

OHM BOCES SLS/Media Newsletter

January 2021



What's New / FAQ



Overdue OHM BOCES Media Library Materials

As students return from remote learning, please encourage them to return materials overdue from previous years, especially last school year's shutdown. 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.

Expanded Interlibrary Loan (EILL) Still Available

With all the uncertainty happening this school year, please know that the EILL service is still available to you for your students and staff. Items requested through EILL are taking longer than normal to arrive in most cases, mainly due to many of the public and academic libraries operating under limited hours. This includes items from Mid-York library, who are quarantining items being sent between their libraries according to their website. Items are eventually arriving, but please keep this possible delay in mind when placing any EILL request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email Kenn at krunner@oneida-boces.org or call 315-793-8506.

CIDER Union Catalog Milestone

On January 6th our local CIDER Union Catalog recorded ILL transaction number 70,000! Way to go with those interlibrary loans!

Aileen Sweeney is Retiring!

Our extraordinary, ingenious, and much beloved webmaster Aileen Sweeney is retiring as of January 31st, 2021. We are going to miss her terribly and hope she has a wonderful retirement. You can send any well-wishes to her at asweeney@oneida-boces.org. Stay tuned for an upcoming virtual happy hour to celebrate the career accomplishments of Aileen.

New Librarian 1 Position Open at OHM BOCES

With the upcoming retirement of Aileen Sweeney, OHM BOCES now has an open position for another Librarian 1 (same position as Aileen Judd). This is a civil service position and applicants must have a NYS Public Librarian's professional certificate -- tell your public librarian friends and colleagues! [View the job posting](#) for more details. Applications must be received by January 15th.

Current Sora Reading Contest Results

Our Sora reading contest is ongoing until January 15th. Here are the current top 5 schools with the highest checkout rate % (checkouts/valid users) since December 15th:

1. Westmoreland Primary Elementary - 62.4% checkout rate
2. Jefferson Elementary - 57.3% checkout rate
3. Deerfield Elementary - 50.7% checkout rate

4. John F. Hughes Elementary - 35.1% checkout rate
5. Jarvis Middle - 27.4% checkout rate

Upcoming PD Opportunities on MyLearningPlan

Ask a Lawyer

January 13th, 4pm - 90 mins.

Does remote learning leave you with legal questions? Does thinking about copyright get you down? On January 13th at 4:00, the Greater CNY SLS Collaborative Events will host an interactive presentation with attorney Stephanie "Cole" Adams, to discuss the legal ins and outs of remote learning. Zoom information will be sent to those who register for the event.

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

Engaging Online Asynchronous Lessons

January 27th, 12:30pm - 90 mins.

Asynchronous learning is when a teacher develops a pre-built lesson, or pre-recorded video, and provides it for a student to work through at their own pace during the course of a day or week. In this session we will use Google slides and Google Docs templates in order to create a pre-packaged lesson that students will be able to navigate independently.

Presenter: Emma Pass

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Best YA Books with Teri Lesesne

Teri is an author, former middle school teacher of English Language Arts, and joined the faculty of Sam Houston State University where she has taught courses in literature for children and young adults for the past 30 years. Please join us for Teri's series of two virtual workshops being offered for secondary School Librarians and Teachers throughout the Greater CNY SLS region. The two sessions she will be offering are:

D.E.I: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources and Examples in Books for Young Adult (MS/HS) Readers

February 10th, 9am - 60 mins.

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

Hot off the Press: Best New Books for YA (MS/HS) Readers

March 3rd, 9:00am - 60 mins.

[Sign Up on MLP](#)

PD Opportunity:

Project READY: Re-imagining Equity & Access for Diverse Youth

A 5-month course (January 11th, 2021-May 31, 2021) for school librarians, educators, and others interested in improving their knowledge about race and racism, racial equity, and culturally sustaining pedagogy to be prepared for difficult conversations. The primary focus of the Project READY curriculum is on improving relationships with, services to, and resources for youth of color and Native youth. The project will be led and taught by Dr. Evangela Q. Oates.

