



# NESLA VIEWS

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## DATES OF INTEREST:

**October 4-5**  
MSLA  
Sturbridge, MA  
[www.msla.org](http://www.msla.org)

**October 22**  
VSLA Fall Conference  
Brattleboro, VT  
[www.vsla.info](http://www.vsla.info)

**October 26**  
CASL/CECA Joint Conference  
Hartford, CT  
[www.ctcasl.com](http://www.ctcasl.com)

**November 5-8**  
AASL National  
Charlotte, NC  
[www.ala.org/aasl](http://www.ala.org/aasl)

**November 5-8**  
AECT  
Louisville, KY  
[www.aect.org](http://www.aect.org)

**January 14-19**  
ALA Midwinter  
Boston, MA  
[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

**January 15**  
NESLA Leadership  
Boston and Chelmsford, MA  
[www.neschoolibraries.org](http://www.neschoolibraries.org)

**May 20-21**  
NHSLMA Annual  
Nashua, NH  
[www.nhema.net](http://www.nhema.net)

**June 24-28**  
ALA  
Washington, D.C.  
[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

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## President's Message



Greetings to all NESLA members and friends:

As I write this, I am finding it hard to believe our 2010 Leadership Conference is less than four months away. In the past few years, NESLA's Leadership Conference has been a spring event so it will come earlier than you expect!

Your NESLA Board members and conference committee wanted to take advantage of having the ALA Midwinter Conference in New England --what a treat to have a national conference in our own backyard. So, our NESLA Leadership Conference will precede ALA Midwinter. Don't miss out on the chance to attend both a regional and a national conference this

coming January when they are only a short car ride away!

I applaud the conference committee efforts and I hope you will be as excited as I am when you see the amazing array of presenters they have put together for you. Titled "Knowledge Learning Commons: The Future School Library," the Leadership Conference will be held Friday, January 15 from 8am to 4pm, and even includes a visit to the brand new Learning Commons in Chelmsford, MA.

I love the giving and serving character of New England Librarians. And I love it when we come together. A few of us work in large schools with a library staff but most of us

work in small schools with no staff serving as the only school librarian in our school, or district, for that matter. Either way, NESLA offers you the perfect way to network with other school librarians.

Please join your state, regional and national professional organizations and attend conferences and workshops all planned with you in mind!

I hope to see you all in Boston,

*Merlyn Miller*



# 2010 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

*Boston, MA*



*January 15*



David Loertscher



Valerie Diggs



Ross Todd



Rolf Erikson



Roger Nevin



Pamela Harland

## **Knowledge/ Learning Commons: The Future School Library?**



**New England School Library Association  
and the Massachusetts School Library Association**

**2010 LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE**



***Knowledge/Learning Commons: The Future School Library?***  
*Boston MA January 15, 2010*

## Schedule and Agenda

**8:00 – 8:45 Registration & breakfast, Sheraton Commonwealth Room, 3rd Floor**

**8:50 – 9:00 Introductions and Leadership Overview**

**9:00 – 11:00 *Re-thinking the Library Media Program***

Dr. Ross Todd will speak to the future of school librarianship and the importance of changing old programs and thinking, laying the foundation for the discussion on the learning commons.

Dr. David Loertscher will speak to what students will be doing in the learning commons.

**11:00-12:45 Bus to Chelmsford High School and Lunch**

**12:45—1:30 *Chelmsford Library Commons***

Valerie Diggs will discuss her library commons program.

**1:30—2:10 *Designing a Library Commons***

Rolf Erikson will speak to the design implications for the facility.

**2:15—2:30 *The Plymouth Model***

Pam will speak to the student connections/pre-college experiences.

Her learning commons was done with Plymouth State

University as the model.

**2:30—3:10 *The Peterborough Model***

Roger Nevin will discuss the learning commons model at Adam Scott.

**3:15 – 3:30 *Teachers Forum***

A group of Chelmsford High School teachers will speak to how the learning commons has impacted their instruction.

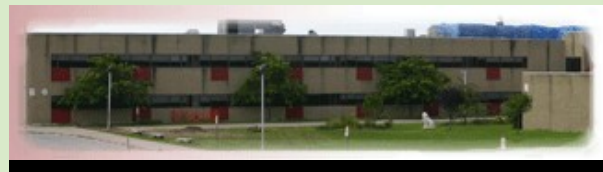
**3:30 – 4:00 *Panel/Audience Discussion***

The afternoon speakers will lead a discussion of the learning commons.

**4:00 Bus back to the Sheraton Boston.**



**Sheraton Boston**



**Chelmsford High School**

## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

***Dr. David Loertscher*** is a professor at San Jose State University where he teaches courses on the school library media center, design & implementation of instructional strategies and collection management.

***Dr. Ross Todd*** is Associate Professor in the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers, the State University of NJ, a program currently ranked #1 US News and World Report April 2009 and Director of the Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries CISSL.

