Upcoming Workshops & Webinars

Black and White and "Read": Picture Books Galore!
**Tuesday, February 14, 12:30pm-1pm [webinar]**
Pandas and penguins and picture books, oh my! Join Consultant Christi Farrar for a lunch-time booktalk of black, white and "read" picture books to enhance your collection or story time. We'll focus not only on new titles, but also on a few activities and resources that can supplement highlighted books. This webinar will be recorded, and everyone who registers will be entered to win the books discussed! [Register here.]

Wandoo Reader Webinars
**Wednesday, February 15, 2:30pm-3:30pm [webinar]** [Register]
**Tuesday, February 28, 11am-12pm [webinar]** [Register]
We've scheduled two introductory Wandoo webinars (they are both the same content, just 2 different times to accommodate various schedules). The webinars will cover Wandoo Reader's patron and staff interfaces, including how to configure a new reading program. Time for questions will be provided throughout the session. These are exclusive to Massachusetts public libraries and are open to current and potential users of the software.

If you do not already have a license but would like one, please contact April Mazza at april@masslibsystem.org to discuss the details. You are also welcome to sit in on the webinar and then decide if you would like a license.

Spring Continuing Education Workshops
Our spring continuing education calendar has been posted and there are many options for full or half-day professional development. Visit our [Workshop Calendar] for date and location specifics. Here are this season's Offerings:
- **Facing the Future: Strategic Planning in Libraries**
- **Keep Calm & Manage On: a Time Management Workshop**
- **Build a Better Summer Library Program**
- **Wandoo Reader Training**
- **Inclusive Programming Skillshare**
- **Universal Design for Libraries**
- **Library Roundup: Using Assessment to Improve Your Programs & Services**
- **Explore the "Wild West" of Assessment and Community Engagement**

MLS Mock Newbery

And the (Mock) Winner Is...

Thank you to everyone who participated in our online discussions and our voting! We hope you enjoyed the experience. Visit our Mock Book Awards guide for more information on running your own mock book group with colleagues or students:

[http://guides.masslibsystem.org/mockbookawards](http://guides.masslibsystem.org/mockbookawards)

New Books from the MLS Professional Collection

Click on a title to go to our catalog!

- **Becoming a Media Mentor: a guide for working with children and families** by Claudia Haines, Cen Campbell, and the Association for Library Service to Children.
- **Creating Inclusive Library Environments: a planning guide for serving patrons with disabilities** by Michelle Kowalsky and John Woodruff.
Brian Pinkney is the 2018 artist for the CSLP Children's and Early Literacy summer reading programs!

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CLSP) is happy to announce that for the 2018 artist for the Children and Early Literacy programs is Brian Pinkney!

"Acclaimed artist Brian Pinkney is the illustrator of several highly-praised picture books including The Faithful Friend, In the Time of the Drums, and Duke Ellington. He is a graduate of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and holds a master's degree in illustration from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He lives in Brooklyn, New York with his wife Andrea, with whom he often collaborates, and his two children.

Brian has won numerous awards including two Caldecott Honors, four Coretta Scott King Honors and a Coretta Scott King Award, and the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award. He has been exhibited at The Art Institute of Chicago, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, The Detroit Institute of Art, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The School of Visual Arts, and The Society of Illustrators.

We are excited to be working with Brian to provide the music themed artwork for the 2018 program, Libraries Rock!"
recommendations on how libraries can support students and patrons who struggle with reading. Both the recording and handouts are available on our Guide.

**Introduction to Media Literacy: Applying Concepts and Understandings to the 2016 Election Coverage** with speaker Allison Butler, a representative from Mass Media Literacy (MML). She discussed the concepts of media literacy and how librarians can make use of media literacy to support students, families, and community patrons. A must watch for staff at any type of library! The handout is also available with the recording.

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**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 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](#).

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Consistently benefit from museum, library, and early childhood programs and services.
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!