

OHM LIBRARY MEDIA NEWS

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The NYS Summer Reading Program 2019 theme has been announced: A Universe of Stories. New changes to the Teen Video Challenge and more information on the summer reading program can be found by [clicking here](#).

Have an event coming up, news to spread, or tips to share in our Newsletter?
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UPCOMING EVENTS

OPALS USER GROUP, MAY 16

OPALS has lots of updates and our friends at the RIC want to help us keep on top of them. Learn what the updates are and have a chance to ask questions about some of the features of OPALS.

Click here to sign up

END OF YEAR MEETING AND ADMIN BREAKFAST, JUNE 4

Our end of the year C3 and Advisory Council meeting will be a bit different this year. As always, all are invited to attend. This year we will be hosting everyone together for an Administrator's Breakfast followed by Media Literacy PD from Project Look Sharp.

NYLA COUNCIL ELECTION

The candidates for the NYLA 2019 Council election have been announced. Voting is June 15 through July 15. Click here to learn who is in the running!

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April Dates to Note

- Mondays and Tuesdays in April AND May. 4-6pm. Beginning Tuesday April 23rd. Secondary Digital Media Literacy Course writing. Come in and help out if you are interested/can. No need to sign up on MLP. This is a casual commitment and we'd love to have your help.
- Elementary K-6 Curriculum PLC. Tuesdays beginning 4/23. 4-6pm. Please sign up on MLP. Must attend 5 of 6 sessions and complete 10 hours.

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- May 30, 31, June 1. NYLA SSL @ Syracuse Oncenter.
<https://sites.google.com/view/nyla-ssl2019/home>

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

RE-IMAGINED ESIFC COMING SOON

From the SLSA website: "The revised ESIFC addresses priority information-skill areas that have emerged in the last ten years—and aligns with AASL, ISTE, ELA, Social Studies, and NextGen Science Standards.

The reimagined Empire State Information Fluency Continuum (ESIFC) will provide a comprehensive continuum of information fluency skills PK-12 and clear guidance for school librarians to integrate the teaching of essential information fluency and inquiry skills across all grade levels and throughout the curriculum." We will be bringing you more details and information next fall after we receive training on the revised ESIFC.

NET NEUTRALITY MAY BE COMING BACK

There are three bills proposed or in action in congress at the moment that would restore, in some capacity or other, the FCC regulations for Net Neutrality. The most advanced to date is a bill that was proposed and passed at the House and is now being read in the Senate. While reports to this point claim it is unlikely that this bill will pass a Senate vote, Net Neutrality proponents can feel better knowing that persistent work is being done toward its restoration.

Link for more information:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1644>

Click here for *School House Rock*, "I'm Just a Bill" on youtube: <https://youtu.be/FFroMQIKiag>

SLS News

Betsy is back from her surgery and recovering well. She's basically running around the office.

Betsy and Jan recently went to the annual EMTA (Educational Media and Technology Association) conference where the keynote, from the Stanford History Education Center, discussed the need for Media Literacy Education at all levels. They are creating a program that will have Creative Commons usage rights called Civic Online Reasoning. Some of the content will be included with the secondary Digital Media Literacy Course that is being written here at BOCES. Link here:

<https://shg.stanford.edu/>

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

OHM and MO BOCES SLS co-sponsored an event on April 10th featuring speaker, author, librarian, and YA book reviewer Kathleen Odean. The event was held at Rome's MVCC campus. Odean has spent many years reading and reviewing YA literature and focused her talk on "The Best New Young Adult Books of 2018." Her presentation was an exciting day of book talks, classroom tech ideas, and good humor for many of the region's media specialists and teachers alike. If you missed Kathleen Odean, she does have some books that may help you with your Readers' Advisory here:
<https://www.kathleenodean.com/>

VENDOR NEWS

- For those of you who use Demco to order library supplies: they know how slow their website is and say it is due to their heavy duty McAfee Security. They are going to be updating their website this spring and it should move a little more quickly.
- OPALS: We have been working with OPALS and the RIC to get e-books to authenticate through your library's OPAC. This is a coordinated effort, as different entities have different restrictions, and we are working together to make it right.

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Tips and Tricks: Blogs and more for Fresh Ideas

- Mrs. Readerpants- Library blog with LOTS of book reviews and read alike:
<http://www.readerpants.net/>
- Re-branding at the Queens Public Library can be an inspiration to us in our school libraries, as well. How can your library re-brand for next school year to better represent what your library can mean to the school community?
<http://tinyurl.com/yy93jd6u>
- Having a hefty comics/graphic novel section in your library can positively impact library use. Comics can also complement classroom work and study. Gene Luen Yang discusses the impact of comics in schools in his TEDx talk:
<https://youtu.be/xjvTIP7pV20>