***Rolf Erikson*** is a school library facilities design consultant and has co-written *Designing a School Library Media Center for the Future*.

***Roger Nevin*** is the teacher-librarian at [Adam Scott](#) C.V.I. & Intermediate School in Peterborough Ontario, Canada.

***Valerie Diggs*** is the library media specialist of the Chelmsford High School [Learning Commons](#).

***Pamela Harland*** is a library media specialist at Plymouth Regional High School in NH. Students take a very active part and ownership in the [learning commons](#) at Plymouth High.



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C O N F E R E N C E**

*PRE-CONFERENCE DINNER MENU*

*January 14, 2010*

*6:30 p.m.*

*@ Legal Sea Foods*

... an outstanding opportunity to talk informally  
with the speakers & fellow colleagues in an intimate dinner setting

*First Course*

*New England Clam Chowder*

*Entrée*

*Wood Grilled North Atlantic Salmon  
served with rice pilaf and seasonal vegetable*

*Traditional Boston Baked Scrod  
served with rice pilaf and seasonal vegetable*

*Oven Roasted Herb Chicken  
served with rice pilaf and seasonal vegetable*

*Wood Grilled Shrimp & Scallops Skewers  
served with rice pilaf and seasonal vegetable*

*\*\*Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request\*\**

*Dessert*

*Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce*

*Beverages*

*fountain drinks, iced tea, lemonade, coffee*

*C a s h B a r*



New England School Library Association and the Massachusetts School Library Association



2010 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

NESLA 2010 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Register for	Date	Cost	
Pre-Conference Dinner* @ Legal Sea Foods, Prudential Center (This is a separate occasion. Everyone welcome.)	Thursday, Jan. 14 6:30 p.m.	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
Leadership ( <b>postmarked by 12/4</b> ) <b>NO REFUNDS.</b>	Friday, January 15	\$ 135.00 member \$ 60.00 retiree/student \$ 155.00 non-member**	\$ _____
Leadership (registration received from 12/5-1/15) <b>NO REFUNDS.</b>	Friday, January 15	\$ 175.00	
\$25 discount for the Leadership conference w/ proof of <i>n e w</i> ALA membership or full midwinter conference registration. Include either a copy of your membership card or your conference registration receipt.		-\$ 25.00	_____
TOTAL			\$ _____

\*Lodging and Pre-conference dinner: For participants interested in overnight accommodations, a limited NESLA block of rooms has been reserved at the ALA conference rate (\$169 plus tax) from 1/14 to 1/20 at the Sheraton Boston (1-800-325-3535) for rooms reserved by **November 13th** after which any unreserved rooms will be released for ALA attendees. Just mention the NESLA conference.

\*\*Non-member registration includes a one year membership.

**Leadership conference registration includes free ALA midwinter exhibit pass.**

Questions? Contact Irene Kwidzinski [kwidz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kwidz@sbcglobal.net)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Check (payable to NESLA) \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Order

**MAIL TO: NESLA Conference; c/o Merlyn Miller, Registrar; Burr & Burton Academy; 57 Seminary Avenue; Manchester, VT 05254**

**If using form for multiple registrations, attach a list of any additional registrants and include names and contact info.**

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## Region I Director's Report Submitted by Ann Perham

ALA Chicago 2009 was productive, enlightening, and exciting. For the **Affiliate Assembly**, Region I made a very positive showing. Our two concerns and one commendation were passed by both the Executive Board and Affiliate Assembly. Thanks to the input of our region representatives through discussion on our listserv and at the NESLA meeting, our submissions were complete, well-researched and clearly-presented.

Concern: Change our name and Open a discussion of what we call ourselves (school librarians, library media specialists, library teachers, teacher librarians -?) AASL President Ann Martin revealed that a mega discussion had already been planned on this very topic [ALA Midwinter 2010 in Boston]. Also, she discussed the confusion she had personally countered when lobbying on Capitol Hill because legislators did not know what a "library media specialist" is.

Concern: Restrictions on the use of social networking/content creation tools. The use of digital resources should not be restricted by technology coordinators.

Commendation: The New England Association of Schools and Colleges for the inclusion and enforcement of school libraries in the accreditation standards.

The next step is that the Executive Committee of the AASL Board will decide the final action or non-action for each concerns and commendation. **Irene Kwidzinski**, chair of the Affiliate Assembly, announced on September 12<sup>th</sup> that the commendation for NEASC was approved.

Each member of the AASL Board is a liaison to a committee/editorial board/task force. My assignment for the next year is "Knowledge Quest".

