SAYL Mail - January 6th

This archive was originally posted at serrc.org/schoollibraries

January 6th - In This Issue...


- SAYL News in Brief
- Scholarships, Grants and Awards Opportunities
- Training and Continuing Education Opportunities
- As Seen on Alaska School Librarians Facebook
- Almanac

SAYL News in Brief

A New Year for Opportunities and ESSA

“The ringing in of a new year always gives me hope for new opportunities. After the fireworks and celebrations, I reflect on the previous year, consider what lies ahead, and make lists. I do tend to put too many projects on my list, but if I’m lucky there will be some indicator of where to focus my planning efforts. A new pair of sneakers will encourage me to devote more time to walking, and a new laptop makes it easier to accomplish some writing. Or, as in 2016, a new law re-energizes my advocacy efforts to ensure students in every school have the
benefits of a school library program…” [Continue at Knowledge Quest]

AASL Develops Toolkit for Promoting School Library Programs

“This toolkit includes strategies, practical tips and tools, key messages, inspirational stories, and much more to help school librarians promote the many ways they transform teaching and learning within schools, districts, and communities through their library programs.” The complete list of AASL Toolkits can be found here.

Churchill Archive for Schools: Free Access until 2020

The Churchill Archive for Schools is a specialized platform for high school students based on the content and catalog of Bloomsbury Publishing’s Churchill Archive. With a free and expanding range of classroom-ready resources, the website brings the letters, speeches, photos, and writings of Winston S. Churchill and his contemporaries to secondary schools at no cost. The archive’s lesson materials engage students in hands-on primary document analysis. Register or contact a representative.

SLJ’s Top Posts of 2015

“From a controversial state bill and new ways to approach reading with teens, to Minecraft, our top posts of the year were an eclectic mix, reflective of the diverse needs and interests of our audience…” [Continue at SLJ]

Looking Forward: School Libraries in the New Year [YALSA Blog]

Library of Congress Anoints Graphic Novelist as Ambassador for Young People’s Literature [New York Times]

Scholarship, Grant, and Award Opportunities

AkLA Conference Deadline: January 11th – AkASL Professional Development Grants for the March 10-13 AkLA Conference in Fairbanks. Up to $1000 for registration, travel, and hotel.

Closing January 31st – The Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant. 60-100 titles by African American authors and illustrators for collection development in latchkey, preschool programs, faith-based reading projects, homeless shelters, charter schools and underfunded libraries.
Closing February 1st – AASL Awards season is open. Ten awards open to school libraries and related programs/faculty ranging from $1,250 to $10,000.

[Announcement]

Closing February 12th – The Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced With Adversity. “$3,000 check + $1,000 travel, along with an odd, symbolic object from his private stash, and a certificate, which may or may not be suitable for framing.”

Closing February 29th – “The Annual ISTE Awards recognize exceptional educators and leaders who are paving the way for connected learning.” Six juried and two non-juried awards for outstanding leadership in the digital age. Up to $1,500 award, plus travel award, conference registration, and association membership fees.

Closing March 1st – Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant. Up to $1,000 to attend a continuing education event in 2016-17.

Training and Continuing Education Opportunities

Opportunities not fitting your schedule? Many of these webinars will later be available as archives.

Thursday, January 7th, noon – Student Game Jams [edWeb]

Wednesday, January 13th, 7am – Soft Skills for Supervisors and Managers [Indiana State Library]

Tuesday, January 19th, 10am – New Year, New Books! Lerner Publishing Group’s Spring Preview [Booklist]

Tuesday, January 19th, 3pm – Tech Tools Smackdown [TeachersFirst]

Wednesday, January 20th, 9am – Introduction to Finding Grants [Grantspace]
Wednesday, January 20th, 3pm – Explore, Create Engage: HSTRY in the Classroom! [AASL]

Tuesday, January 26th, 3pm – David Wiesner’s Spot: Not the Same Old Story [AASL]

Tuesday, January 26th, 3pm – Common Core ELA [TeachersFirst]

Wednesday, January 27th, 11am – Getting started with Robotics [ISTE and SLJ]

Saturday, January 30th, 6 - 11:30am – Google Tools & Projects for Your Classroom [SimpleK12]. CEU certificate available.

[Additional and up-to-date Library Development Training and Continuing Education Calendar]

As Seen on Alaska School Librarians Facebook

A roundup of resources shared and questions asked on the Alaska School Librarians Facebook group. This is intended to give readers the chance to access resources at work if Facebook is filtered. Only timely questions, announcements, and links to non-Facebook resources are listed here.

12/17 – Students, parents, teachers, and supporters: Share this link and help us earn money. For each share, we will earn $1 up to $1,000. Share today!

12/28 – This was new to me. There are some great choices here. We really push our early readers and it is great to find some new options aimed at them.

1/2 – [The 2016 Reading Challenge]

1/4 – AKLA will be held in Fairbanks March 10-13. Travel grants up to $1,000 are available through AkASL. The deadline to apply is January 11, 2016. Visit AkASL’s website for more information and the application link. Do it now!
1/4 – Something that those of you in high schools might find useful. A guide to completing the main federal student financial aid form.

**Almanac**

Monday, January 11th, 4am – [ALA Youth Media Awards](https://www.ala.org) (including Newbery, Caldecott, Printz, and Coretta Scott King Book Awards) announced at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, MA.

Monday, January 18th – [Martin Luther King Day](https://www.ala.org), State Library Closed.

**Something You’d Like to See in SAYL Mail?**

To share news, success stories, resources, and opportunities, please contact Jared Shucha. The next issue is January 20th.