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New Professional Titles

Designing an Effective School Library Website and Effective Web Design. Kathy Kaldenberg and Deanne Thiede. 2010. R 371.334 DES (184391)

Liven Up Your Library: Creative and Inexpensive Programming Ideas. Jennifer A. Wetzel. Upstart Books, 2009 LA 9H(184284)

Research-Based Reading Strategies in the Library for Adolescent Learners. Carianne Bernadowski. Libraries Unlimited, 2010. R 4248.407 BER (184469)

Article of Interest from EBSCO

The Changing Library by Melonie Menefee. American School Board Journal; August 2009, Vol. 196 Issue 8, p.32-35. (Available in PDF in EBSCO's Professional Development Collection.)

From *Teacher Librarian*, June 2010, Vol 37, Issue 5, p. 73-73.

"The real rewards that come unexpected and unannounced at odd moments during the school year are some of the reasons we keep at this job year in and year out. Those rewards come in the form of positive comments from our students our staff, our administrators, and our communities. They make us smile, chuckle, sigh, or cry."

Changing the focus of the Individual Student Book Collection

The student book collection will be changing. These changes are a result of data collected from the Media Center Needs Assessment documents.

In the last seven years, the data has consistently shown that individual student books (not boxed books) are least important by those who have responded, regardless of grade level or number of years taught.

We have developed a plan that will move the materials from this collection into other collections and eliminate the student book collection as it is now.

VAST titles will be moved to the Classroom Collection

Remaining titles will be used to create more Book Pairs and Boxed sets.

These changes will begin during the 2010-2011 school year. If you or your teachers would like to order materials, please follow the procedures that are presently in place.

If you would like to see how many individual student books your school has used, these statistics are posted on the

Media page of the Grant Wood AEA home page. It can be accessed at <http://www.gwaea.org> From our home page, in the yellow column, choose Media Center. On our Media page, go to the Statistics tab.

You will want to select Building Usage Report to see a break down by building of usage for each collection since 2004. The individual student books are in the column titled Student Books.

If you have questions or comments about these intended changes, please contact Char Haddy at chaddy@gwaea.org.

We're looking for some advice

We'd like to gather a group of teacher librarians together on an as-needed basis to provide advice on a variety of topics pertinent to the Media Center and our profession. Meetings would be held via Adobe Connect Pro, which would minimize time away from your building. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Char Haddy, Melva Starr or Debbie

Crane. Once we know if we have enough for a group, we will send out more information.

Updates from the Media Center

If you haven't had an opportunity to read the latest issue of *The Linker*, here is a shorter version of the article about the Media Center.

- ☞ Media Center brochures will be distributed to every teacher in September.
- ☞ The length of loan for DVDs has been changed from three days to five.
- ☞ All items in the Media Center can now be reserved for specific dates. We no longer have items that are put "on hold."
- ☞ It is possible for you and/or your teachers to make recommendations for new titles. Instructions for making those recommendations are included in the teacher librarian manual under the **Grant Wood AEA Online Catalog**.

Upcoming Events 2010-2011

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| Oct. 10-12, 2010 | *ITEC in Coralville | March 7, 2011 | Learning Exchange. Technology and You – Take Two |
| Oct. 13-15, 2010 | *ILA (Iowa Library Association) Annual Conference in Coralville; theme: "Hard Times, Hard Decisions: Iowa Libraries in 2010" | April 10-16, 2011 | National Library Week |
| Oct. 17-23, 2010 | Teen Read Week *Doug Johnson is a speaker on October 12 at ITEC and October 13 at ILA. See notation about Doug Johnson elsewhere in info@GWAEA. | April | IASL Conference in Des Moines |
| Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2011 .. | ALA Mid-Winter meeting in Chicago | May 2-8, 2011 | Children's Book Week |
| | | June 23-29, 2011 | ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA |
| | | Oct. 26-30, 2011 | AASL 15th National Conference & Exhibition in Minneapolis, Minnesota |



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Technology Leaders

Andy Crozier, GWAEA Coordinator of Digital Learning Technology, has been named one of the top 100 technology leaders by Tech & Learning. To celebrate its 30th anniversary, the organization is highlighting 100 technology leaders – past, present and future- in its “100@30” series. The article recognizing Andy and leaders of the future is available online at <http://www.techlearning.com/article/32466>

Be sure to take a look at the other technology leaders on the list including Buffy Hamilton, media specialist at Creekview High School in Canton, Georgia, who has a blog called the “Unquiet Library”. Check that out at <http://theunquietlibrary.wordpress.com>

Iowa Technology Education Connection Conference

If you are interested in attending a conference with an emphasis on technology be sure to check out the ITEC website at: <http://www.itec-ia.org>

ITEC has a great lineup of workshops on Sunday, October 10. Some popular workshops this year are: Google Apps, iPads in Education, Google Earth & SketchUp, Beyond the Textbook (hosted by Discovery Education), and many more. To see the entire workshop lineup, go to www.itec-ia.org. Space is limited on workshops so register today!