The AASL Board had an extensive discussion on the **Mega Issue**, "How can AASL ensure visibility for SLMS in the current movement toward 21<sup>st</sup> century skills?" MOTION: AASL move forward in raising SLMS visibility and viability through the following: influencing the development of the Common Core State Standards and ensuring specific recognition of the instructional role of the SLMS within the language of ESEA. The **Common Core State Standards Initiative** aims to bring about "real and meaningful transformation of our education system to benefit all students." Read more about this important movement: <http://www.ccsso.org/content/pdfs/CCSSOnePage.pdf> This initiative recognizes the need for students from every state to be prepared for success as globalization continues to stress competition with students from other high-achieving countries. Additional information is at : <http://www.corestandards.org/> Another group envisioning the future of education is "Project Tomorrow", from the KnowledgeWorks Foundation: <http://www.kwfdn.org/> and <http://www.futureofed.org/>

AASL President **Ann Martin** challenged the directors-elect to bring the initiatives to their regions and to work with affiliates at the state level. The Common Core State Standards needs to be brought to their individual states' education boards because this is a very fast-moving movement. We are promoting inquiry based learning, using a variety of resources – not necessarily saying at the outset that we need libraries. It's based on teaching and learning; the use of the library is the natural course of action. Content-based learning must be replaced by process teaching & learning. We are NOT demanding that libraries be funded. Rather, we predict that the administrators will realize the critical role that school libraries play in 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and fund the programs. This was the approach used by the Spokane Moms in their lobbying for school libraries. **Julie Walker** reminded the board that the decision makers are in our states. Directors must make contact with each state in their region and report back to the AASL Board. We are not ADDing to the curriculum, but showing that school libraries are promoting career and college readiness.

Good news from AASL on several initiatives - The AASL statement on the position of the SLMS in Reading has been publicized by **Marilyn Joyce**, past Director of Region I; she was the liaison to this task force. The 25 Best Websites for Teaching and Learning was unveiled at ALA Chicago. MSLA member, **Linda Friel** was a member of this task force. She has written an article for the MSLA Forum newsletter about the development of the list: <http://maschoollibraries.org/content/view/710/356/> The L4L Launch was a grand celebration; Region I can be very proud of the leadership roles of **Susan Ballard** and **Kathy Lowe**. The Parents Outreach Task Force is working and will be reporting out soon.

A goal of AASL is to increase our influence within ALA. Strategies include getting AASL members on ALA committees and electing AASL members to Council. Professional development also remains an important effort. The tactics to accomplish this goal is long: presenting workshops at ALA Annual; the AASL bi-annual national conference; Fall Forum; L4L Webinars; licensed institutes; AASL e-Academy; and Essential Links.

One of my duties is to mentor **Valerie Diggs**, our Director-elect for Region I. She is in the role of "understudy" for the next two years. Together, we will be attending the meetings of the Affiliate Assembly and AASL Board. In the spring of 2010, Valerie will be submitting concerns and commendations to in preparation for the ALA Annual Conference in Washington. Thinking ahead, we will be seeking two nominees for Director-elect in the March 2011 election; Region I will submit the names of these two candidates in the fall of 2010.

I will be developing a Region I report for ALA Midwinter and calling on NESLA reps and Affiliate leadership to supply details of activities. The information from each of the Affiliates gives a snapshot of the work that is going on in our region. At ALA Chicago, I could not help but compare the Region I report with that of others; *Region I is extensively involved with advocacy, professional development and communicates well* . I credit the NESLA organization for much of this positive activity and I commend the sharing and collaboration that NESLA facilitates.

# VIRTUAL VIEWS IS HERE!

Several years ago, in an effort to go green and conserve resources, the NESLA Board (then NEEMA) decided to publish one hard copy edition of VIEWS per year (the Fall edition) and other issues were digitally prepared and distributed to the membership via email. You will still continue to get a Fall hardcopy of VIEWS but as a result of the name change from NEEMA to NESLA and the migration of our web site to a new host service and format <http://neschoolibraries.org> we are taking a next step and reinventing VIEWS as a dynamic publication — able to be updated and added to on the fly so that you are instantly aware of breaking news and items of interest. Additionally, our new format allows for the inclusion of audio and video and dynamic links to the same.

By the time you read this, you should also be able to check out our new look by visiting the NESLA web site and clicking on the tab “Virtual Views.” VV will be formatted with a number of regular content features like *Virtual Browsers* an annotated guide to interesting web-based stories, information and opportunities. In addition, *NESLA Sampler* will solicit articles from our six state affiliate organization newsletters in order to share best practice and “what works” ideas with one another.

Finally, we want to encourage all of you to be contributors to the content of *Virtual Views* by inviting you to submit articles, items for posting and contributions to *reViews* our soon-to-be-launched opportunity to give your take on fiction, non-fiction, reference media and digital resources and services. Details on how to contribute will be found at *Virtual Views* <http://neschoolibraries.org> so check us out and think about how to share your ideas, experience and enthusiasm for school libraries in New England!

