Happy End of Summer!

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Happy End-of-Summer Reading Everyone!
Summer is officially over but participating libraries can still submit 2016 stats & 2017 orders by filling in this form - deadline is Friday September 23!

Upcoming CSLP Themes and Slogans
2017 Summer Slogan "Build a Better World" (Theme: Architecture, Building, Construction, Environment, Social Awareness)
2018 Summer Slogan "Libraries Rock" (Theme: Music)
2019 Summer Library Theme: Space - To coincide and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing!

MLS Mock Newbery

Now is the perfect time to join the MLS Mock Newbery Goodreads Group. If you love discussing books (the good, the bad and the ugly!) you'll love the MLS Mock Newbery! For more info and to join the group visit: http://guides.masslibsystem.org/mockbookawards

Upcoming Mock Events

In-Person Voting Extravaganza!
Wednesday, January 11 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
It's a voting party! Come learn about the Newbery medal, hear from a special guest speaker, have some treats (and maybe win a prize!) and of course-discuss and vote for the Mock Newbery! (We will discuss and vote from a shortlist that will be announced Oct 30)

Register

Have you seen...?
The eighth annual Teen Summit will be on Thursday September 29, 2016 from 9:30am-4:00pm at the Beechwood Hotel in Worcester MA.

Featuring keynote speaker, Massachusetts author Tara Sullivan and much more! A great program for both school and public librarians who work with teens and young adults!

Online registration link, mail-in registration form, agenda and more information can be found on our Teen Summit resource guide: http://guides.masslibsystem.org/youthservices/ts

Fall Workshop Offerings

This fall MLS will host a variety of workshop topics throughout the state. Each session consists of two complimentary parts where you can attend one or both to fit your needs. All workshops are intended for any type of librarian and any level in their career. Click on the registration link for your topic of interest for more details and to find a location near you. Hope you can join us!

Non Traditional Materials: A Collection Development Conversation Cake pans, garden tools, musical instruments, and more are now being added to collections to ensure that patrons can have a truly enriching experience with their local library. This two-part conversation will have a presentation in the morning and discussion in the afternoon. REGISTER

Beyond Surveys and Purposeful Planning Moving beyond surveys and planning purposefully will help you create library programs and services that really meet the needs of your community. But how do we know what they really need and where do we start? REGISTER

Learning in the Library Learn how to use your patrons’ needs as a guide for developing, delivering, and evaluating training programs and materials at your library. Come with an idea for a new class at your library, or use this opportunity to revise an existing training program! REGISTER

Marketing Series We will review some best practices in design and then work together to plan redesigns of your existing work. Bring newly refreshed and updated material back to the library. Stick around later in the day for the afternoon Marketing Salon. REGISTER

ICYMI - Continuing Education - Recorded Webinars!

Introduction to Media Literacy: Applying Concepts and Understanding to the 2016 Election Coverage with speaker

Kids' Indie Next List
If you’re looking for a good way to hear about some great upcoming books, check out the American Booksellers' Association Kids' Indie Next List. The Autumn 2016 list is chock full of choice titles, many of them recommended by local MA independent booksellers.

Kazoo Magazine
There is a new magazine for girls on the newsstand and it's getting a lot of buzz from parents and educators. Kazoo was developed by a journalist mom, and funded by Kickstarter, as a magazine for girls interested in more than fashion and beauty. Articles and stories cover topics such as science, sports, art, comics, and cooking.

PBS Kids ScratchJr Version
PBS characters meet programming basics in this new version of the popular coding app. Kids age 5-8 can learn coding skills while creating stories and videos using their favorite PBS characters. This may be a good version to add to library devices or recommended app lists.

Rock the Vote
The famous voter involvement organization has a new way to build engagement. You can add a voter registration widget to your own website! Just register your organization and you'll get the code to drop onto your site. This is a great tool for anyone working with teens or at public libraries.

MLS Youth & School Library Services

Questions? Requests? Please let us know!

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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.

Can't Miss Books with Pat Keogh - Spring 2016 edition! Recording and booklist available.

Readers' Advisory Resource Guide-including content from our spring RA summit coming soon!

New Books from the MLS Professional Collection

Click on a title to go to our catalog!

The Book Whisperer: awakening the inner reader in every child by Donalyn Miller

Igniting a Passion for Reading by Steven Layne

Summers Matter: 10 things every parent, teacher, principal should know about June, July, & August by Matthew Boulay

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The 2017 ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant application is now open. This $3,000 grant, made possible by Baker & Taylor, is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries, while recognizing ALSC members for outstanding program development.

Each applicant will be judged on the following:

1. The plan and outline submitted for a theme-based summer reading program in a public library
2. The committee encourages innovative proposals involving children with physical or mental disabilities
3. Program ideas that are open to all children (birth-14 years)

Applicants must be personal members of ALSC, as well as ALA members to apply. Deadline for submissions is November 1, 2016. For more information about the award requirements and submitting the online application please visit ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant.

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