Continuing Education

Creative and Enticing Booktalks and Displays for Youth
Wednesday May 11, 2016 3:30PM - 5:30PM at West Campus for Sturgis Charter School is at 105 West Main Street Hyannis

Looking to spice up your booktalks and displays? What are your colleagues doing? Where can you find the best ideas? Join us for an afternoon of networking and exchanging ideas for creative and enticing booktalks and displays! Bring both a book you are comfortable sharing as well as a new book to practice with, after getting feedback from the group. Come with display ideas to share or better yet send photos to April Mazza, MLS Advisor, ahead of time to add to the presentation. Refreshments and networking from 3:30-4PM. Co-sponsored with MSLA. Open to school and public librarians. Eligible attendees will have the opportunity to earn 2 PDPs.

Register HERE

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Past Sessions
Looking for past CE recordings and handouts? Look no further than "the Goods" http://guides.masslibsystem.org/thegoods

Save-the-Date for our 8th annual Teen Summit!
This year's Teen Summit will take place on Thursday, September 29 at the Beechwood Hotel in Worcester. More details & registration coming soon!

2016 Summer Updates for Public Libraries!
Lots of summer updates went out on our Summer Program newsletter. Didn't get the newsletter? You can sign up for it HERE. Please feel free to share the link with your colleagues who also plan summer programs!

This recent update included information about the Teen Video Challenge, special offers for participating libraries, upcoming themes and slogans and much more!

Like MA Summer Reading on Facebook!

How? Just join our Goodreads group to get in on the action! Click here for full instructions. First time participants should fill out this online form.

When? Now until the Youth Media Awards are announced on January 23, 2017! (And possibly beyond!)

Why? For fun! But you may learn a thing or two along the way.

For more info visit our Mock Newbery Resource Guide.

Please help welcome our newest advisor!
Christi Showman Farrar just joined the MLS team as an Advisor, with a focus on youth services. You may know Christi's name from her years as a Youth Services and Teen Librarian at both the Flint Memorial Library (North Reading) and the Woburn Public Library. Just prior to joining us at MLS, Christi was the Director of the School and Public Library team at EBSCO, where she used her public library and education knowledge to improve the customer experience of libraries across the country. Christi considers herself a
New Books from the MLS Professional Collection

**Reading picture books with children: how to shake up storytime and get kids talking about what they see** by Megan Dowd Lambert

**The power of play: designing early learning spaces** by Dorothy Stoltz

**Diversity programming for digital youth: promoting cultural competence in the children’s library** by Jamie Campbell Naidoo

**Teen services 101: a practical guide for busy library staff** by Megan Fink

Click on titles to go to the MLS Catalog. Need help accessing the collection? Click [here](#) for info!

“librarian's librarian”, providing professional development and guidance to make librarian and teacher jobs easier. Her professional presentation topics have ranged from collection development to picture book art, social media to cupcake decorating. Most recently she presented at Computers in Libraries on student research habits. You can find her on Twitter [@librarychristi](#) or email her at ChristiF@masslibsystem.org

**Have you seen...?**

New Minecraft Education Edition

Most of us have heard of Minecraft and how popular it with kids up through adults! And many libraries have started offering programs around this game that appeals to a wide variety of interests from straight up video gamers to creative types. And now there is a new education edition from Microsoft that may allow for even more adaptability. Check out this [CNET article](#) for more info including a link to register for updates from Microsoft.

**Happy Children’s Book Week!**

How are you celebrating Children’s Book Week? Download a printable 2016 bookmark and activity page designed by CeCe Bell, encourage your young readers to vote in the Reader’s Choice Awards and find tons of kits and event materials at [www.bookweekonline.com](http://www.bookweekonline.com)

**The Guardian's Children's Books Podcast**
Love podcasts? Looking for something unique that will also whet your appetite for children’s books? Fond of British accents? Then look no further than the Guardian’s Children’s Books Podcast! While there check out the rest of the Guardian’s Children’s Books site for more author interviews, audio & video samples, top ten lists, fun quizzes and more!

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