*Sue Ballard And Peggy Hallisey, VIEWS Co-Editors*

## AASL Lauds Four: Programs align with association’s values, mission...An excerpt from a 9/22 ALA Press release

CHICAGO – The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) formally commended the following programs because they align with AASL’s learning standards and guidelines and principles expressed in AASL’s mission and value statements – **the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)**, the William Allen White Children’s Book Awards program, No Book Left Unread and Funds for Public Schools’ Library REACH. The Affiliate Assembly of AASL presented these programs to the AASL Board at the ALA 2009 Annual Conference in Chicago.

**Merlyn Miller**, president of the **New England School Library Association**, brought the work of the **New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., Commission on Public Secondary Schools** to the attention of the Assembly. NEASC/Commission on Public Secondary Schools is commended for incorporating and upholding the language and concepts expressed in AASL’s learning standards into the standards of NEASC membership. As the nation’s oldest accrediting association, NEASC serves more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the six states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and American/international schools in more than 65 nations worldwide.

The Affiliate Assembly provides a channel of communication for reporting concerns of the affiliated organizations and their membership to the AASL Board of Directors; facilitates discussion of activities and concerns of AASL as reported by the AASL president, executive director and Board of Directors; and reports the actions of AASL to the affiliates. More information on the Affiliates Assembly can be found at [www.ala.org/aasl/affiliates](http://www.ala.org/aasl/affiliates).

### AECT Report Submitted by Charlie White



**The International Student Media Festival (ISMF)** which celebrates outstanding classroom media projects will be at AECT. The ISMF accepts entries from March 1, 2010 to June 1, 2010. A teacher or parent agrees to be the sponsor of the student’s entries which the sponsor submits through an online entry process that will be available beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. The sponsor must also sign a copyright release form and mail the media, signed form, and a \$20.00 entry fee to ISMF by June 1, 2010.

**The 2009 AECT International Convention** will be held from **October 27-31, 2009** at the Galt House Hotel and Suites in Louisville, Kentucky. Its theme is "integrative Approaches: Meeting Challenges." For more information on this convention and the ISMF go to: <http://www.ismf.net/ns/about.asp>

## NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2010 HALL OF FAME AWARD

**Criteria: a member of NESLA who has made a significant contribution to NESLA and the region through their actions as an advocate for the library media profession on the regional and national level.**

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Living  Deceased      State Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Recipients of the award will be invited to the Leadership Pre-Conference Dinner January 14, 2010.*

**Contributions to NESLA through their actions on the regional or national level:**

**Please lists dates and actions (Served as AASL president, a notable presenter at regional and national conferences, a dynamic spokesperson for the library media profession, a scholar in the field of school librarianship, a national figure on library issues,) that would merit this person being selected for this special award.**

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make copies of this form and nominate as many people as are deserving of this award.

**ONLY one nomination per page.**

All nominations should be mailed no later than December 1, 2009, to:

Harriet Lapointe, Chair  
Hall of Fame Committee  
P.O. Box 287  
Bristol, RI 02809  
[lapointeh@bw.k12.ri.us](mailto:lapointeh@bw.k12.ri.us) or [harrietlapointe@yahoo.com](mailto:harrietlapointe@yahoo.com)

Please visit the NESla web site to review the members of the Hall of Fame and read their biographical sketches  
<http://neschoolibraries.org/>

**NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**President-Elect**

**Katrina Palazzola**  
**Write-In**

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**Brief Biography for Katrina Palazzola**

- Current position: Library Media Specialist, Sage Park Middle School in Windsor, CT, 1999-present.
- Previous Education Experience: Rocky Hill Public Schools, Grade 1, 1997-1998; Rocky Hill Public Schools, Library Media Specialist, 1996-1997; Naugatuck Public Schools, English, Grades 9-12, 1994
- Other Experience (used on a daily basis as a library media specialist) Graphic Designer at the Rare Reminder newspaper; Visual Associate - decorating Christmas trees and dressing mannequins at Filene's; Assistant Director of Residence Life at Allegheny College; Coach, Instructor, Lifeguard for Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation
- Recognitions: Windsor Education Foundation Grant Recipient, 2000 & 2008; Windsor Teacher of the Year, 2004; Sage Park Middle School Teacher of the Year, 2003; CEMA (CASL) Carlton Erickson Award, 2001
- NESLA Secretary/Webmaster, 2005-current; CEMA (CT) Board Member-Region 2 Representative, 2003-2006; CEMA Conference Committee-Conference Co-Chair for joint conference with CECA (CT Educators Computer Association), 2007; CEMA Conference Publicity Chairperson, 2002, 2003. CECA member, and AASL member.
- Education: Albertus Magnus College, Advanced Alternative Preparation for Literacy Specialist in Reading/Language Arts Certification, 2007; Southern CT State University, MLS, 1999; Allegheny College, B.A. English, 1991.

I been an active member of NESLA since 2005. My NESLA membership has allowed me to learn from the organization's many leaders and members who are among New England's "movers and shakers" in school libraries. I hope to maintain NESLA's momentum as an organization of school library leaders, and those school library professionals who aspire to be "cutting edge" within their schools in the six New England states.

