

OHM BOCES SLS/Media Newsletter

March 2021



What's New / FAQ

Confused About Whom to Contact?

If you're unsure about whom you should be sending an email to, send your request to the Media Center email, mediacenter@oneida-boces.org. This will help us assign the request to the right person, avoid duplication, and make sure your question is answered in a timely manner!

Welcome, Heather Dungey!

Welcome to Heather, our newest employee at the OHM BOCES SLS/Media Department, whose first day was Monday, March 15th. Heather will be another Systems Librarian (alongside Aileen Judd), and will be focusing on BOCES' digital resources. This position is a replacement for the now-retired Aileen Sweeney, who was our webmaster.

OH Libraries Facebook Group

Betsy Hartnett has created a 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

As students and teachers return from remote learning, please encourage them to return any overdue material, 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.

Virtual PD Opportunities

Teaching the Holocaust in Upper Elementary, Middle, and High School

Friday, March 19th, 1:00pm - 90 mins.

Holocaust Remembrance Day, the day marking the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, is April 8th. Donna Rosenblum, educator of 32 years and retired supervisor of Nassau BOCES School Library System, will be giving an historical overview of the Holocaust with survivor testimony being woven in. She will show how she has incorporated children's books to teach the tough concepts of the Holocaust and provide resources and ways to incorporate Holocaust education in the classroom.

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Social Emotional Learning Workshops

A Shared Understanding of Social Emotional Learning Workshop

Objective 1: Participant will define SEL, including a brief history and connecting to culturally responsive-sustaining education. Objective 2: Participant will establish a significance of SEL. Objective 3: Participant will identify the 5 Core Competencies by CASEL. Objective 4: Participant will connect the CASEL Core Competencies with the three NYSED SEL Goal and NYSED Benchmarks. Objective 5: Provide information and resources to turnkey for groups you plan to work with in your districts

Friday, March 19th, 8:30am - 120 mins. - AM Session

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Friday, March 19th, 12:30pm - 120 mins. - PM Session

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Unpacking the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Benchmarks

Participants will develop a thorough understanding of what each grade level SEL Benchmarks are asking students to know and be able to do. Agenda and resources: Video: Unpacking the NYS SEL Benchmarks - Part 1; Presentation: Unpacking the NYS SEL Benchmarks (Part 1); "I can" question stems "I can" posters "I can" statements checklist and Friday folders; Parent-teacher handout Unpacking protocol; Unpacking Organizer K-12 SEL benchmarks; unpacking templates K-12 SEL Benchmarks. Participants may use information from this offering as they plan to turnkey in their districts.

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Discovery Education Social Emotional Learning Training

Looking for SEL resources to use with your students? Patti Duncan will share the Discovery Education Social Emotional Learning resources that are available to you and your students, whether in person or remote. Never used Discovery Education and not sure if you have it? All of the component districts in the Oneida BOCES and Herkimer BOCES have access to Discovery Education. This quick 30-minute training will also serve as a quick start training.

For K-5 Teachers & Librarians

Friday, March 19th, 11:00am - 30 mins.

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For 6-12 Teachers & Librarians

Friday, March 19th, 11:30am - 30 mins.

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Upcoming Webinars

How to Use Digital Books with Your Curriculum

Wednesday, March 17th, 3:00pm - 60 mins.

How will your literacy teams change the way they teach in a post-pandemic landscape? Join Overdrive for an instructional webinar to learn how to use digital books with your curriculum. This panel discussion will show you how to select, source, and price digital trade books for required curriculum texts. Panelists from EL Education, OverDrive's Sora team, and an educator with NYC Dept. of Education will share their experiences and advice on how to ensure equity and engagement for the essential reads that power your balanced literacy or HQIM program.

[Register Here](#)

DEN (Discovery Education Network) VirtCon

Tuesday, March 23rd - Wednesday, March 24th, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Join members of the Discovery Educator Network (DEN) for two days of on-demand professional learning and instructional inspiration at VirtCon: Spring 2021. This event is packed with powerful sessions that bring the most relevant, engaging content, instructional strategies, and professional learning into the work you do every day. DEN VirtCon will ensure you have the strategies and support you need to put amazing content into practice.

[Register and View More Details Here](#)

Fostering Sustainable Collaborations in High School to College Transitions

Wednesday, March 24th, 3:30pm - 60 mins.

Join the ALA LIRT Transitions Committee for a discussion on creating meaningful and sustainable partnerships to aid students in the information literacy transition from high school to college.

[Register Here](#)

Census Essentials: Understanding the American Community Survey and Decennial Data

Friday, March 26th, 10:00am - 75 mins.

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey of the U. S. Census Bureau. It provides much more detailed information than the decennial census. This program will explore the American Community Survey, decennial census data and datasets on data.census.gov. We will learn about background information on the data, such as frequency of datasets, geography, data thresholds, and margin of error. Then we will delve into data.census.gov to learn how to retrieve ACS and the forthcoming 2020 Census data.

[Register Here](#)

Have Your Students Vote for the Charlotte Awards

Named for the main character in E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*, the purpose of the Charlotte Award is to encourage students to read outstanding literature and ultimately become lifelong readers. Additionally, the award recognizes the authors and illustrators of such literature. NYSRA presented the first Charlotte Awards in 1990. [Click here](#) for a complete list of winning books and authors to date.

Students in New York State will read titles on the ballot voting for their favorites in each category. Ballots must be received by **April 15, 2021**.

Votes will be tallied, and winners will receive their awards at the NYSRA Conference in November 2021.

[Click Here For More Information and a List of Nominees](#) | [Click Here to Vote](#)

Useful Resources

Reopening Cleaning Checklist

A librarian from the MidYork Public Library System has shared their library reopening cleaning checklist spreadsheet, which may be helpful as a template for your own.

See attached Excel sheet.

ESIFC Lessons & Assessments

The Empire State Information Fluency Continuum was developed by the NY City Department of Education/Office of Library Services School Library System. The School Library Systems Association of New York State (SLSA) believes this is an important educational tool that defines the information literacy and inquiry skills that are important for all students to learn

Erika's Lighthouse: A Beacon of Hope for Adolescent Depression

Erika's Lighthouse, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and raising awareness about adolescent depression, encouraging good mental health, and breaking down the stigma surrounding mental health issues, announced today that it is uniquely qualified to provide the appropriate resources to meet the mental health challenges that have overcome teens across the country. Teens are in an unprecedented situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in which they are unable to partake in some of the formative rites of passage during middle school and high school. Throughout the 2020-21 school year, the free depression education programming from Erika's Lighthouse has been made available for both remote learning, hybrid environments, and the traditional classroom setting in middle schools and high schools. Since the beginning of the 2020 school year, the depression education program has been taught in 327 schools in 37 states and has had a positive impact on more than 158,000 students.

[Explore their free classroom resources here](#)

Overdrive/Sora School Stars Contest

Through March 31st, 2021, Overdrive is running a global contest looking for all the ways that YOU promote Sora in your school. You could win up to \$2500 worth of content credit for your school!

[View more details on Overdrive Marketplace](#) | [Click here to enter](#)

Please note: This contest is being run by Overdrive, not by Oneida BOCES.