

connections



Summer, 2004



Wicked with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
<http://www.musicalschwartz.com/wicked.htm>

"Hooray! Broadway's got a big new musical.... it's more than good enough to run for a decade or two! Go!"

- The Wall Street Journal

Bus Trip to New York City

New York Public Library
Teen Central
&
Wicked
Orchestra Seating



Wednesday,
July 21, 2004

ITINERARY

6:00 AM	Pick-up at Wilton Mall on the side by Dicks.
6:30	Pick-up at Crossgates Mall in upper Filenes overflow parking lot.
10-11:30	Tour of Teen Central at Donnell Library, located on 53rd St. between 5th Ave. and Avenue of the Americas. Book Talks on the newest titles from <u>Books for the Teen Age 2004</u> will be given by the YA Librarians. They are opening Teen Central before library hours just for our group! Their publication will be available for purchase at the cost of \$10.
11:30-1:30	Lunch on your own.
1:30	Meet at the Gershwin Theatre. Located on 51st St. between Broadway & 8th Ave.
2:00- 4:45	<u>Wicked</u>
5:00	Pick-up outside of the theater.
8:30	We will make a short stop at a rest area on our way home.
9:00 PM	Drop-off at Crossgates Mall. Drop-off at Wilton Mall.

COST

\$110 members
\$115 non-members

We are limited to 55 seats and must make
payment on the tickets quickly!!

Please reserve your seat by **Thursday, April 29, 2004.**
Mail your check (made payable to ENYSLMA) and reservation form to:
Donna Smyth, 4 Homer Avenue, Queensbury, NY 12804.
She can be reached at 518/792-7283 or dsmyth@proctorelem.org

No Refunds can be made once the tickets are purchased!!

Resources In Our Area:

Recapping The Fall ENYSLMA Program

Mary Shands

Videoconferencing was the theme of ENYSLMA's workshop held on October 20, 2003 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Fifteen School Library Media Specialists from the surrounding area met at project View in Schenectady for a tour of The Library of Congress, The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and The Museum of Television and Radio.

Diane Wilkinson the Instructional Technology Coordinator for Project View did a wonderful job facilitating our experience. At the beginning of the session she gave a brief introduction to videoconferencing and how it works. After Diane spoke she linked us up with a real live person from the Library of Congress. Our tour guide from the Library of Congress gave some insight about their web page, along with some samples of conferencing already done with students, including "The Spy Map and General Washington." The programs that the Library of Congress offer through videoconferencing are FREE!

The next site we visited was the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center on the Chesapeake Bay. Our host and educator was Dottie Klugel. Ms. Klugel introduced herself and identified the location of the Environmental Center on a map that was visible to the audience. Her presentation was tailored specifically to librarians. She gave overviews of the videoconferences that are currently available from the center and she gave supplemental book recommendations! There are a variety of videoconferences currently available from the center we had a quick look at one about turtles and birds. A brand new offering is entitled, *Investigating Global Warming: Clues to a Changing Climate*. Also, videoconferences can be tailored to fit the needs of a particular class. Ms. Klugel recently conducted one on the effects of the hurricane the Chesapeake Bay. The cost of the videoconferences from the Smithsonian Environmental Center is \$100.00.

After we signed off with the Smithsonian, we traveled a little further to Beverly Hills, California and the Museum of Television and Radio. Our host gave a short history of the museum and showed some clips from the videoconference "*America Through the Lens: The Art of the Television Documentary*" and "*Animation*." Other programs that the museum has to offer are: "*Around the World*," "*The Civil Rights Movement and Television*," "*The Fine Art of Persuasion Television and Advertising*," "*Fractured Fairy Tales*," "*Muppets and Puppets*," and "*The Planet Earth*." During each presentation a Museum Educator introduces clips from the Museum's Collection and then engages students in a question and answer session. The cost is \$100.00.

Our meeting concluded with great food from Gershon's. ENYSLMA Co-President, Cheryl Cufari, ran a short meeting where this year's officers were voted in and we discussed possible authors for our next winter dinner.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

PROJECT VIEW

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

<http://memory.loc.gov/>

SMITHSONIAN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER

Dottie Klugel SER's Distance Learning Coordinator
<http://www.serc.si.edu/klugeld@si.edu>

MUSEUM OF TELEVISION AND RADIO

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March 14, 2004

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to introduce myself as the Region IV SLMS/NYLA Representative. Region IV consists of Library Media Specialists from Albany, Schenectady, Schoharie, Rensselaer, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Washington and Saratoga Counties and includes public as well as private and independent school libraries.

As your SLMS representative, I want to encourage you to advocate for libraries at this very crucial time in Albany. If you didn't make it to Library Legislation Day on March 16th in Albany, it is not too late to contact your legislators by fax, letter, phone call or post card. All kinds of advocacy tools are available to you on the SLSA, NYSUT, AASL and NYLA websites! Go to www.nysl.nysed.gov or www.ncl.nysed.gov or www.nyla.org to view sample letters. It is so important to let our legislators know that we care enough about our programs to advocate for them.

If you haven't done so already, I'd like to encourage you to support your local, state and national professional organizations. Starting on the local level, you can join ENYSLMA (www.ensylma.org) and encourage your colleagues to do so for only \$10 per year. For NYLA and ALA, there is a special membership drive going on right now for first time members. Only \$25 to join both! As a Library Media Specialist, you can join SLMS of NYLA or AASL of ALA. This year, Barbara Stripling, an LMS from New York, is running for president of ALA! You can view her platform at the ALA website.

I would also like you to consider going to the SLMS Leadership retreat held at Cornell University, Ithaca, August 9th & 10th. The theme this year is "Leadership @ Your Library" and you can view the brochure at www.slms-nyla.org. Besides learning and growing in our profession, these retreats offer so much in terms of meeting and enjoying a special camaraderie with friends in the field of librarianship.

The annual SLMS2004 Conference will be held in Buffalo, New York at the Adam's Mark Hotel on April 29th, 30th and May 1st. The conference will feature: Keynote Speaker, Avi; author, Chris Crutcher; Knickerbocker Award winner, Jennifer Armstrong; and Poetry Alive. There will be many programs of interest to librarians focusing on Technology, Professional Growth, Literature, Curriculum, and Leadership. Registration info may be found at: <http://www.slawnny.org>.

Finally, I will be finishing up my term as SLMS representative at the end of 2004. Dianne Hobden (from Shaker Junior High School) has volunteered to be the next SLMS rep. If you have any questions or thoughts you'd like to share my e-mail is: dimaggios@guilderlandschools.org.

Sincerely,

Sheila Di Maggio
SLMS Region IV Representative

**Order form to Reserve tickets for Bus Trip to see
Wicked in NYC on July 21.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

**Number
of Tickets:** _____

**Total
Amount Enclosed:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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