**Secretary**

**Daniel Greene**  
**Write-In**

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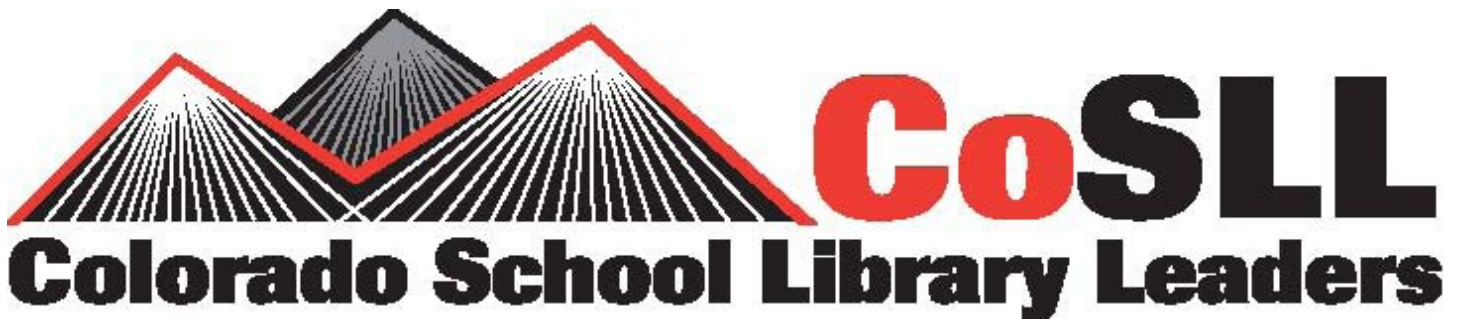
**Brief Biography for Daniel Greene**

- Current Position: Library Media Specialist at U-32 Middle/High School, Montpelier Vermont.
- 1988-Present: Vermont School library Association VSLA (formally VEMA) Member
- 1988 – 2008: VSLA Board Member - Membership Chair, Intellectual Freedom Chair, President Elect and President (2004). Vermont Library Association VEMA conference Co-Chair for 2001, 2002, 2003. Annual Presenter at the Vermont Library Conference since 1992.
- National Board Certified Teacher (2005).
- Library-Media Information Technology Course UVM Sequence Instructor (ongoing).
- Leading to National Board Certification Course St. Michaels Instructor (ongoing).
- WCSU Relicensure Board member 2007-
- Teacher Leader for Technology: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills instructor in regularly scheduled sessions.
- Presenter at the New York State Library Conference (2000-2001).
- Served on VT State Dept of Education Advisory Panel for Library Media Standards
- Served multiple times on the New England Association of Secondary School Accreditation Teams

Dan Greene has been a school librarian for the last 15 years. He has been a member of the Vermont Educational Media Association for 20 years and had served on the VSLA (formally VEMA) board for 20 years. He teaches the Library Media Information Technology Course at UVM and is a regular presenter at the Vermont Library Conference. Dan served on the State Dept of Education Advisory Panel for Library Media Standards and is a Past-President of the Vermont School Library Association. He achieved National Board Certification in School Library Media 2005.



**Merlyn Miller**  
**Librarian**  
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## **Learner's Bill of Rights**

The learner has the right to:

- 1. question and be curious.**
- 2. have personal ideas.**
- 3. choose how to learn and share understanding.**
- 4. plan and participate in learning at an appropriate level.**
- 5. grapple with challenging ideas or concepts.**
- 6. access the information and resources needed.**
- 7. participate in and contribute to a learning network.**
- 8. think critically, solve problems and make decisions.**
- 9. make mistakes and learn from them.**
- 10. reflect on learning.**

The "*Learner's Bill of Rights*" is endorsed by CoSSL Fall 2008.

The *Learner's Bill of Rights* committee:

Chair: Jody Gehrig, Director of Libraries, Denver Public Schools, Denver, Colorado  
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Cheri Hilton, Teacher Librarian, South High School, Denver Public Schools, Denver, Colorado  
Nance Nassar, School Library Senior Consultant, CO Department of Education, State Library, Denver, Colorado  
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# Views of the States



## CT Association of School Librarians

Collaborating to Advance Student Learning

### Submitted by Chris Barlow

The new President of CASL is Lucia Rafala. One of her very first acts as President was to speak at the July 2009 graduation of 35 new library media specialists at the ACES Alternate Route to Certification program.

The rest of the CASL Executive Board is as follows: Vice - President - Mary Lou Cassotto; Treasurer - Martha Djang; Recording Secretary - Chris Barlow; Admin. Secretary - Anne Weimann ;Past President - David Bilmes; Vice-President Intern - Jackie Galante

**Fall Festival 2009** Each year CASL invites others to nominate worthy librarians, administrators, and teachers who have encouraged the development of informational literacy skills by supporting library programs, or created innovative programs. Librarians also nominate their colleagues for their services to our profession. These awards will be given out at CASL's Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 7. This will be a chance to network with other Connecticut library media specialists and meet the winners of CASL Awards for 2009 -2010.

