Get the Youth Services Newsletter in your Inbox!

Don't miss the next Youth Services Newsletter! Sign up HERE.

Upcoming Workshops

Rethinking School Outreach (morning session)
In this interactive workshop, learn how to build on traditional school outreach techniques to connect with K-12 students, parents, teachers and administration. Attendees will spend time developing a school outreach "Menu of Services" and an action plan for the 2017-18 school year. Target audience: youth services public librarians and administrators.
Shrewsbury Public Library, September 11, 10am-1pm Registration
Lakeville Public Library, September 12, 10am-1pm Registration

Reaching Teachers: Practical Tips for Librarians (afternoon session)
Librarians work hard to connect with K-12 students and parents, but teachers can be an overlooked and intimidating audience. In this workshop, learn practical methods to engage teachers more deeply with your library's services, programs and collections. Target audience: primary and secondary school librarians; youth services public librarians and administrators.
Shrewsbury Public Library, September 11, 2-3:30pm Registration
Lakeville Public Library, September 12, 2-3:30pm Registration

If you plan to attend both sessions on the same day please register separately for both and bring a brown bag lunch.

Summer Library Programs

Are you newly in charge of your library's summer program? Unsure of how to order materials for next year? Want to make sure you get updates about MLS summer program services? Have staff members changed recently and you don't know which way is up anymore?!

Send an email to April Mazza to make sure she has your contact info and to put you on our summer library program announcement list!

Quick Poll
Presenter: Amy Mikel is the Coordinator for School Outreach at Brooklyn Public Library. She works closely with school communities in Brooklyn and throughout NYC, teaching students, teachers, parents and school administrators about the benefits of the library. Recently, Amy was awarded an IMLS Sparks Ignition! grant to expand her Teacher Lab project, a workshop series and summer information literacy course for K-12 educators.

Teen Summit Save-the-Date!

October 17, 2017

We are pleased to announce the 9th Annual Teen Summit will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at the Beechwood Hotel in Worcester MA. Our featured keynote speaker is professor and author Danielle Allen. You can learn more about Danielle here and read about her forthcoming book, Cuz, here. More information and registration coming soon!

ICYMI - Continuing Education - Recorded Webinars!

Can't Miss Books with Pat Keogh, spring 2017 edition. This spring April visited Pat Keogh at her home to hear about new and exciting titles for youth. The booklists are divided into three videos: nonfiction, picturebooks, and middle grade fiction.

Good Comics for Kids with Brigid Alverson, acclaimed SLJ reviewer and journalist. The world of comics and graphic novels for kids has grown in recent years, to the benefit of readers and libraries alike. From a definition of what makes a "good" comic/graphic novel, to considerations for collection development, to new creators to watch, you'll walk away with a big list of books to add to your collection and to your "must read" list. Check out Brigid's blog post, slides, and reading list here.

For more previously recorded content and handouts visit The Goods on our Youth Services Guide.

Looking for Gale Database webinars? You can view upcoming and recorded webinars here. There are several new recordings on "What's New/Changed" with the statewide databases that are very helpful for school and public library staff.

Have you seen...?

2017 Best STEM Books
Best STEM Books is a joint project of the American Society for Engineering Education, the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association, the National Science Teachers Association, the Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees, and the Children's Book Council. This list of 31 books aims to provide recommendations to educators, librarians, parents, and guardians for the best children's books with STEM content.

Reading Beyond List
Also from the Children's Book Council is the "Reading Beyond" list. Here are 75 books chosen by the ALA-CBC (American Library Association & Children's Book Council) Joint Committee to provide guidance to parents, caregivers, teachers, librarians, booksellers, and anyone
Spotlight on Local Groups

Looking to meet and connect with other youth librarians in your area? There are several groups to choose from around the state.

**CHATS (Children and Teen Services of Western Mass)**
This group was created by children’s and young adult librarians in Western Mass to provide a support network, a resource hub, and seasonal roundtables for youth services librarians. Visit their [Facebook page](#) or [Email organizer](#).

**NOBS (North of Boston Youth Services Librarians)**
NOBS provides networking opportunities for librarians in the northeast, focusing mainly on the NOBLE and MVLC networks. They are an entirely volunteer run organization and requires a $15 due in September of each year. These dues help to pay for presenters, meals, and any other expenses we decide to incur as a group to help us learn and grow as youth services librarians. Visit the [NOBS website](#) or [Contact NOBS President](#).

**SEYS (Southeastern Youth Services Roundtable)**
Contact [by Email](#) to receive meeting updates.

**South Shore Young Adult Roundtable**
Holds monthly meetings as well as yearly collaborative events interested in discovering books for children who read at an advanced level and are seeking more challenging, but still age-appropriate, books. We are so pleased to have our very own MLS consultant, Christi Showman Farrar on this committee!

**Partnering to Increase Your Impact**
This new toolkit from YALSA will help you effectively engage in partnerships that can lead to stronger teen services in your library. Includes turnkey materials to get you started immediately as well as a wealth of resources to dive into no matter what stage you are at in developing partnerships.

---

**MLS Youth & School Library Services**
Questions? Requests?
Please let us know!
events open to all young adult librarians in southeastern Massachusetts interested in sharing ideas, programs, resources and having fun together. Visit their site here.

YA Collaborative
Statewide group open to Teen & Youth Librarians. Request to join the group here.

Don't see a group in your area? Check with your network to see if they have a youth roundtable or interest group. If you're looking to start a group contact April or Christi for help getting started!

New Books from the MLS Professional Collection

Click on a title to go to our catalog!

*Engaging Babies in the Library: Putting Theory into Practice* by Debra J. Knoll

*50+ Fandom Programs: Planning Festivals and Events for Tweens, Teens, and Adults* by Amy J. Alessio, Katie LaMantia, & Emily Vinci

*Teaching for Justice: Implementing Social Justice in the LIS Classroom* edited by Nicole A. Cooke and Miriam E. Sweeney

Need help accessing the collection? Click here for info!
promotes equitable access to excellent library services and resources for all who live, work, or study in Massachusetts.