SLS Annual Survey 2012

Result Charts & Word Clouds
**OURS (Online Union Resource Sharing) Catalog**

- **Is accurate in representing my school library collection**: 2.0
- **Is useful for the procurement of resources**: 2.0
- **Is easy for patrons in my school community to search**: 1.5
Has been the most stable & most functional since I started 7 years ago.

I know this is an ongoing issue, but the searching is not intuitive. Both staff and students expect more when they are using a search tool.

ILL is a big part of what we do

OURS is a helpful tool for finding information. I used it frequently with my 2nd graders who love to read series books I can't afford to purchase.

The catalog is not easy for elem. students to search and understand. It's different "looking" than the one we use.

I don't like the layout. It is ok to search but not attractive.

Typically I am the only one that searches OURS

I generally do the searching in OURS, not the patron. I find it somewhat awkward compared to other catalogs.
Library Automation Services (LAS) Automation CoSer 573 Participants ONLY

Staff is accessible and responsive when information/services are needed.
Effectively supports me through training and assistance.

Library Automation Services saves me time so I can focus on instructing.
Remote access solution provides the timely support necessary to keep ...

Syndetics and BookWhere are valuable tools that improve my MARC record...
Help with creative and instructional ways to customize my web catalog...

Library Automation Services importing the MARC records for Ebooks is ...

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If our district could have afforded to change Automation Systems this year, I would have done it in a heartbeat.

Ebooks are amazing additions, we need to publicize them more to parents.

The staff (Laurie Egan) has been instrumental in designing and creating an exceptional web catalog that can be searched by button links.

Syndetics isn't always working.

Sue Kline has been a mainstay in helping me with textbooks.
The benefits that school to school ILL provides us is invaluable. We are able to enhance our literacy program with a wealth of materials that we would not be able to afford otherwise.

ILL and extended ILL were used this year more than ever - perhaps an indicator of our budget constraints and limited resources.

We are heavy lenders and heavy borrowers as this service stretches our budget and spend our valuable book money wisely while helping students and staff with their needs and interests.

We should promote and use the professional services to a greater extent.

We need and utilize OURS and ILL services at LEAST once a week!

Love the technology library--lifesaving!
Cooperative Collection Development

- Provides access to resources within the region that are easily obtainable.
- Is an easy and efficient way for all libraries to get materials in a timely manner.
- Enhances the ability of teachers to do in-depth inquiry-based units.
Cooperative Collection Development

This is an important service and wish that my district was able to add more funds to CCD. It’s is the only library book $$ that cannot be frozen. Would it be possible to have school librarians update their area of concentration? It might be good information with everyone re-shifting their practice due to the Common Core.

I still don't know what schools have these, what they are and how to access the information. Is it available on the web site?

My district froze my entire library budget - in late September - minus ~$1,500 that I had spent in July. Without my CCD money I would not have been able to purchase nearly all of the books I purchased for our students this year. I increased the amount of CCD for next year.

I have no idea why ALL districts do not participate in CCD.

This has stretched our dollars further and allowed us to build strong collections in heavily used areas.
SLS has provided a collection of eBooks in various formats to allow for instructional and independent reading for personal pursuits.
We will be marketing this wonderful resource more next year.

SLS has been supportive of us entering our records for our NOOKS. Also the ebook symposiums were great.

I attended both Ebook workshops and found these to be helpful and a motivator to begin using ebooks in my school.

Hopefully, students and faculty will use more as they really realize they are available.

Ebooks are not really on my list at this time. If I had extra money I would be looking at ereaders and fiction, but I don't have that at this point. The ebook interface/format for non-fiction is poor. The non-fiction publishers need to work on that instead of just taking a non-fiction source and digitizing it.

The OCM SLS plan to purchase ebooks that are curriculum orientated and that can be accessed by multiple users has made these new collections very useful to students and teachers alike. Excellent additions to our collections!
Professional Development / Continuing Education

- SLS sponsored conferences and training sessions...
- The Learning Commons workshops (past and present)...
- Onsite consultation/training with SLS staff have...
- I have begun to apply NYS Common Core Learning...
- I would benefit from PD on the NYSCCLS
- I would benefit from PD on the implementation of...
- I benefited from the Ebook Symposium Series
- Additional workshops on Ebook purchasing / management...
- Workshops on the integration and instructional...
- I have been able to apply a component of the...
- All Other Responses
SLS does a great job in professional development.

Loved the ebook symposium. We are purchasing Ipads and will be investigating etextbooks and readers for next year.

Need a workshop on SLO's for librarians!

It is difficult to attend many of the wonderful workshop opportunities offered through BOCES because of the time of day and difficulty to get a substitute

I would love to see the next generation of Learning Commons workshops focus on those schools that have them.