Highlighting the awards will be the initial presentation of the Bernice "Bunny" Yesner School Library Media Program of the Year Award. This year's award will be presented to Karen Fecko & Mary Metheny

from Glastonbury High School for the best library in the state. This award corresponds to the AASL's SLMPY Award for the best one in the country. Bunny Yesner, originally a member and leader of CASL active at the regional and national level, passed away this year.

We will also be holding our annual meeting to approve the slate of officers and budget for 2010-2011. For 2010 the festival to be in the spring because of the activity surrounding either our annual conference in the fall, or as in this year, our joint conference with CECA. Deadlines for that competition will be released soon.

**Annual Conference** CASL will be holding a joint conference again this year with CECA (Computer Educators) as we did two years ago (this looks to be an ongoing collaboration every two years). The conference will be held on Monday, October 26 at the Hartford Convention Center. The conference theme is Teaching & Technology for 21st Century Learning. Dr. Jamie McKenzie will be the keynote speaker. All attendees receive Jamie's newest book: Beyond Cut & Paste. Also appearing will be author Wendy Mass. (<http://www.ceca-ct.org/page.php?pid=29>).

CASL will be holding our own pre-conference the afternoon before: Implementing the New AASL

Standards & Guidelines. ([http://www.ctcasl.com/conf/Conf09/2009\\_CASL\\_Pre-conference.pdf](http://www.ctcasl.com/conf/Conf09/2009_CASL_Pre-conference.pdf))

AASL trained coordinators Mary Ellen Minichiello, Katrina Palazzolo and Irene Kwidzinski will discuss developing customized state-level implementation strategies for schools and districts. The pre-conference will be a three-hour, brain-storming session on how to begin to address the objectives of the new standards and guidelines aligning them with state and local frameworks.

Library program guidelines will be examined, along with the standards for the 21st-century learner. The program will then break out into grade levels led by table facilitators.

The conference will be broken into three strands: [21st Century Technologies](#); [ICT Literacy](#); [Media Literacy](#) and [Web 2.0](#). Featured Presenters will be Kathy Schrock, Carol LaRow, and Tom Daccord.

New this year will be a poster session "Show and Tell 2.0" where teachers from around the state will exhibit their successful technology projects. It's an informal session that will provide conference attendees an opportunity to network with the teachers and learn how they successfully integrated technology into their content areas.



submitted by Sandy Kelly

**Conference 2009 update:** The theme is “MSLA, Now More Than Ever.” It will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on October 4-5. Sunday speakers include Susan Ballard on L4L, Beth Galloway on Gaming and our guest authors are Mitali Perkins and Gregory Maguire. The annual Authorfest will showcase a dozen local authors and our dinner guests will be Dr. Mitchell Chester, Commissioner of Ed., Dr. Julia Phelps, DESE Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Janet Allison from NEASC. Monday’s keynote will be by Dr. Ross Todd. Carol Gordon, Robin Brenner, Valerie Diggs and many others will present sessions. We will also feature an author strand this year including Ralph Masiello, Melissa Stewart and David Biedrzycki.

**Legislative Day** was held in April with the MA Library Assoc. It was well planned and organized and a great success. There were 453 entries this year into our state bookmark contest. 56 communities sent entries. Winners were presented on the Grand Staircase at the State House in Boston and it was attended by parents, teachers and librarians. Winners were given tours of the State House with their families and attended the luncheon. Later, librarians traveled to the

offices of their reps to present info on library programs. MSLA will look into participating in the Library Caucus at the State House

**Photo Slide Show:** Sandy Kelly and Chris Steinhauser are collecting photos in a wiki to produce “*A Day in the Life of a School Library.*” This will be used at the joint MassCUE and MA Superintendent’s conference. We will have a table at this event and several of our members have submitted proposals to present .

**Standards:** The final version of the revised MA *Standards for Information Literacy* will be distributed in the fall. An appendix was added that aligns the MA standards with the MA *Recommended Technology Standards* and the AASL *Standard’s for the 21st Century Learner*. This document is the culmination of many months of work.

**Networking:** The Board of Elementary and Secondary Ed meeting was held in April at the new Chelmsford HS Learning Commons. This was a wonderful opportunity for BESE members to develop a vision of 21st century learning environments. Valerie Diggs and the tech teacher at the school presented and comments of the Commissioner and Board members were very positive. One of Valerie’s students and the Superintendent of the Carlisle Public Schools spoke on behalf of school libraries during public comment.

