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## Upcoming Events 2010-2011

- December is Read a New Book Month  
 Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2011 .... ALA Mid-Winter meeting in Chicago  
 March 7, 2011 ..... Learning Exchange, "Technology and You Two"  
 April 10-16, 2011 ..... National Library Week  
 April 10-11 ..... IASL Conference in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn  
 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

## Giving Away

One copy of Sears 19<sup>th</sup> edition. Please send e-mail request to Melva Starr at [mstarr@gwaea.org](mailto:mstarr@gwaea.org). This will be given out on a first come basis.

## Iowa Public Television

Sign up for free weekly eNewsletters at [www.iptv.org/education](http://www.iptv.org/education)

Information is available on the right-hand side of the screen.

## Out and About

This year, Melva Starr and Debbie Crane continued teacher librarian visits. This was the second year of a three-year project to visit all schools in our service area. The visits generated some questions and thoughts, which all of you might like to know more about.

### Grant Wood AEA Media Center collections:

- Q:** Would like to see Guided Reading nonfiction sets.  
**A:** We have 131 boxed sets of Guided Reading nonfiction sets  
**Q:** Would like to see sets of titles for the V.A.S.T. kits.  
**A:** We have 92 titles for the V.A.S.T. units, most with 20 copies each, available for check out. At this time individual titles allow more clients to have access.  
**Q:** Would like the Professional Library to have multiple copies of the ISTE Standards.  
**A:** We do have the latest editions, but not in multiple copies. The title numbers are:  
 National Educational Technology Standards for Administrators (183483)  
 National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers (180597)  
 National Educational Technology Standards for Students (178865)  
**Q:** Would like to see sets of Iowa Children's Choice and Iowa Teen Award titles.  
**A:** So far, we have the following ICCA and ITA sets available to check out:  
 (175272) *The Young Man and the Sea* by Philbrick Rodman  
 (177420) *Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata  
 (178800) *No Talking* by Andrew Clements  
 (178804) *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo  
 (178799) *Humphrey the Hamster* by Betty G. Birney  
 (179071) *The Ghost's Grave* by Peg Kehret  
 (180180) *Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer Holm  
 (181987) *Roxie and the Hooligans* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
 (181988) *Abduction* by Peg Kehret  
 (183860) *Rules* by Cynthia Lord

### Copyright Training:

- Q:** Would be interested in some training  
**A:** In the Information column on our Online Catalog page, you can sign up for an RSS feed

to the *AIME News*. If you have never looked at an issue of the *AIME News*, it contains a variety of information on copyright and answers copyright questions. This is also a consideration for a future Learning Exchange.

### Journals:

**Q:** Interested in other journals on EBSCO pertinent to teacher librarians besides those we route.

**A:** Two suggestions are Library Journal and Teacher Librarian

### Learning Exchanges:

There is an increased interest in half-days.

### Transitions:

**Q:** Recommend we notify well in advance when we are making changes.

**A:** As changes are made in policy or practice, we make every effort to notify our teacher librarians as soon as possible. Information is sent via the listserv, articles are put in *info@GWAEA* and *The Linker* (if appropriate). Major changes that impact teacher librarians and teachers are conveyed multiple times. For example, our switch from VH to DVD has been in progress for several years and the Fall 2010 issue of *The Linker* again reviewed our plans for this collection. Plans for the student book collection were introduced in the October issue of *info@GWAEA* and in the Winter 2010 issue of *The Linker*.

### eBooks:

**Q:** Would like to see more eBooks.

**A:** Twenty-two new titles were just added. We have a total of 181 eBooks in our collection so far. Plans are to keep adding titles especially since they are great to use with interactive whiteboards.

### RDA (Resource Description and Access):

**Q:** What do we need to do to prepare for RDA?

**A:** For those who are familiar with RDA, it is a reversed cataloging code. If you are familiar with the MARC21, you may have heard about this change. The October 2010 *Library Media Connection* has an article titled, "Getting Ready for RDA: What Will Work with Your Library Management System?" (p30). To read the full article, access *Library Media Connection* through EBSCOhost.

We contacted our representatives at EBSCO, Follett, and Baker and Taylor, and everyone we spoke to or corresponded with indicated they have no plans to make any changes related to RDA.



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## EBSCOhost Account Help Sheet

Attached to this issue of *info@GWAEA* is a help sheet for setting up an EBSCOhost account. This help sheet along with many others are available online under the EBSCOhost Support Site.



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>.

## It's a Book by Lane Smith. Roaring Brook Press 2010.

Two readers compare a print to digital media, and learn books are still valuable. A cute read. Grant Wood AEA does not have the title, but it may be available in your public library if you do not already own a copy.



## Tech Sites and Tips

<http://smartboards.typepad.com/> Teachers LOVE SMART Boards. Site created by Jim Hollis has K-12 SMART board tips and lessons.