I feel as though I have a decent knowledge base on 21 cent. skills and Ebooks. However, I would like a workshop that I could attend with teachers on collaborating in the use of these tools.

PD opportunities have greatly enhanced my knowledge and have helped me with the large learning curve to integrate the new common core.
School Library System Coordinator

Provides leadership for school libraries
Is responsive to issues and concerns voiced by member school libraries
Fulfills an important role as liaison to the State Education Department
Is accessible when information/services are requested

Is creative in organizing new programs which reflect the needs of members
Is a strong advocate on school library media program issues
Fulfills an important role as liaison to professional organizations
Offered opportunities for member input into implementing the Plan of
Serves as an effective advocate for library funding at the state and...
School Library System Coordinator

Judi kept me motivated each and every year. She kept us on our toes and provided mission. What a great leader!

It is important to have a strong effective leader such as Judi D. in these uncertain financial times.

SLS Coordinator has provided great educational opportunities for librarians and so much funding. Thanks!

OCM BOCES needs the professional leadership of a school library system coordinator to network with other components of OCM BOCES, State Ed., and the individual school librarians in our region.

Director has always been strong advocate and open-minded.

Judi has been proactive and forward thinking in all of her endeavors. Will be sad to see her retire. Hope that her position is replaced by a full time OCM SLS coordinator who does not have to share the job with another BOCES. We need a

Judi will be missed!!!!!
Communication / School Library System Staff

Communications / SLS Staff

- SLS staff is accessible when information/services are requested
- SLS staff provides services in a timely manner
- SLS staff is knowledgeable when fulfilling requests for various services

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When new services are offered (i.e. the ebooks), a FAQ single sheet of instructions would be great. ALL steps (how to download) and ALL expectations (must load in your catalog) in one place/one sheet that could be sent as an email attachment. I am not complaining, but it was too piecemeal.

The SLS staff is a wonderful group of professionals who make my job easier.

SLS staff are all only a phone call or email away. I find them indispensable. I cannot say enough good things about the help or materials or advice I receive when I ask. Kudos for another great year of helping us do what we do.

The school library system staff has done an excellent job in providing us with support and service, especially with regard to the PD opportunities they provide.

Sometimes a request falls through the cracks, but on the whole the staff is very accessible and helpful. Communications are excellent.

We are fortunate to have such a caring and professional SLS staff!

What a knockout staff!!
Communications Coordinator / SLS System Council

Communications Coordinator & SLS System Council Meetings

- The information provided is effectively communicated to me by my dis...
- As a CC/Council member, my opinions are valued
- I find the Networking Luncheons beneficial for enhancing best practice

- Are conducted in a satisfactory and timely manner
- The meetings have enhanced my professional development
- I would benefit from vendor presentations via Skype at the CC meeting

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I think the "best practice" sharing could be a bit more formal. Sometimes we don't get to touch base with only 1 or 2 people. It tends to be the same ones we are more comfortable with, and miss a lot from others.

I would love to see the working workshops to come back. I did enjoy the Learning Commons ones but I find that some of the techniques and such were helpful to bring fellow staff members to.

I love the idea of the Networking Luncheons but the time frame rarely works out.

Vendor presentations during lunches only, please. Meeting time is so short to begin with. I always try to make the lunch time so I can connect with my cohort.
Most important services SLS provides are:

- Professional Development Opportunities
- Automation Support
- Leadership & creating an administrative awareness of the impact of effective school library programs
- Help with the Mandarin Automation System – there is great comfort in knowing that Laurie Egan is putting a great deal of time and effort into solving the problems as well

Advocacy, Professional Development and ILL

Professional Development is by far the most important service that SLS provides.

Honestly, the whole package. I need it all.

Professional Development, resource sharing, progressive technologies

Professional Development, Exploring eBooks as a group, Tech Support

COSER purchasing, Inter-library loan, professional development

Updates on emerging Technology, Professional Development, workshops

Support, empowerment and encouragement
The one service that SLS could improve or expand:

Helping with writing SLO's & better understanding APPR and the implication for school librarians.

More FAQ sheets for those of us who need to catch up with the fast pace of new products and need a cheat sheet with which to practice.

I would like more workshops on the Common Core and also, on the new SLOs.

Provide more ebooks (non fiction) at lower levels K-3 to support common core shift of using more nonfiction resources.

Helping LMS understand their role in Common Core

More staff to support automation
Other thoughts...

I REALLY appreciate the grant I won to SSL; it was publicized at our year-end district-wide meeting and I was so VERY pleased to get the recognition. THANK YOU so much!

