

# ENYSLMA Connections Autumn 2007

## Board Positions [Effective October 2007]

**President - Liz Bailey\***  
**Past President - Barbara Zuccaro\***  
**Vice President - Maggie McCabe\***  
**Secretary - Elaine Luizzi**  
**Treasurer - Donna Smyth**  
**Membership (new position) - Santina Florio\***  
**Webmaster - Melissa Bergin**  
**SLMS Region IV Coordinator - Beth Davis\***  
**Retiree Representative (new position)- Terri Moran**  
**Capital Region - Claire McNally**  
**Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery - Christine Suhr**  
**Questar III Rens.-Columbia-Greene - Jill Leinung\***  
**Wash.-Sar.-Warren-Hamilton-Essex - Kali Nagler\***  
**Cathy Casler-Programs Coordinator**

[\*new officers/representatives]



Our membership chair, Santina Florio, along with president-elect, Liz Bailey, are making contacts with our area school systems to build a stronger communication network and to promote membership. Honorary memberships will be given to each school library director to endorse this effort. Santina is also working with the University of Albany to re-establish a program to promote free student memberships.



**W**ith each newsletter we will be providing brief biographical sketches of each of our officers and representatives:

*Hello. My name is Beth Davis and I am the 6-12th grade librarian at Berne-Knox-Westerlo Middle/Senior High School. As of October, I will also be the SLMS Representative for ENYSLMA. Besides letting SLMS (School Library Media Section of the New York Library Association) know what our organization is doing, I will be letting all of you know about the programs and new policies of SLMS. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [bkardon@yahoo.com](mailto:bkardon@yahoo.com)*



*Liz Bailey, president-elect, is a school media specialist at Okte Elementary School, in the Shenendehowa Central School District. Liz enjoys working with teachers to create meaningful resource-based learning experiences, as well as running book clubs and programs to promote literature appreciation. Two articles that she has written were published in School Librarian's Workshop. She is currently working on an authentic learning project for primary grade research that received a grant from the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center.*

## SLMS Update

Maggie McCabe



The Carol A. Kearney Educational Leadership Retreat - "Get Your Assessments in Gear: Techniques for Improving Skills and Library Programs" provided an informative overview on how to develop and use worthwhile program evaluations for a school library media program. The companion wiki includes a "treasure chest" of exemplary tools and resources. Details about this workshop will be shared at the ENYSLMA Fall Program on October 25.

Here are some highlights about what was covered at the SLMS Summer Board Meeting:

- Get involved and lobby for the federal "Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLS) Act." To assist you in lending your support, the toolkit provides links to information and talking points related to this legislative proposed act  
Go to:  
[http://www.eduref.org/lm\\_net/archive/LM\)\\_NET/2007/Jul\\_2007/msg00173.html](http://www.eduref.org/lm_net/archive/LM)_NET/2007/Jul_2007/msg00173.html)  
and also  
[http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslissues/SKILLS\\_Act.com](http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslissues/SKILLS_Act.com).

- 2007 State Legislative Priorities:  
[http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page\\_id=1](http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=1)

- After two years of hard work, the new information literacy standards will be released at the AASL Conference in Reno. (Note: Next year's SLMS Educational Leadership Retreat's theme will be "AASL Standards and Implementation.")

This is my last submission as your regional coordinator. I will be taking over as the membership chair of SLMS in October and it is my goal to continue with the effort of increasing membership for this crucial state-level lobbying and educational organization for school library media specialists. As a member of this organization, you are able to access SLMS links from the NYLA web page that includes some new features such as blogs, wikis, etc. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about NYLA's School Library Media Section.

**IMPORTANT!** If you are a member of SLMS and did not receive your Spring 2007 issue of SLMSGram, please e-mail [membership@nyla.org](mailto:membership@nyla.org) (Lois Powell) and request a copy. Problems arose with the distribution of this issue.

## **Attention Retirees!**

ENYSLMA is interested in getting retirees involved. Your expertise and experience can assist and motivate others and you can enjoy the programs we have as well. Terri Moran is interested in hearing from retired library media specialists who might like to get together informally - perhaps over lunch to socialize and share their retirement activities. Please email Terri at [temlibrary@aol.com](mailto:temlibrary@aol.com).



**OCTOBER**

**Thursday, October 25th at 5 p.m.**

*Did you purchase the ALA READ CD  
but have never gotten around to using it?*

*Would you like to know more about promoting your  
library program using the READ posters?*

If you have Photoshop or Photoshop Elements, but don't have the CD,  
you can still get some great marketing ideas for your library.

Come learn how a library promotion captured school-wide interest and led  
to contests and even a curriculum connection!

**We will also be given an overview of the  
SLMS Summer Retreat!**

Join us at the  
Shatekon Elementary School Library – Shenendehowa District  
35 Maxwell Drive, Clifton Park

Directions: Take the Northway I87 to Exit 9. Head west on Route 146. At  
the second light, take a left onto Maxwell Drive.

\$15 for members

\$20 for nonmembers

Catering from Panera Bread

**Registration deadline -- October 19.**

Please send your reservation response and check made payable to  
ENYSLMA to Donna Smyth, 4 Homer Ave., Queensbury, NY 12804

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4th Annual Bus Trip to NYC

B. Zuccaro

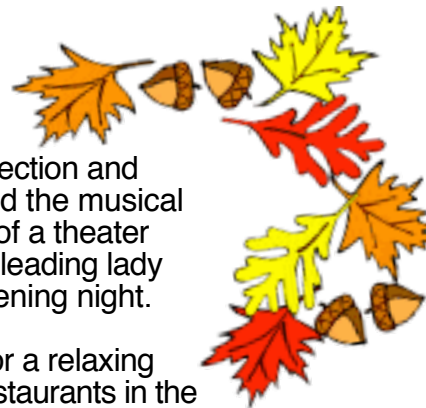
On Wednesday, July 24th, 40 school librarians and friends boarded a bus to head to NYC for a fun day of relaxation and socializing. As the bus unloaded at Bryant Park at 10:30 everyone headed out for some free time of shopping, sightseeing in Chinatown, touring NBC or exploring one of the many museums. Several met relatives and friends who live in the city and joined them for the day.

We all gathered at 2 PM for orchestra seating to see "Curtains" with the Tony award winner David Hyde Pierce and wonderful cast.

It was another awesome selection and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the musical about a police investigation of a theater production whose lackluster leading lady was murdered on stage opening night.

Afterwards there was time for a relaxing dinner at one of the many restaurants in the city and then everyone boarded the bus for the return trip.

Many thanks to Elaine Cowin, Marcia Krantz and Bev Valenti for organizing this social outing for ENYSLMA!



### **Tech Camp - Interactive Web Applications**

Held on 8/9/07, this half-day seminar by Polly Farrington was very well-received.



The program not only offered an enriching exchange of best practices but provided an excellent overview of Web 2.0 that set up a powerful initiative to learn more about it--and to USE IT! In a wrap-up statement, Polly stated, "without learning and using these applications, school librarians risk becoming irrelevant."

Watch for related professional development opportunities to be held by CRBSLS this school year.

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