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Technology

The minutes of the Technology Group and the Technology Council are posted to the [District Services](#) Web page under Technology and to the eiNetwork members page under [Technology Group](#), and Users Group, Summaries from Previous Meetings, [Steering Committee](#). March 26, 2009 was the first full meeting of the Technology Council which combines the Technology Group and the eiNetwork Steering Committee. The Technology Group meets the first Friday of every month and the Technology Council meets quarterly.



Web Resources

Federal Stimulus Information for Libraries

Visit the [Texas Library Association](#) Web site to view a great chart developed to encourage libraries to apply for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 101(ARRA) dollars under various sections and subsections of the bill. Some funds are and will be available through the federal government and some through state government. Be assured that Mike Nangia, Director, Information Technology, CLP is exploring any and all opportunities for ARRA technology related project funding.

Also remember that the [American Library Association's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 101](#) Web page highlights what librarians should know about ARRA.

The [Commonwealth of PA Federal Stimulus Web site](#) includes a section called: "How Can I Get

Shipping Update



With many, many miles on their odometers, five of the shipping vans purchased in 2003 are being replaced. Two of the new vans are longer and provide more capacity to accommodate growing shipping volume. All five of the new vans are white. To save costs, they will not be wrapped with the full library graphics, but will have all of the same logos that are on the current vans.

Teen Services

Save the Date!

Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens
Meet Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg, author and illustrator of *The P.L.A.I.N Janes* and *Janes in Love*.

Thursday, May 14th, 7- 9pm.
CLP - Main
4400 Forbes Ave., 15213
Classroom A

Collection Corner

Did you know that May is Latino Books Month? Celebrate with one of these [titles](#).

Collection Tip:

Afraid of missing the newest teen title? Try subscribing to YALSA's listserv, [YALSA-BK](#). Every day you'll read about new and upcoming books. It's also a great place to ask for help with

Recovery Money" that highlights opportunities for exploring partnerships with various agencies in cooperative programs utilizing stimulus money; the site does not mention libraries specifically.

Consumer Health Reference Information

The College of DuPage has made available a free [Consumer Health Reference Toolkit](#) to download as part of the teleconference workshop "An Ounce of Prevention: Health Reference Basics" that was held on April 16. Much practical information is included, e.g. Consumer Health Professional Print Resources, Online Medical Reference Resources, Search Tips and Evaluation of Resources.

stumpers (those books you know exist, but you just can't remember the title) or ideas for booklists.

Spotlight on Professional Development

Don't miss the Teen District Services meeting on May 22! The meeting will be held from 10am - 12 noon at the Avalon Public Library (317 S. Home Ave., Avalon, PA 15202). This month's featured topic is Collection Development and Collection Maintenance. To register, please contact Karen Brooks-Reese at 412-578-2599 or brooks1@carnegielibrary.org.

Other News

U.S. Communities Office Depot Discount Program - Update

Any library director who has not enrolled in the expanded Pittsburgh District Library Center U.S. Communities Office Depot discount plan can do so at any time. District Services has negotiated additional savings on office supplies through Office Depot.

If you decide to participate after reviewing the information below call the Office Depot Major Accounts Manager, Greg Babbs at 1.877.353.9100 x4107 to take advantage of the great pricing. If you already have an existing account with Office Depot, you can keep the same account number and Greg will enroll you in the Pittsburgh District Library Center Plan. Please be prepared to give Greg the name of contact person at your library, shipping address, email address, telephone number, and tax exempt certificate.

Office Depot Program discounts include:

- [Office Supply Core List](#) and the [School Core List](#) of over 1,000 items are discounted up to 85% off of list price; paper and toner included
- Another [Top Items](#) list discounted up to 85% and another rotating [Wild Card](#) list of 50 items discounted at the same high percentage
- Everyday Office Essentials (EOE) catalog available in July discounted up to 70% off list price
- Remainder of the general line Catalog discounted up to 45% off list price
- Majority of promotional products discounted 20% off catalog pricing
- Printing and binding services aggressively discounted in stores, online and at Regional Print Facilities
- Business machines at market (universal) pricing
- Free shipping; in-stock items ordered by 5pm will be delivered the next business day
- Enrollment for staff in the new Store Purchasing Card Program which entitles all your employees to the same generous discounts on all personal purchases made at any Office Depot store.

Updated information concerning the program can always be found on the [District Services](#) Web site under Discounts; please call the District Services office at 412.665.2332 to obtain the password to access the password protected information.

Commonwealth Libraries

2009 LSTA Grants Awarded

Commonwealth Libraries approved funding for three 2009 LSTA Grant proposals from ACLA libraries. Competition was tight with 150 applications; of those, 66 were



funded. The amount allocated to the 66 projects is \$1,324,001.

Allegheny County Library Association

\$14,400 to provide wireless Internet access technology to the library locations who currently do not have Wi-Fi.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

\$49,450 to offer hands-on science programs in the library to children in grades three through five. Partners in the grant include Juniata College and the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Oakmont Carnegie Library

\$27,600 to digitize 1,000 historical photographs of Oakmont and the surrounding region. This project will create a model digitization project for other libraries in Allegheny County.

The 2010 LSTA grant process has begun with the one-day Commonwealth Libraries-sponsored pre-application workshop being held in the Pittsburgh area on Monday, May 11th at PaTTAN Pittsburgh. Details and the workshop application can be found [here](#).

Listservs

To receive communications from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries via email, register for one or more of the Commonwealth Libraries Listservs:

PAMAILALL is for anyone in the State with an interest in Libraries- this includes library staff, trustees, Friends

PAPUBLIB is specific to public libraries and should be subscribed to by just one person at each library, usually the director; information of Interest to library directors, and not the general library staff is posted to this list.

To subscribe contact [Kerrsia Shemory](#) at the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. In the body of the email include: Your Name, Name of Your Library, Name of the Listserv(s) you are registering for, and Your Email Address.