we'll arrange the billing to your district. The ones we've seen so far are in the \$150 range but we can find out an exact amount before you decide.

How to tell the difference? Look for the "Additional fees & time may apply" flag under the Request button:



If you don't see that note, the film is already in SWANK's digital collection and all you need to do is submit your request with an educational purpose for showing the film; for example, "Students will compare and contrast the film and book version," or "Students will be watching [title] to make connections to their own life experience of going through hard times. This will support the social emotional learning standards and curriculum."

(Please note, the film request form defaults to "[School Name] Teacher" as the name, unless you enter your name and email address. Please put in your info (or alert teachers in your district they should do so). That way when your request is approved, we can let you know promptly!)

### **Final Librarian Meetings and Supporters Recognition**

Our last library meeting of the year is on June 3 at 2 p.m. We will be recognizing the hard work that you have been doing throughout the year. We are hoping to have nominations for supportive administrators, teachers, support staff and, of course, librarians. Nominations can be [submitted here](#) and are due by May 27. Our last librarian council meeting is at 1 p.m. on the same day, immediately prior to the librarian meeting and recognition ceremony. Register on MLP for the [librarian meeting/recognition ceremony](#) and the [council meeting](#).

### **EILL/ILL/Union Catalog Information**

- This summer, the Cider catalog will be cleaned up. This will include getting rid of all of the ILL's prior to June of 2019. Please make sure you have completed any work or reporting you need with these EILL and ILL books- it is time to think about getting the books back to the owning libraries.
- May 21 is the cutoff date to borrow from libraries in the JLL and MO regions.

### **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](#)

### **Overdue OHM BOCES Media Library Materials**

Thank you so much to everyone who has worked hard to get BOCES materials returned after school closures and extended remote teaching! We've definitely seen a large number of items returned recently, with many schools having reopened.

Please continue to encourage teachers and students to return any overdue materials, whether from this school year or the shutdown last year. Overdue notices will be emailed to teachers detailing missing materials, and any items overdue from 2020 or before that are not returned by June 2021 will be billed to the school.

Please have teachers email [mediacenter@oneida-boces.org](mailto:mediacenter@oneida-boces.org) to request extensions for any materials still being used.

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## Weeded Media Library Books and DVDs Up for Grabs

Over the past couple weeks, we've weeded some unused titles from the Media Library's DVD collection and single copy book collection. Many of the weeded videos can still be found through our digital resources.

You are welcome to request anything we've weeded. [View the list of titles here](#) -- anything highlighted in red has already been claimed. Email your requests to [mediacenter@oneida-boces.org](mailto:mediacenter@oneida-boces.org) and we'll send them to you via courier.

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## Virtual PD Opportunities

### **Tell Your Library's Story in a New Way: Using Infographics as a Marketing Tool**

*Wednesday, May 26, 3:00 p.m. - 120 mins.*

Are you bored with the current look of your library reports? Do you want an eye-catching format to present your data? Look no further! Reimagine your statistics as you apply the elements of design and recreate your reports as infographics. In this session, you will learn all the tips and tricks you need to easily create a dynamic report and advocate for your library program.

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

### **School Library System Council Meeting**

*Thursday, June 3, 1:00 p.m. - 60 mins.*

Last Library System Council meeting of the 2020/2021 school year. We will meet to introduce the new School Library System staff and discuss progress on the plan of service, the summer PD, and the budget.

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### **Librarian Meeting and Supporters Recognition**

*Thursday, June 3, 2:00 p.m. - 90 mins.*

This will be the last meeting for librarians for the 2020/2021 school year. We will introduce new staff, discuss summer PD options and recognize those who have made the library program successful over the past year.

Nominations for library supporters can be [submitted here](#) and are due by May 27.

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### **Stating the School Library's Mission and Vision: A Guiding Document Writing Workshop**

*Tuesday, June 8, 3:00 p.m. - 120 mins*

Got a vision? Need a mission? Not sure what's the difference? Join us for a hands-on writing workshop in which you will learn how to develop and write professional mission and vision statements for your school library program. Required by NYSED, these statements will guide the development of succinct school library policies that will take your program to the next level. Learn how to use school library mission and vision statements to advocate for students and the needs of your learning community. At the conclusion of this session, you will have the additional knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill your role as a building and district level leader.