President-elect of the MA PTA joined our April meeting. In addition a follow

up meeting was held with Gerri Fegan and Kathy Lowe. While unable to send a rep to speak at the Board of Education meeting held in Chelmsford, they were able to send a letter that Kathy Lowe read to the Board at the meeting. Additionally Kathy wrote an article, “What Parents Should Know About School Libraries”, for the PTA’s online Newsletter. We will continue to nurture this partnership.

**Fiscal Issues:** MSLA continues to hear from members facing position and program cuts next year. We have responded by developing advocacy packets to send to school administrators faced with these decisions. In addition, we have mailed a “*Dear Colleague*” letter to every school superintendent in the state. Additional letters to private school administrators are being sent upon request for MSLA members. A copy of this letter can be seen on the MSLA website, along with other “Help in a Crisis” tools. <http://maschoollibraries.org/content/view/668/343>.

Gerri Fegan and I met with Commissioner of Ed Dr. Mitchell Chester and discussed his vision for the future. He indicated that we are only at the beginning of feeling the impacts of the economic down turn. We will continue to be faced with more cuts over the next few years. He is heartened by the fact that we have state and national leadership that value education. In MA, the DESE will be looking at programs that can prove they have positive impact on achievement particularly in areas of diverse ethnicity, English as a second language and special needs. Gathering data and assessments will be key for school libraries.



Submitted by Merlyn Miller

The Vermont School Library Association Conference will be held this fall at Brattleboro Union High School in

Brattleboro, VT on October 22, 2009. J’aime Foust, author of “*Dewey Need to Get Organized?*” will be the keynote. Workshop topics include social bookmarking, multicultural awareness, readers’ advisory, using smart boards and the Green Mountain Book Award. Our new president, Marsha Middleton, is leading the board as we collaborate on planning a second conference for the spring.



# More Views of the States



Submitted by Teri Caouette

## Summer Retreat

Last July MASL members attended a three day "retreat" in beautiful Bethel Maine. Literacy and Learning 4 Life was the focus of the retreat.

## Conference Planning

MASL will not be planning a joint conference with the Maine Library Association. MLA is planning on their own conference.

MASL is currently planning a Spring 2010 conference. The theme will be literacy. Dates and times to be determined. During this conference the award for School Library Media Specialist of the Year will be announced.

## New Officers

In November there will be a change of officers for MASL. We have a nomination committee which will be sending nominations to the board. The award for the Administrator of the Year Award will be presented at the recipient's school, possibly with the school board present this year.

## School Handbook

The school librarians Handbook has been over a year in the making. It is now ready to go to the printers and be put online. If all goes well it will be "out" in November. Hard copies to all schools in the state, available also on the MASL website. We hope also to be able to distribute at regional MASL meetings and at the November Maine Principals' Association meeting in Portland. We are writing grants to help with the costs of the printing. We will determine if we want to "sell" to others in hard copy.

## Intellectual Freedom

A new feature on the MASL web site has information about challenged books from the intellectual freedom chair.

## Submitted by Kathy Lane

NHSLMA hosted a two day Literacy Event at Winnacunnet High School in July entitled "Reading and the Library Media Specialist." The speaker was Pam Berger. The first day was focused on elementary schools and the second day on secondary schools. The event was well attended and received great reviews.

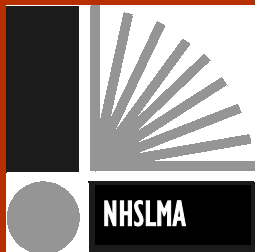
President Kathy Lane and Conference Committee Chair Pam Tinker met with Steve Butzel, President of the NH Library Assoc, to discuss a joint conference. The decision was made to continue separate conferences, but to plan a summit in the fall of 2011 that would include all librarians from both organizations who work with children and young adults.

Our Communication Committee is looking into having a logo with our new organization name created by a professional graphic artist. The committee is working to have our listserv, web page, and newsletter converted to our new organization name when the logo is created.

Dorothy Grazier Library Media Specialist at Winnacunnet High School and Cathy Higgins our N.H. Technology Director are working to incorporate 21st Century Skills into state technology grants available to school districts. NHSLMA would provide professional development regarding incorporating 21st Century Skills into the curriculum. NHSLMA would also concentrate on technology integration.

Marcia deSteuben is our point person in NHSLMA for 21st Century Skills. She is working with a committee to plan professional development opportunities for Library Media Specialists across the state. We are planning to utilize the Professional Development Centers when materials are available.

Our annual conference is May 20th and 21st at the Radisson in Nashua N.H. We have maintained costs for participants for the last few years and costs will be maintained this year also. Our Conference Committee has already had two meetings and things are shaping up quite well. Our conference has traditionally been well attended and very well received.



## As seen and heard around the web...a running thread of thought on the definition of library

***"Welcome to the library. Say goodbye to the books. Cushing Academy embraces a digital future"*** is the title of an article in the Boston Globe regarding the decision by the Cushing Academy Headmaster to reinterpret the school library—one without books.