I think that our Mandarin system needs some serious improvements in order to keep up with the demands of the patrons.

I think for the size of our BOCES the service is very personalized and timely.

Thank you for your support in helping us through professional development specific to core curriculum and e books. Would like a SLO's workshop tailored to school librarians!

I believe OCMBOCES provides school and local librarians, teachers and admin. people with an incredible amount of excellent resources for student achievement.

Timely professional development on the Common Core has help make me a leader on the topic.

I regard SLS as a kind of institutional mentor I can turn to address my needs as a professional. Thank you for your diligent work to help us all stay updated and grow.
Ways that you have Rethought, Retooled & Reinvented your library

Physically rearranging & retooling the library to adapt to a LearningCommons Model, Instructionally - working with the CommonCore and using the AASL CommonCore Crosswalk as a way to collaborate with grade level teachers.

Killed Dewey, incorporated Reference collection into general non-fiction collection, bought way more literary non-fiction

Many of my library instruction involved incorporating the CommonCore.

Aligning my lessons to the CommonCore standards, using IPads for lessons, encouraging students to read ebooks.

I have reconfigured the physical space to create different zones in the library using a LearningCommons model and have used these zones with my students.

This was my first year as a librarian so I worked very hard at making connections with all of the teachers in my building so the library and classrooms could do collaborative group research and literacy-based projects. I integrated newer technologies within the library curriculum to enhance teacher instruction and provide students with valuable 21st century skills.
Ways that you plan on Rethinking, Retooling & Reinventing your School Library Media Program next school year

Continue moving towards a Learning Commons Model where instructional & student workspace is maximized making the emphasis less about the physical collection and more about learning & knowledge.

Buy way more literary non-fiction, implement CommonCore and APPR stuff.

Continue to work on involving the CommonCore into teaching.

I will have a full iPad cart to accommodate all students in my classes next year. I plan to fully integrate the iPads with Various CommonCore based instructional goals.

Not sure yet, but looking forward to hosting Colleen Z. for peer review and taking it from there. Thanks for that opportunity!

I know my teachers are overwhelmed and I want an online presence that hands them ready to use resources that correspond to the CommonCore.

I plan on using ebooks more often as tools to teach library and literacy skills based on grade level curriculum plans. My lesson planning will be tweeked to include Core Standard objectives. Collection development will be focused on more nonfiction purchasing using leveled reading text guidelines.
How can SLS assist you in Rethinking, Retooling & Reinventing

Continued professional development opportunities.

Continuing to provide PD on integrating the Common Core with AASL standards.

Continued workshops on Ipads & Apps, ebooks, Etext books etc. and best practices regarding use of these new tools.

The workshop on SLO's - building lessons based on where the AASL standards intersect core curriculum would be helpful.

I would love to attend workshops where lessons could be shared using the Common Core in instruction at the Elementary level.

It would be nice to have professional development sessions that showcase best apps for implementing the Common Core ELA standards at the elementary and secondary level.

Continue to provide vision, leadership and direction for all of our school libraries and keep the non-public schools in the loop. Thanks!
What type of information are you typically seeking when you visit the SLS website? Check all that apply.
What would you like to see eliminated from the SLS website?

It's all good, valuable information but maybe we can consolidate some of the tabs and have the information live on fewer pages.

Everything that is on the website is useful.

Nothing that I see. I find that some things are a bit difficult to locate. A lot of things are supposed to be under Documents but rarely can I find what I am looking for.

I get the Twitter updates on my own account so I don't use the SLS website for that, but it is nice to show the latest tweets.

I did notice that there are a couple of links to "online resources" and they don't both link to the same place- This is confusing.

I look at all areas.

It is good the way it is.
What would you like to see added to the SLS website?

It would be nice to look beyond our region and see examples of best practices at the national level highlighted for both elementary and secondary practitioners.

There is so much on the site I find it difficult to find what I want.

Collaborative Wiki for 2.0 tech, good practice, our own resource of SLOs.

I'd like to have APPR & SLO articles/ideas posted from other districts.

Showcase some schools facilities.
Currently we send many types of information out via the SLS Listserv. We'd like to know your preference. As an FYI, using email/listserv means it comes to you. Posting it generally means you go and get it.

School Library System Services

- SLS adapts to keep up with 21st Century needs and practices
- SLS fosters new ideas and inquiry skills
- SLS assists with professional development and job performance
- SLS helps increase school district
- SLS is effective in increasing school district
- The Administration/Advocates of the Year Award is effective in increasing
- The SLS website is a valuable resource and tool
- TeachingBooks.net (provided through SLS funding)
- Teen Health and Wellness
- ASCD/ISTE Collection
- FIRST SEARCH through OBO
- All Other Responses

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