<http://smartboardgoodies.com/> A blog resource for K-5 by SMART board trainer and teacher Amber Coggin.

[www.zooburst.com](http://www.zooburst.com) A digital storytelling tool, ZooBurst lets you create your own pop-up books in 3D. Craig Kapp is the creator.

[www.epubbud.com](http://www.epubbud.com) A site for students to publish electronic books in ePub format. It is easy to create an original book or upload an existing work for conversion to ePub (the only format compatible with the iPad). You can also mail a physical book to ePub Bud and they will digitize if free of charge.

<http://www.tagxedo.com> Wordle shapes



## Van Delivery reminders

New boxes of Rotating Reads books are shipped every four weeks or whenever sets are returned.

Please note the due back date on the **label that is located on the top of the box**. The large label on the end of the box has the set number and is not the due back date.

We are noticing that in some cases the Rotating Reads and other boxes of books are delivered and not picked up when the drivers return. It is important the boxes be moved from the delivery point before the drivers return or they may pick up and bring back boxes that you may not want brought back.

## Changes planned for Guided Reading Sets

The Guided Reading (Leveled) sets are being evaluated and in some cases are being re-done. If the books in the set have lexile levels that match the guided reading levels, they will be kept as a Guided Reading set.

If the set has different lexile levels, it will be reconfigured and made into a Lexile Library set and will not use the Guided Reading designation.

New sets ordered for the Media Center will be ordered using the lexile level only and will be named Lexile Library. They will contain the traditional 6 copies of 6 titles.

As we work on the sets, we are adding the lexile level to each book. Each new set will have the Lexile Level included in the book.

Some new sets will be created using the AD or "adult directed" code. Using the lexile measure these sets will consist of books at a certain lexile level that may be useful for having an advanced reader share with another.

## eReader Comparison

### Amazon Kindle

Amazon Kindle 2 (K2) has a 6" diagonal screen; Kindle DX has a 9.7" diagonal screen; DX automatically turns text horizontally or vertically; all are wireless with free 3G; the latest Kindle is smaller and weighs 10.3 ounces; downloads in under 60 seconds via Whisper-sync, cell-phone technology without the service plan; all have a keyboard; books purchased are archived at Amazon; built-in dictionary; highlights and bookmarks; not back-lit so better for eyes; newest model uses E-Ink for better reading and longer battery life. Holds 200 items without added memory card; newspapers are delivered while you sleep; can e-mail Word documents to your Kindle and they will be converted for a small fee; has 6 font sizes to choose from; most books come with a free sample so you can read before purchasing.

### Apple iPad and iPod Touch

Touch technology hinders viewing; page looks like a book as 2 pages can be visible at the same time; can swipe to turn pages at the top; tells you what page you are on as well as total pages in the book; can always go to the table of contents; has backlighting so can read at night; can view in color if book is digitally formatted for color.

### Barnes and Noble Nook Color

7" color diagonal touch screen; 50% greater contrast for better reading; uses E-Ink technology; backlit so can read at night and also reads well in bright sunlight; holds 3500 books and

documents; can purchase books from anywhere as long as they are in the PDF format; expandable memory; has a two-week battery life; Wi-Fi + 3G; page numbers show; has turn buttons on both sides; works with Neibors so books can be checked out from public libraries; LendMe app allows you to share passages with friends via Facebook, Twitter or Google contacts from the page you are on. You can lend one of your owned titles for 14 days to a friend. (Can be done only once at this time).

### Sony Reader

Pink pocket edition has 5" diagonal screen; holds 350 books; Touch edition (silver) has a 6" diagonal screen, also holds 350 books and has an expandable memory card; Daily Edition (black) has 7" diagonal screen, holds 350 books, has expandable memory card, and is 3G Wireless; can read in bright sunlight with minimal glare; no touch layer so clearer reading. Sony is partnered with Overdrive so downloading books from public libraries via Neibors is possible.

There are many other e-readers but the above 4 are most publicized. Information presented is meant to get you started comparing e-readers if you haven't already done so. The facts presented can change by the day so it is best to do your own research.

Read the *AIME News* Summer 2010 and Fall 2010 for the articles, "The Portable E-Book Revolution, Part I: The Individual User" and "The Portable E-Book Revolution, Part II: The Institutional User" both by Arnold Lutzker.



## Tech Tips

### Atomic Learning Tutorials

#### iPod Touch

If you and your students have access to the iPod Touch there are some tutorials to help you get started on Atomic Learning, one of the online resources provided statewide through Iowa AEA Online.

Go to:

<http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/media/electronic.html>

Click on "Iowa AEA Online."

Click on "Atomic Learning" on the left hand side.

Log in if your building is not IP authenticated.

Click on the dropdown box "Applications."

Scroll down to iPod touch and click.