This year's ITEC Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Coralville, Iowa, October 10-12, 2010. Keynote speakers will be Vickie Davis and Doug Johnson. Doug Johnson is a media specialist/technology director at a school in Minnesota.

Giving Away:

Three copies of Sears 19th edition. Please send e-mail request to Melva Starr at mstarr@gwaea.org IF you do not already have a Sears. These will be given out on a first come basis.

EBSCO Mobile Interface

Schools in the Grant Wood AEA service area now have access to EBSCOhost through their iPhone or iPod.

Follow the instructions listed below to add EBSCOhost to either of those devices.



Adding EBSCOhost Mobile icon to your iPhone or iPod home screen

Add an icon to your iPhone or iPod that allows you to access EBSCOhost Mobile directly from your device's home screen.

To add an EBSCOhost Mobile icon:

1. On your device, go to the EBSCOhost Mobile login screen at <http://search.ebscohost.mobi/>
2. Click the + button on your browser toolbar at the bottom of the screen.
3. On the resulting options menu, select **Add to Home Screen**.
4. On the Add to Home screen, type in a name for your icon and click **Add**.
5. The EBSCOhost Mobile icon appears on your home screen.

The following Smartphones will work with this feature:

- Android
- iPhone
- Blackberry
- Palm750
- DellAxim

Please note that javascript must be enabled in order to use EBSCOhost.

Iowa AEA Online username and passwords will be required to login and use the resource.

The following features are available in EBSCOhost Mobile:

- Basic Searching
- HTML and PDF Full Text
- Search Modes
- E-mailing articles
- Multi-database Searching

It is also possible to e-mail articles from both the EBSCOhost Mobile result list and article details screens.

To access the online resources or for password assistance, curriculum integration assistance or product demonstrations for the Grant Wood AEA Online Resources, refer to the directory at <http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/media/electronic.html>

Tech Sites and Tips

Assessment rubrics can be found at Andrew Church's wiki at

<http://edorigami.wikispaces.com>

Scroll down to “Other Bloom's Digital Taxonomy Resources” to find them.

BibMe at <http://www.bibme.org> is a free bibliography/works cited composer

Box of Tricks is a place to find A to Z Internet resources

Go to: http://www.boxoftricks.net/?page_id=29

Rubrics for assessment can be found at Kathy Schrock's site at

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/assess.html>

Wall Wisher at <http://www.wallwisher.com> creates a wall where you and your students can post sticky notes. Ideas for using Wall Wisher in the Media Center would be to have different walls for new titles in your collection, a current events wall or, since the notes can have links to a URL, you could create a wall of useful websites.



Congratulations!



Becky Johnson, a teacher librarian at Jefferson High School in Cedar Rapids, was recently selected by the Iowa Association of School Librarians (IASL) to receive an award for her outstanding school library. Every state in the U.S. will have one library chosen to receive this award as part of the Vision Tour by American Association of School Librarians (AASL) President Nancy Everhart. Everhart plans to visit all of the state honorees as part of her Vision Tour. Her tour is aligned with the AASL initiative, Learning4Life. Everhart will present Becky with a plaque, and tour her library on March 24, 2011.

American Memory Timeline

Need to find primary sources from a specific time period? Use the American Memory timeline to locate resources from the collections. Click on the time period and find an overview of the events from that period. Clicking on specific topics within the time period brings up an overview of the topic and links to primary sources of the period.

Web site: <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline>

World Book - Early World of Learning

Early World of Learning has been added to the World Book resources available from Iowa AEA Online. The Early World of Learning is designed for preschoolers to second grade. Early World of Learning offers rich resources designed for easy integration into the classroom curriculum. The site encompasses three interactive learning environments, and is ideal for use on interactive white boards.



Trek's Travels offers narrated stories, interactive games, and original videos that teach critical early childhood themes, including numbers, shapes, colors, opposites, and more.



Welcome to Reading provides leveled readers to develop and strengthen phonics, vocabulary, phonemic awareness, and comprehension skills. The Lexile Framework® for Reading ensures that early readers use text at their level.



Know It offers a richly visual first Dewith non-fiction topics of interest and importance to them. To download a complete description of Early World of Learning to share with your teachers go to www.iowaaeaonline.org/pages/uploaded_files/IAO_World_of_Learning.pdf

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Coming in October...