More information and registration here: <https://www.senylrc.org/ProjectReady>

The program will consist of a mix of ten live webinars, regular engagement with the trainer and other students, and dozens of on-your-own modules using the Project Ready curriculum, which is online here: <https://ready.web.unc.edu/>. The trainer will work out the exact schedule of live webinars with the participants once everyone is enrolled.

The entire course is worth 30 CTLE credits and costs \$225.



Ask the Lawyer

[Recently Asked Questions](#)

View an archive of the most recently asked questions regarding the law and libraries, including those involving COVID-19 issues.

Library Advocacy Day is February 26th

The New York Library Association's Annual Library Advocacy Day will look a little different in 2021. With an all virtual format, library advocates across New York will have the opportunity to engage with their community, peers, and legislative representatives in new and exciting ways.

As part of the planning process, [NYLA members can fill out this survey](#) if they are interested in participating in a virtual meeting with their elected officials on February 26, 2021.



NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Voice of the Library Community

NYLA 2021 Call for Proposals

NYLA is asking all school library-related colleagues to please consider submitting a proposal to present at the NYLA Annual Conference 2021. A firm deadline to do so has been set for Sunday, January 31, 2021. Any questions can be directed to Annarose Foley, Vice-President of Conferences for NYLA/SSL at annarose.foley@icsd.k12.ny.us.

[Learn More from the NYLA Newsletter](#)

[Submit Proposals Here](#)

NYLA's 2021 conference will take place from Wednesday, November 3rd to Saturday, November 6th, 2021. The theme is "We're All In."

Useful Resources

[News Literacy Project](#)

The News Literacy Project "provides programs and resources for educators and the public to teach, learn and share the abilities needed to be smart, active consumers of news and information and equal and engaged participants in a democracy," including "an online learning platform, a free weekly newsletter, professional development opportunities, a variety of classroom materials and more."

[TV Classroom](#)

TV Classroom is WCNY's instructional TV network serving thousands of students, especially those without broadband access and therefore unable to participate in online learning. This season will feature lessons taught by SCSD educators for students in grades K-5. The TV Classroom network will be broadcast from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays on WCNY's Global Connect channel. In addition programming will be simulcast from wcny.org and via a live stream on YouTube.

[Free COVID-19 Children's E-books](#)

The New York City School Library System has a collection of free e-books for children about the Coronavirus/COVID-19. Included is the picture book "[Maurice Masked Up.](#)" by Eleanor Turino, which is a "light hearted approach to the three basics- wearing a mask, social distancing and hand washing" and which the author has personally shared with us. Click on the book's title to download a free pdf copy.



Gale Instructional Webinars

Enhance Virtual Reference with Gale's Get Link

Thursday, January 14, 2020, 1:00 PM - 15 mins.

Gale's Get Link tool can help you easily share content when serving your patrons and students virtually. In this 15 Minutes to Mastery session, we'll share how to easily direct users into relevant content from your Gale resources.

[Register Here](#)

Expand Research Skills with Gale's Highlights and Notes

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 2:00 PM - 15 mins.

Gale's Highlights and Notes helps users develop and expand their research skills. In this 15 Minutes to Mastery session, we'll share best practices and unique ideas for using the Highlights and Notes tool to support researchers of all levels.

[Register Here](#)

Support Hybrid Learning with Gale

Tuesday January 26, 2020, 2:00 PM - 30mins.

A hybrid learning environment poses a unique issue: connecting virtual and classroom instruction to keep consistency for students. In this thirty-minute session we will explore how Gale can help make that connection through LMS integration, collaboration tools (including Google Classroom) and our Highlights and Notes feature.

[Register Here](#)

Jumpstart Student Projects with Gale's Topic Pages

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 2:00 PM - 15 mins.

Gale's Topic Pages make starting a research project instantaneous with suggested subjects, topic overviews, and multiple content types curated on a single page. In this 15 Minutes to Mastery session, we'll share how Topic Pages can get your students out of topic indecision and into authoritative content to support their simplest or most complex research projects.

[Register Here](#)