Click on "Find Tutorials."

Click on "iPod touch."

You can access any of the short tutorials on the iPod touch from this page.

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>.

#### iPod Application

A great app for the iPod is EVERNOTE. This app will allow you to take notes and access them from any location where you have connectivity. If you don't have paper and need to jot something down, you can do that on your iPod and access your notes from your computer later. EVERNOTE has a number of other features you might want to check out.

Set up an account today and you will be working in the cloud with Evernote - [www.evernote.com](http://www.evernote.com).

## Professional Titles

### Copyright and Intellectual Property

**Plagiarism: a how-not-to guide for students.**

Barry Gilmore. Heinemann, 2009. R 371.58 GIL (185561)

### General

**Jim Aylesworth and you.**

Jim Aylesworth and Jennifer K. Rotole. Libraries Unlimited, 2005. Shelf # LA 9I (185312)

**Our kids: diversity in Iowa.**

Iowa Department of Education, 2008. R 371.2 OUR (184561)

### Lesson Ideas

**Picture that! from Mendel to Normandy : picture books and ideas, curriculum and connections-- for 'tweens and teens.**

Sharron L. McElmeel. Libraries Unlimited, 2009. R 373.133 MCE (185557)

### Professional Learning Communities

**Building a professional learning community at work: a guide to the first year.**

Parry Graham. Solution Tree, 2010. R 371.2 GRA (183555)

**Differentiated professional development in a professional learning community.**

Linda Bowgren. Solution Tree, 2010. R 371.2 BOW (183551)

**Guiding professional learning communities: inspiration, challenge, surprise, and meaning.**

Shirley M. Hord. Corwin Press, 2010. R 371.2 HOR (185236)

### Article:

**Librarians as leaders in professional learning communities through technology, literacy, and collaboration.**

Library Media Connection, Oct/Nov, 2010. Vol. 29 Issue 2, p. 10-13.

## netTrekker

netTrekker announced on their website that they can no longer offer Hotmath free to subscribers during the 5:00 am – 5:00 pm time period.

For more information, visit <http://www.nettrekker.com/pages/hotmath>.

## "Martha Speaks"

"Martha Speaks," an animated series based on books by Susan Meddaugh, is designed to enrich the vocabulary of 4-7 year-olds. The episodes are on Iowa Public Television and feature Martha, a dog who can talk because she ate alphabet soup that went directly to her brain instead of going through her digestive system.

IPTV is promoting the Martha Speaks Reading Buddies Program and the Grant Wood AEA Media Center has multiple copies of the DVD, which has eight sessions of "Martha Speaks." We also have accompanying boxed books sets in multiples of 20 copies that coincide with each Martha Speaks session. The DVDs are a special promotion by IPTV. Use the Key Word Martha Speaks to locate all of the materials available.

## The Des Moines Register access

Just a reminder that all of the residents of the state of Iowa have access to *The Des Moines Register* through the State Library.

You will need a State Library card to access *The Register* online.

Anyone who lives in the State of Iowa may apply for a State Library Card. With your State Library card, you can check out materials when you visit the State Library and access many online resources.

To obtain a State Library card, complete the online library card application at <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/services/state-library-card> (Click on "Library Card Application.")

After you receive a library card number, you can go to the State Library website at [www.statelibraryofia.org](http://www.statelibraryofia.org).

Click on online resources on the left hand side in the "Links for Iowans" box.

Click on Proquest to access *The Des Moines Register*.

## National Archives and Primary Sources

The National Archives has created a new website to help educators teach with primary-source documents. The site, called DocsTeach, not only lets teachers explore documents in a variety of media from the National Archives holdings, but it also includes online tools to help teachers combine these materials and create engaging history activities for students. DocsTeach combines access to more than 3,000 primary-source materials such as George Washington's draft of the Constitution, and the cancelled check for Alaska. The seven tools featured on the site are designed to teach critical thinking skills and has interactive components such as puzzles, maps, scales, and flow charts.

Visit <http://docsteach.org/>.



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# My EBSCOhost Account Help Sheet

My EBSCOhost allows you to save items you find in EBSCOhost to a personal folder. You can save Result List items, persistent links to searches, saved searches, search alerts, journal alerts and web pages. The items you save to your My EBSCOhost folder remain in your folder until you remove them.

## Creating a My EBSCOhost Account

1. Click the **Sign In to My EBSCOhost** link. EBSCOhost displays the **Sign In** screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Sign In' page with a green header. Below the header, there are three links: 'Create a new Account' (circled in red), 'I forgot my password', and 'I forgot my user name and password'. On the right side, there is a link for 'Create a Charge Back Account'. The main content area has two columns. The left column contains 'User Name' and 'Password' input fields, a 'Login' button, a checkbox for 'Load Preferences from My EBSCOhost', and an 'Update My Account' button. The right column contains a 'Sign In' heading, a brief description, and a list of benefits: 'Save preferences', 'Organize your research with folders', 'Share your folders with others', 'View others' folders', 'Save and retrieve your search history', 'Create email alerts and/or RSS feeds', and 'Gain access to your saved research remotely'.

