Minutes

I. Welcome
   ❖ Welcome
   ❖ Review Agenda

II. Approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting (available on the SLS website): Must due as we did not have a quorum at our December meeting.
Motion to approve minutes made by Kay and seconded by Ellen.

III. System Topics
   ❖ SLS Program Updates
      ❖ Final Orders: The final orders are the only orders that SLS requires. In the past because a lot of this was done using paper we would require the orders earlier to allow for time to enter them into the system, but with the digital entry we have much more flexibility. Please follow your business official’s timeline.
      ❖ Librarians as Collaborators and Lead Learners: Two of our ILEAD team’s applications were not accepted; SLS has taken this opportunity to host a regional leadership program. The themes will be Bridging the Gap and Ensuring Fundamental Information Literacy Instruction at the Elementary Level. The Bridging the Gap team will focus on the bridging both ways. What are the student’s needs for moving to a post-secondary education and what knowledge are those recent graduates of our local education programs missing in their understanding of student’s information literacy needs. Debby stated that CLRC is working on a similar project and we will be looking to combine our efforts. An invitation will be extended to more than those individual who initially applied for the ILEAD program. Our program will be 1 day a month for at least 9 months, as the districts already agreed to 9 days via a letter of commitment.
      ❖ Regional Purchases
         • eBook Line CCD: There will be a committee to purchase titles that will be made up of teachers, reading specialist, curriculum leaders and librarians. We won’t really know who is purchasing the eBook line until we see the final orders. The discussion has been that the eBook will be a $1.00 student and should not be taken out of the print book money.
         • World Book eBooks Collection: We have access for the region, access information will be sent out this week.
         • OverDrive: We will continue with the subscription because we need to have more statistical data. Another promotional push will be made by SLS.
• NoodleTools: We will continue to use as it has been very successful. Heather suggested that the interface for the beginner is not as kid friendly as it could be. Kay has said that there was an issue where students have been seeing other student’s citations and notecards. We will work with NoodleTools to fix the issues and suggest enhancements.

❖ Grants Status
  • Conference Grants
    Doreen would like to get away from offering specific grants, and begin offering mini-grants throughout the year to fund conferences, special projects. Examples include makerspaces, author visits, gaming clubs, etc. The hope is to have more teacher librarian collaboration. Heather stated that a requirement should be that the recipient present at the CC meeting. Everyone was in agreement.
  • Special Legislative Grant- The money has arrived and is being used for professional development and to send participating school librarians to the Annual NYLA/SSL conference in Tarrytown.
  • Library of Congress: Teaching with Primary Sources
    • Inquiry Approach to Project-Based Learning
      A requirement of this grant is teacher librarian collaboration. Within the grant there is funding for 14 individuals to attend PBL and field trip travel costs.
  • CLRC-RBDB Grants: SLS has submitted two grants to CLRC RBDB grant program
    • Syracuse Catholic Diocese Resource Sharing Initiative: The goal of this grant is to support the dioceses schools, which currently can’t access regional purchases because the software that runs their catalog is not a true OPAC.
    • Mobile makerspace kits to assist with Project Based learning. If awarded SLS will let librarians play at a CC meeting, to get more comfortable with the different items in the kits.

❖ Administrator/Advocate for the Year Award Luncheon
  • Doreen had not known that there had been some discussion on whether or not we continue with this award. Ellen said it was her understanding that there was the need to look at the format of the award. That the recipient should not necessarily be an administrator, but possibly a teacher or a community leader. Also, how do we get the nominations out there so more people, outside of the CCs are aware of the nomination process. Heather suggested we highlight a librarian of the month as another mechanism to share what our colleges are working on.

❖ Systems Librarian- Allison Zeppetello & ILEAD Team Update
  • Allie will be attending ILEAD with the Virtual Libraries Team. They are working to find a way to provide support to those students at the tech schools.

❖ Fall Conference
  ❖ Greater Central New York School Library Systems Annual Conference 2015
    Nov. 18, 2015 at the OnCenter
    • Eric Sheninger is our Keynote Speaker
    • Featured speakers:
      • Shannon McClintock Miller
      • Barb Stripling

IV. SLS By-Laws: Suggested changes review (vote to accept/reject at May 13 meeting)
We have had one resignation from Renee Hill from Syracuse University. We will not fill the position until the end of the year for the next term.

V. 2016-2021 Five-year Member Plan- Instructions and major changes were posted by DLD on December 8, 2014
Doreen asked the council members to look at the changes so we can divide and conquer over the next year to be complete by April 2016

- Each building/district should be submitting goals for growth to SLS. We need to have them on file. Goals can be simple, for example, increased collaboration.

- The state will be streamlining reporting, by moving to a different software

### VI. Other (member reports, suggestions, concerns)

Kay asked about the governor. Doreen was able to give some feedback from Legislative Day; we are currently being funded at the same levels as last year. Legislators are supportive. They are beginning to see the importance of SLS as fundamental to student’s education.

**Meeting Dates:**
- May 13, 2015 (combined meeting with Communication Coordinators, 12:30-3:00)