Synchronous online workshop- Bring current library procedures, policies, and statements; followed by asynchronous time for development of procedures

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## Down with Dewey?

Last Friday, Cornell University held a [Virtual Teach-in on Confronting Anti-Asian Racism](#). Panelist Reanna Esmail, Outreach and Engagement Librarian at Olin Library, put a call out to fellow librarians to “confront bias and misinformation in ways we approach and teach information and digital literacy.” She specifically discussed that the Dewey Decimal System is outdated and upholds systemic racism. To learn more about the controversy surrounding the Dewey Decimal System, check out the articles below:

[The Hill article: Ivy League Librarian Says Libraries Reinforce White Supremacy: Is the Dewey Decimal System Racist?](#)

[ALA 2021 article: Mitigating Implicit Bias: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Action](#)

[ALA 2019 article: ALA Votes to Strip Melvil Dewey’s Name From Its Top Honor](#)

So, what can you do? Many school libraries have genrefied their fiction collection, *but have you considered genrefying your **nonfiction collection***? Here are some resources to consider:

[Ditching Dewey? These Ideas Can Get You Started on Genrefication](#) by April Witteveen, SLJ

[Ditching Dewey: Choosing Genre Categories](#) by Tiffany Whitehead (Mighty Little Librarian)

[Genrefying Your Collection WITHOUT Changing Call Numbers](#) by Jennifer LaGarde (LibraryGirl)

[Follett Genrefication Best Practices Guide PDF](#) (This document does explain genrefying the collection using their Destiny product, but there is still great information in there about planning, categorizing, etc.)

If you need additional information or just want to bounce ideas off of someone who has done it, feel free to reach out to Roma Matott at [rmatott@oneida-boces.org](mailto:rmatott@oneida-boces.org)!

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## Useful Resources

### Talking Books and Braille Library

TBBL is available year-round to anyone with a disability (physical or learning) that makes it hard for them to use standard print books. The BARD app is particularly appealing, providing simultaneous-use audio books for download.

Users must be approved, but you as librarians and educators can approve them. See the details at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/> or download a handout to give to families [here](#).

The [Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library](#) in Missouri is opening their summer reading program to all young Talking Book and Braille Library patrons, their families/caregivers, and teachers. They have set up 9 ZOOM events related to the summer reading slogan, “Tails and Tales.” Visit their site for more details.

### Digital Resources Supporting Learning Standards Form

Heather Dungey has created [this form](#) so that our SLS staff can help you locate the best digital resources for learning standards you find particularly challenging. Fill it out, or share with teachers, to let us know what standards and topics you'd like us to curate, and we'll send you a list to help with lesson planning!

## **Celebrating Ramadan**

Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting, ended this past Wednesday. In celebration, we wanted to share with you a fantastic resource created by two school librarians, Ariana Sani Hussain and Hadeal Salamah: [The Hijabi Librarians](#). Not only did they create a great toolkit for evaluating Muslim portrayals in children's & young adult literature, but they are several booklists of recommended titles. So whether you want to learn more about this topic or looking for books to add to your collection, they are a great place to start!

## **Free Access to Skillshare and Treehouse via CLRC**

Looking for new learning opportunities? CLRC is happy to offer their members free access to two exciting on-demand learning platforms. [Skillshare](#) offers online classes in design, business, technology, photography, entrepreneurship, and writing, often taught by industry leaders. [Treehouse](#) has classes in HTML, databases, WordPress, digital literacy, Python, and more.

Registration for both platforms will be rotated on a first-come, first-served basis, but you will have at least two weeks of access. You can request access [via this form](#), and email CLRC's Rebecca Kluberdanz at [rkluberdanz@clrc.org](mailto:rkluberdanz@clrc.org) with any questions.

## **[Kids Ask Authors Podcast](#)**

Kids Ask Authors is a weekly 5 to 10 minute podcast where children's book author/illustrator Grace Lin and a guest author answer one question from a child reader. Most episodes end with a book review, poem, short story, or a joke by kids. All episodes can be listened to on this website, which includes written transcripts.

They are always collecting submissions from kids. If you know a kid that has something to share, please encourage them -- they can submit [a question](#) or a kids' book [review, poem, short story, or joke](#).

