

OHM BOCES SLS/Media Newsletter

April 2021



What's New / FAQ



Purchase Request Deadline is Friday, April 23

The deadline for requesting new physical multiple books and new sheet music titles for addition to our library for this school year is next Friday, April 23. Anything requested after that date will be purchased in July, the start of the next fiscal year.

Purchase requests can be made with our new purchase request forms: 1. [Media Library Purchase Request](#) or 2. [Music Purchase Request](#). As a reminder, it takes around two months for multiple book sets to be processed by the vendor and shipped to us. Either now or during the summer are great times to request new titles when planning for the next school year.

Welcome, Roma Matott!

Welcome to Roma, our newest employee of the OHM BOCES Media/SLS department, whose first day will be Monday, April 19. Roma will be joining our staff as an Instructional Support Specialist focusing on Library and Media Services. Her role will focus on library and media instruction and her primary duties will include professional development, library curriculum, media literacy instruction and supporting curricular integration. You may know her from our librarian meetings, as she used to work at The House of the Good Shepherd's Tilton School. Roma is replacing Jan Murray, who returned to school librarianship at Little Falls CSD last month.

Sora Diverse Reads Collection

If you've been on Sora at all this school year, you've likely noticed our Diverse Reads collection, which highlights books about characters and by authors from numerous underrepresented populations, including race, ethnicity, disability status, religion, sexuality, gender identity and more. We recently added several more titles recommended by a statewide ELA group. We'd love for you to browse through it -- it's a large collection, but we think you can find some great recommendations in there!

Librarian and Communication Coordinator Committee Meeting

Reminder that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. -- you can [sign up on MLP](#). One thing we will discuss at that meeting is two book titles we will be gifting to elementary or middle school libraries -- they should arrive via courier soon. Please hold onto these titles and any accompanying materials until we can explain them at this meeting.

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's 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 to request extensions for any materials still being used.

“The Adirondack Detective” Book Sets Up for Grabs

Classroom book sets of the six-book series “The Adirondack Detective” are available from the Utica City School District.

There are 35-40 copies of each book available -- if interested in a classroom set or a copy for your school library, contact Hayley Mielnicki at hmielnicki@oneida-boces.org and let her know how many copies you'd like.

SWANK Movie Streaming

[SWANK Movies -- Outdoor Events for Schools Guide](#)

In response to COVID-19, schools may qualify to show an outdoor movie on school property. Visit their page for more information, to check out available titles and to submit a request form. Also check out their [outdoor event ideas PDF](#).

As a reminder, all schools under the OHM BOCES Media CoSer have a SWANK Movie license, as well as access to the SWANK Movie streaming service, to show curriculum-related movies either in the classroom or shared remotely with students. Contact us at mediacenter@oneida-boces.org for more information or for your district's [Teacher Portal](#) login info. Title addition requests can still be made for this school year.

Helpful videos: [Logging In](#) | [In Class Use and Assignments](#) | [Start here](#) | [Searching and Requesting Movies](#)

Virtual PD Opportunities

John Schu's Review of Books for You and Your Readers, Too!

Wednesday, April 14, 3:30 p.m. - 60 mins.

Join in a conversation with John Schu as he presents some of the best new books. 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.

[Sign Up on MLP](#) | [View Flyer](#)

Zoom Info: <https://oneida-boces-org.zoom.us/j/97708628480?pwd=QkFpcHdvZEVHc1hlUGl6dWxuTEFjQT09>

Passcode: 811178

Librarian Meeting and Communication Coordinator Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 1:30 p.m. - 60 mins.

Regional librarians will meet to address issues related to the library and teaching. Meeting of the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Instructional Support Services Communication Coordinators Committee. Committee will review issues affecting schools in the Media Services and School Library System network. Guest speakers will share information and members will work collaboratively on projects.

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

Virtual Keynote with Jerry Craft!

Monday, April 26, 3 p.m. - 60 mins.

Join us for this inspirational virtual keynote address with Jerry Craft, Newbery-Award winning author of *New Kid* as he presents on his journey from being a young, reluctant reader to becoming an award-winning author and illustrator.

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

Upcoming Webinars

Statistics in Schools - Bringing Census Bureau Data to Classrooms

Thursday, April 22, 2 p.m. - 90 mins.

Statistics in Schools (SIS) provides engaging resources and activities in social studies, math, English, geography and sociology using real-world Census Bureau statistics. These resources are designed by teachers, easy to use and provide valuable 21st Century lessons on data-literacy.

[Register Here](#)

Finding Your Family: LGBTQ+ Literature

Thursday, April 29, 8 p.m.

All are invited to a free event with YA authors Steven Salvatore (*Can't Take That Away*) and Nicolas DiDomizio (*Burn it All Down*). Join us for an evening of enlightening conversation as these YA authors talk about their wild – and weirdly parallel – roads to publication and the importance of strong support systems, especially as queer writers. Steven and Nicolas will share the ways in which family – found or blood related – have shown up in their work and how they've shown up for each other. (Their books started as ideas in text messages to each other.)

[Register Here](#)

Census Data for Librarians

Tuesday, May 11, 2 p.m. - 90 mins.

A free virtual webinar which will teach users more about the demographics and economics characteristics of the patrons you serve. Featuring data from decennial censuses and various census surveys, this training will take a deeper dive into demographic, social and economic tabulations and how you can access them using the Census Bureau's enterprise-level data-access tool.

[Register Here](#) | [View Past Census Webinars](#)

2021 ESLN PILLARS Symposium

July 7-9, 2021

Empire State Library Network (ESLN) and School Library Systems Association of New York State (SLSA) invite all librarians and educators to join us for:

PILLARS (Preparation, Information Literacy, Libraries, Academic Resources, and 21st Century Skills for Transitioning from Secondary School to College)

Schedule of events:

July 7, 2021: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. presentations on Research Skills

Featured Speaker – Raymond Pun, Stanford University

July 8, 2021: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. presentations on Working with the Community

July 9, 2021: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. presentations on Preparing for the Future

This year's conference is presented at **no cost to attendees** by ESLN with generous help from our sponsors.

Both CTLE and CE credit will be available to all who attend the live event.

For more information, visit the PILLARS Symposium Website or email the PILLARS Symposium Planning Committee at pillars@esln.org.

[Register Here](#)

Useful Resources

[Free Children's Films During Rochester International Film Festival](#)

April 12-May 9 - For the next four weeks, the Rochester International Children's Film Festival will once again be virtually offering the very best of children's shorts from around the world -- thoughtfully curated to reflect gentle social themes (diversity, kindness, sharing, etc.), as well as to celebrate artistry, music and other wonderful things! They will offer one short film a day, along with media and literacy suggestions including vocabulary, discussion questions, books, songs, movement, and art activities. In other words, a fun and stimulating way to spend quality learning and art time with children!

Click the link above for more information and to access the day's film.

[OurStoryBridge: Connecting the Past and Present](#)

OurStoryBridge is a free resource and tool kit for producing a crowdsourced, community story project emphasizing audio history collecting and sharing.

U.S. Census Population Maps

These two maps illustrate census data from all 50 states. They are intended to help students understand the U.S. population and where their state fits in by showing data on state populations, population density, and more.

[Elementary/Middle School Level Map](#) | [High School Level Map](#)

