

CAPITAL REGION LIBRARY REVIEW

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NEVER SAY NO



How often do you find yourself saying "I'm sorry—we don't have that"? Whether it's a book, a magazine article, a poster or a map.

If yours is a dynamic library program, providing services to students and teachers in a diverse learning community, you can't possibly have everything anyone might need.

Resource sharing is absolutely essential to libraries as we try to serve the needs of all our patrons.

Some of our schools are heavy Interlibrary loan users, others never use the service.

Do you know that you can bor-

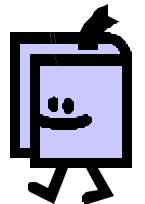
row materials from all of the schools, college and public libraries in the Capital Region?

You can get the materials your teachers need for their graduate studies, the books your students are asking for and the obscure journal article needed by your most advanced students. The SLS publishes an annual list of periodicals held by all of our schools. Additionally, on our website (www.crbsls.org) you can view the catalogs of many schools in the region. At the CDLC website (www.cdlic.org), you can view the holdings of the areas public, college and special libraries. You may contact these libraries point-to-point or you may send your requests to us at the SLS.

The SLS website includes specific policies on ILL. If you find an item you need or if a patron asks for a specific item, you should verify the information first, either from a catalog or a periodical indexing service such as Reader's Guide.

If you'd like something from a public or college library, it is very important to use the official form. Many institutions will not accept requests without the form. Questions about borrowing materials from other libraries? Call the system office any time 786-3221.

Don't tell those kids you don't have it. Get it for them!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Interlibrary Loan is for everyone!
- Great New York Readaloud—April 9, 2003
- New York State Talking Book & Braille Library

GREAT NEW YORK READALOUD!

On Wednesday, April 9, 2003 libraries across New York State will once again celebrate the Great New York Readaloud. All types of libraries in the state sponsor ReadAlouds by inviting local celebrities, teachers, administrators, parents and community leaders to read aloud and then discuss the joy of

reading and its value for life-long learning. This year's theme is "Good Books are Good Friends — Find Them @ your library."

Please take digital photographs of your activities if possible and send them to Linda Fox (lfox@gw.neric.org) after April 10.



LINKS FOR LIBRARIANS AND TEACHERS

Ultimate Portal for Educators

Looking for some free clip art, information on copyright, the perfect lesson plan? You should check out the Ultimate Portal for Educators. This site contains links to all types of information and tools for educators.

<http://www.teachers-connect.net/edres/portal.htm>

Quotes about Reading

"Reading is not a duty, and has consequently no business to be made disagreeable. __Augustine Birrell

This website contains many, many quotes on the topic of reading. Some you've heard—others will be new to you.

<http://www.richmond.k12.va.us/readamillion/readingquotes.htm>

Sunlink Weed of the Month

Stuck with a dated collection? Here's help with that problem— a systematic weeding plan in a content area. This month—it's Geography. Even if you're not a "sunlink school" you can use their ideas and customize procedures with your automation system.

<http://www.sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/>

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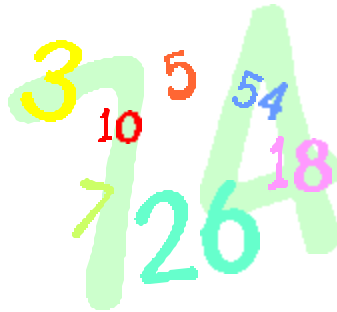
MATH AWARENESS MONTH

April is Math Awareness Month, a time to encourage the importance of mathematics in our daily lives. MAM 2003 focuses on Math and Art.

Math Goodies is celebrating MAM by providing the following free resources:

--Math and Art Crossword and Word Search Puzzles

--Solutions for each puzzle



Students can go on a Web-Quest to research the answers to the Puzzles.

MAM activities can be found at:

<http://www.mathgoodies.com/mam/>

--Links to Math and Art sites

BEST OF THE WEB—IS THAT YOU?