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/09/04/a\\_library\\_without\\_the\\_books/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/09/04/a_library_without_the_books/)

**Headmaster Tracy has responded to many of the questions and comments posed by readers of this Globe article via Cushing's website at:**

<http://www.cushing.org/misc/library-live-chat.shtml>.

**He also shares his thoughts on all things library at:**

<http://www.cushing.org/misc/library.shtml>.

***"The stereotypical library is dying -- and it's taking its shushing ladies, dank smell and endless shelves of books with it"*** states John D. Sutter in this September 4, 2009 CNN article on the future of libraries entitled **The future of libraries, with or without books**

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/TECH/09/04/future.library.technology/>

**"Think of the change as a Library 2.0 revolution -- a mirror of what's happened on the Web"** is Joyce Valenza's take on the above CNN article. She posted these thoughts on the School Library Journal blog on September 4, 2009.

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/blog/1340000334/post/90048609.html?nid=3714>

**How about an "Espresso book machine"? On Demand's printing machines already are in more than a dozen locations in the United States, Canada, Australia, England and Egypt, mostly at campus bookstores, libraries and small retailers. The Harvard Book Store is already equipped with an instant-publishing machine to have access to Google's digital library of more than 2 million books.**

<http://cbs5.com/local/google.digital.books.2.1189180.html>



Learning 4Life is AASL's plan designed to ensure awareness and understanding of and commitment to the implementation of the national learning standards and program guidelines for school library media programs. L4L can only succeed with your help! Join AASL in advocating the critical role school library media specialists play in equipping students with 21st-century skills. Here's how you can become involved:

Think

- Join other school library media specialists in professional development opportunities: AASL National Conference, Fall Forum, institutes, online courses, and ALA conferences.
- Keep informed about important educational matters by reading *AASL Hotlinks*, *Knowledge Quest*, and *SLMR*.

Create

- Discuss issues with your colleagues on the AASL blog, AASLForum and Twitter.
- Submit your best practices to be featured on the L4L portion of the AASL Web site.

Participate

- Work with your state school library media association and L4L Coordinator on L4L efforts.
- Become a part of the AASL community on Second Life, Facebook, and ALA Connect.

Grow

- Join AASL—the only national association focused solely on the interests of school library media specialists.

For more information on L4L, please see [www.ala.org/aasl/learning4life](http://www.ala.org/aasl/learning4life) or email [learning4life@ala.org](mailto:learning4life@ala.org).

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## Consider these L4L Sessions Featuring NESLA Presenters

### **Model the Model: Four-step lesson design from *Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner in Action***

How can school librarians help teachers enhance learning and increase student achievement? Learn how to develop students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, strategies, and attitudes, as well as their commitment to learning, using the four-step lesson design and template presented in *Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner in Action*. During this hands-on session, participants will develop lessons that incorporate the Standards into elementary, middle and high school classroom curricula. (Kathy Lowe)

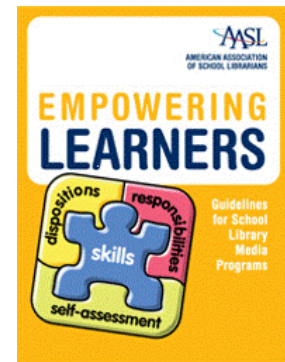
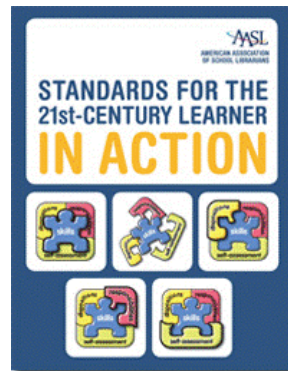
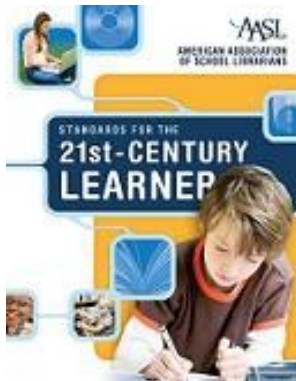
### **Empowering Learners: Unpacking the Guidelines**

The new learning standards address the information-to-knowledge connection. What does this mean for the way school library media specialists teach? This presentation will discuss the recently published Guidelines to examine the role that the slms can play in helping students become information literate as they learn curriculum content. (Carol Gordon)

### **L4L – A Give and Take Opportunity**

Join the members of AASL's Standards and Guidelines Implementation Task Force for an update on Learning for Life activities and an opportunity to share what you, your school or organization, region or state are doing to help roll out the new standards and guidelines. The Task Force also wants to hear from you about what additional tools and resources you may need to assist in implementation as well as any additional input you have about Learning 4 Life efforts.

To get the discussion started, colleagues involved in the standards process and the development in the state of Colorado will provide an overview of their work-to-date and what that has involved.  
(Susan Ballard and the 4Task Force)



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