Iowa AEA Online Bookmarks

In October, the GWAEA Media Center will be sending bookmarks to Iowa AEA Online building contacts for distribution to every student. The bookmarks will feature Iowa AEA Online information and a space for UserID/Password on one side and reduced student pricing for Microsoft Office on the reverse side.

Iowa AEA Online
Educational Resources Funded and Provided by Iowa's Area Education Agencies

Letters About Literature 2011

Letters About Literature is a national reading-writing program sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target stores. The Iowa Center for the Book is the Iowa sponsor. To enter, students in grades 4-12 write a letter to an author explaining how the author has changed their view of the world or themselves. Students can write to authors of fiction, poetry, plays or nonfiction, including speeches. There are three levels of competition.

Level I is for grades 4-6; Level II is for grades 7-8, and Level III is for grades 9-12. Student letters can be submitted by teachers, teacher librarians, or parents. The deadline for entries is in early December 2010. Iowa winners are announced in March 2011 and national winners in April, 2011.

Exquisite Corpse Adventure

Have you been following the Exquisite Corpse adventure on the Library of Congress www.read.gov website? The Exquisite Corpse is an old game in which people write a phrase on a sheet of paper, fold it over to conceal part of it, and pass it on to the next player to do the same. The game ends when someone finishes the story, which is then read aloud.

The Library of Congress has an Exquisite Corpse Adventure going on since May 2010. Every two weeks there will be a new episode and a new illustration and will conclude in one year. Jon Scieszka, the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, wrote the first episode.

Students can create their own Exquisite Corpse adventure and find links to other writing activities at <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/fun/exquisiteprompt>

Iowa High School Battle of the Books

Registration to participate in the Iowa High School Battle of the Books is Dec. 15, 2010. Teacher librarians, teachers, administrators, parents, and public librarians can be sponsors of a team. A team can have up to six Iowa students in grades 9-12. Qualifying multiple choice tests will be taken at the school where the students attend during a week in March 2011. The final rounds for the top teams will be held at Marshalltown High School on April 21, 2011.

For more information, contact Sue Inhelder, teacher librarian at Marshalltown High School at sinhelder@marshalltown.k12.ia.us or 641.754.1130

The official website is: <http://ihsbob.iowapages.org>



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Wherever you are,
remember...



Digital Wednesday Webinars

Welcome back to another school year! Last year we piloted a new service for delivery to keep you informed about the last instructional technology tools, strategies, and information through a series of webinars. The webinar series was an overwhelming success that we have scheduled a webinar once a month for the 2010-2011 school year. We are referring to this series as our "Digital Wednesday Webinars".

You may be asking a few questions, like what is a webinar? A webinar is a live broadcast, mostly a presentation, streamed directly to your computer. Some webinars involve just a couple of people and some of them host hundreds of educators. The great part about webinars is you do not have to travel any-

where to participate. All you need to do is get on your computer and click on the link for the webinar. You may also want a good set of speakers or headphones to listen to the audio.

Most of our webinars involve participants typing their questions into the chat window so you will not need to worry about a microphone. Our "Digital Wednesday Webinars" will begin at 3:45 p.m. and end around 4:45 p.m. each time. We archive webinars and post them on our website in case you cannot make it to the webinar live. We encourage to participate during the live webinars as it will give you a chance to ask questions and interact with our presenters.



Here are this year's topics:



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| WEBINAR | DATE | PD REGISTRATION # |
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| What's New with the AEA Online Resources? | September 8, 2010 | 9579-10-01 |
| Top 10 Web Resources for Your Classroom | October 6, 2010 | 9587-10-01 |
| Using Technology to Enhance Formative Assessment | November 10, 2010 | 9589-10-01 |
| Searching the Web Effectively and Efficiently | December 8, 2010 | 9593-10-01 |
| Create a Website for Your Classroom or Professional Use | January 5, 2011 | 9594-10-01 |
| The Iowa Core, 21st Century Technology Skills, and You | February 9, 2011 | 9605-10-01 |
| Free Audio and Video Content for the Classroom Using iTunes | March 9, 2011 | 9609-10-01 |
| Tips to Keep Kids Safe Online! | April 6, 2011 | 9616-10-01 |
| Being a 21st Century Learner – RSS Feeds, Social Bookmarking, Twitter, and More | May 4, 2011 | 9618-10-01 |

Credit: / Fees: NA

Registration Information:
Visit GWAEA's website to register on-line:
www.gwaea.org/apps/ProfDev/user/signon.cfm

Registration Deadline: No deadline

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