Most school libraries now have web pages. There are thousands of school library websites out there. Which ones are the best? Why not yours? WebFeet, Library Journal and School Library Journal sponsor the BEST OF THE WEB AWARDS for school library web pages. The awards will recognize excel-

lent school library sites in two categories: K-8 and high school. There will be two awards in each category, one for smaller schools (fewer than 400 elementary students or 1500 high school students) and one for larger schools. Criteria for evaluation will include: usability, accessibility, clarity of design,

range of resources, range of services, community impact. You may nominate your own or a colleague's website. Submission by e-mail only. Send a statement of no more than 500 words detailing the goals and achievements of the site. Include all URL's. Send to Brian Kenney at bkenny@reedbusiness.com.

**BEST OF THE
WEB deadline:
May 1, 2003
Winners
announced by
May 15, 2003**

PICTURE THIS!

Looking for historical photos? Here's a list of websites where you can find them!

Library of Congress American Memory

[Http://memory.loc.gov](http://memory.loc.gov)

Exhibit Hall at NARA

[Http://www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/index.html)

Newseum

[Http://www.newseum.org/pulitzer](http://www.newseum.org/pulitzer)

Life Picture Collection

[Http://www.life.com](http://www.life.com)

American Museum of Photography

www.photographymuseum.com

New York Public Library Picture Collection

digital.nypl.org/mmpco

Smithsonian Institute

www.si.edu

National Geographic Archives

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/archives.html>

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Historical photograph from the Smithsonian collection.

SERVING ALL YOUR STUDENTS

NYS Talking Book & Braille Library

As part of the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped network and a program of the NYS Library/State Education Department, this regional library lends books on tape, books in Braille, and special cassette players to eligible students and registered schools in the

55 upstate counties.

Both home and school service are available free of charge, and the collection includes titles which are required reading for English and literature classes, book reports, as well as recreational reading.

Eligible students include those with vision impairments, physical disabilities, and medically certified read-

ing/learning disabilities. For more information about our service, please call 800-342-3688 or access the website at: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/>

Sharon Phillips is the School and Youth Services Librarian at the NYS Talking Book and Braille Library

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HARRY'S ON THE WAY

J.K. Rowling's long-awaited novel *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* will be published June 21st in the United States.

The new book is 38 chapters and 255,000 words, more than one-third longer than the fourth book, "*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*".



"The hottest day of the summer so far was drawing to a close and a drowsy silence lay over the large, square houses of Privet Drive ... The only person left outside was a teenage boy who was lying flat on his back in a flowerbed outside No. 4."

The first lines of ***Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix***

We are on the web

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The School Library System is a state-funded resource-sharing network involving libraries statewide. It offers students, teachers and administrators equal access to library resources. Additionally the School Library System provides professional opportunities for school media specialists, a communications network, and consultant services.

Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday



THOSE WONDERFUL, HORRIBLE AUTHOR VISITS! (START NOW TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM)

So you've not mustered the energy to have an author visit this year but it's on your list for next year? Great. Some of your colleagues are experienced at making the arrangements and they can help you immensely.

Attached to this newsletter you'll see a list of authors that have visited Capital Region Schools this year. Many of these were arranged through the BOCES Arts In Education service.

A few tips:

Remember that an author

visit is a major investment in time and energy—not to mention money. You want things to go well.

Remember that talking with a real live author can impact a child's life for years to come. This can be a powerful moment for the kids.

Not everyone is Mem Fox or Gary Paulsen, it's ok to start small. Try to find a local author who has written about the region or who has written a powerful book but may not have been "discovered" yet by the major media.

For your first time—you may not want someone to come to speak to the entire school with the Superintendent and even the mayor in the crowd. Start small. Have your author visit one or two classes or a grade level.

Prepare your students. This is absolutely critical. You should have (or borrow) multiple copies of his/her works and have students read several pieces by the author. Have them develop a list of questions—or "my favorite part" and why.

Read Toni Buzzeo and Jane Kurtz's book *Terrific Connections with Authors, Illustrators and Storytellers*. It's available in our professional library. And check out Toni's website—lots of tips there for a successful visit.
www.tonibuzzeo.com