2. Click the **Create a new Account** link. EBSCOhost displays the **Create a New Account** screen with **Personal Account** entered in the **Account Type** field.

The screenshot shows the 'Create a new Account' page with a green header. The 'Account Type' is set to 'Personal Account' with a 'More Info' link. The form includes fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'E-mail Address', 'User Name', 'Password', 'Retype Password', 'Secret Question' (a dropdown menu), and 'Secret Answer'. There are explanatory notes for 'User Name' and 'Password'. A note at the bottom says 'Note: Please remember your account information for future reference.' At the bottom of the page, there are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons, with the 'Submit' button circled in red.



3. Complete the fields on the **Create a New Account** screen and then click **Submit**. If all the information is accepted, EBSCOhost displays a message informing you that your account has been created.
4. Click **Continue** to complete the account creation and log in to your My EBSCOhost account.

#### Notes:

- Due to EBSCO Publishing's privacy policy, we are unable to obtain and give out user ID and password information. You should record your user name and password immediately after you create it.
- Your personal account (My EBSCOhost) can be used across interfaces. If you have set up an account on EBSCOhost, the same account can be used on the *Business Searching Interface*.
- The email address you enter when signing up will be used to notify you of expiration of alerts as well as changes to alerts.

## Logging in to Your My EBSCOhost Account

1. Click the **Sign In to My EBSCOhost** link. EBSCOhost displays the **Sign In** screen.
2. Enter your User Name and Password in the **User Name** and **Password** text boxes, and then click **Login**.
3. Confirm that you are logged in to your account by viewing the **My** banner displayed across the top left corner of the page and your first name above the **Sign Out** link.

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for "New Search", "Publications", "Subject Terms", "Cited References", and "More". On the right side of the menu, there are links for "Sign Out", "Folder", "Preferences", "Languages", "New Features!", and "Help". Below the menu, the search bar is visible, with the text "Searching: Academic Search Premier" and a "Choose Databases" link. The search bar contains a text input field, a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Field (optional)", and "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below the search bar, there are three rows of search criteria, each starting with "AND" and a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Field (optional)". At the bottom of the search bar, there are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", "Visual Search", and "Search History". In the top right corner of the page, there is a link for "Not Demonstration? Sign in here." and the text "Demonstration Customer". The EBSCOhost logo is circled in red in the top left corner of the page.



## Modifying My EBSCOhost Account User Information

You might need to change some of the information stored with your account (such as your password) or you might want to delete your account. Use **Update My Account** to make these changes.

1. Click **Sign In to My EBSCOhost** at the top of the EBSCOhost home page.  
**Note:** If you are already signed in to your account, you need to sign out to modify your account.
2. Type your user name and password in the **User Name** and **Password** boxes, and then click **Update My Account**.

The screenshot shows the 'Sign In' page of EBSCOhost. At the top, there are links for 'Create a new Account', 'I forgot my password', 'I forgot my user name and password', and 'Create a Charge Back Account'. Below these links, there are input fields for 'User Name' (containing 'democust') and 'Password' (masked with dots). A 'Login' button is present below the password field. A checkbox labeled 'Load Preferences from My EBSCOhost' is checked. Below the checkbox, there is a link 'Update My Account' which is circled in red. To the right of the login fields, there is a section titled 'Sign In' with the text 'Sign in to access your personalized My EBSCOhost account.' and a list of features available with the account: 'Save preferences', 'Organize your research with folders', 'Share your folders with others', 'View others' folders', 'Save and retrieve your search history', 'Create email alerts and/or RSS feeds', and 'Gain access to your saved research remotely'.

3. Use the options on the page to update your account - such as change your password.  
**Note:** You cannot change your **User Name**.

The screenshot shows the 'Account Type' page of EBSCOhost. The account type is 'Personal Account' with a link to 'More Info'. Below this, there are input fields for 'First Name' (containing 'Demonstration'), 'Last Name' (containing 'Customer'), and 'E-mail Address' (containing 'name@address.net'). There are also fields for 'User Name' (containing 'democust') with a note 'This is the user name you will use to sign in to My EBSCOhost.', 'Password' (with a note 'Five-character minimum, no spaces'), and 'Retype Password'. A 'Secret Question' dropdown menu is set to 'Favorite Pet's name?' with a note 'Used to help identify your account if you forget your user name or password.' Below this is a 'Secret Answer' field containing 'Patrick'. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Note: Please remember your account information for future reference.' and three buttons: 'Submit', 'Cancel', and 'Delete Account'.

4. Click **Submit** to save your changes.