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Technology

Web site Resources



New Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Web site

A new Commonwealth of PA Web site, [Here to Help](#) offers the public a large number of resources related to coping with today's challenging economic times. The Office of Commonwealth Libraries has requested that all libraries provide a link to [Here to Help](#) from their Web sites, adding local/county links as appropriate. Allegheny County's Web site link is [Help in Hard Times](#).

American Library Association's Web site Assists with Advocacy Efforts

[Add It Up: Libraries Make the Difference in Youth Development and Education](#) Web site offers research and statistical data to help advocates make the case for libraries emphasizing youth development and education.

The [Advocating in a Tough Economy Toolkit](#) provides resources and tools to help make the case for libraries during the economic downturn.

New CLP Kids Web site!

Last month, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh launched www.carnegielibrary.org/kids, a Web site just for

Continuing Education

MultiDistrict Workshop



It's All About Our Customers!

Reinventing the Customer-Centered Library: 12 Questions for 2009 and Making the Most of Bad Times: Helping Your Customers and Yourself Through the Recession

* Tuesday, April 21, 9:30AM - 3:00PM, Green Tree Municipal Center. For detailed flyer with registration and cost information [click here](#).

Teleconferences

Diversity Beyond the Obvious

* Friday, April 3, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

CLP - Main, Lecture Hall (Oakland)

Experts will discuss how diversity in all its manifestations can make the library profession stronger and more vital. For more details, [click here](#).

An Ounce of Prevention: Health Reference Basics

kids. Receiving praises from both children and caregivers, the Web site provides an exciting way for kids to learn and have fun. Also a comfort to parents, the Web site is commercial-free and focuses on nurturing children's love for reading. The new Web site allows children the freedom to create, print and share their own stories at home through the exclusive interactive *my StoryMaker* feature. More than 2,000 children have discovered *my StoryMaker* since its debut at CLP in late 2007. This marks the first time the computer-based *my StoryMaker* is be available outside of the Library's Children's Departments. Please feel free to link to *my StoryMaker* from your library's Web site.

Teen Services

Save the Date!

Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens
Thursday, April 16, 2009 7:00 - 9:00PM CLP -
Squirrel Hill

Meet Libba Bray, author of popular teen fantasy novels *A Great and Terrible Beauty*, *Rebel Angels* and *A Sweet Far Thing!*

Collection Corner

Are you ready for National Poetry Month? Get your teens interested with a display of novels in verse. [Click here](#) for a list to get you started.

Collection Tip:

Having trouble staying on top of what's new in teen literature? Check out the nominations for YALSA's selected titles lists for monthly updates. Especially helpful are [Best Books for Young Adults](#) and [Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers](#).

Spotlight on Professional Development

Did you miss the Teen Summer Reading Training on March 25th? The Teen Services Coordinator would be happy to visit your library to discuss the 2009 TSR program with you. Email [Karen Brooks-Reese](#) to set up a time.

* Thursday, April 16, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

CLP - Main, Lecture Hall (Oakland)

Experts will explore various aspects of the health reference experience, instruct how to successfully navigate tricky health reference situations while emphasizing quality print and electronic resources and look at ways to promote the health resources and services that are available. For more information, [click here](#).

Each teleconference is free and open to all library staff and trustees. Please pre-register with Phyllis DiDiano, District Services at didianop@carnegielibrary.org or call 412.665.2332.

Shipping Update



Materials continue to be sorted quickly. Returns are being done through the automated sorting system with holds sorted manually.

In order to move the holds through the conveyor, the yellow bands currently used will be replaced with a yellow bookmark-type slip. The slip can be inserted in the item or taped on the front if necessary. May 1st is the expected date to begin using the new slips. Yellow bands can continue to be used if they do not cover the barcode.

"Thank you" to all libraries who are now barcoding on the outside of all items!

ILL Update

Interlibrary Loan has successfully relocated to the Library Support Center, adjacent to Shipping. Their telephone number is 412.920.4535. The manager, Laura Perrier can be reached at 412.920.4536.

Other News

Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries Needs Your Membership

It's that time of the year to consider [membership](#) in [Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries](#)(PCBL). The mission of PCBL is to stimulate public and governmental awareness of the value of libraries as essential community services, encourage, train and support library Friends' organizations, advocate for improved library funding and legislation of benefit to libraries, and partner with other library associations, agencies, businesses and community groups to provide educational programs for library advocates. A personal membership is only \$25.00.

By joining PCBL, Friends' groups can enjoy the benefits of a 501(c)(3) designation through PCBL who will also submit a consolidated tax return to the IRS. Click [here](#) for full details.

Commonwealth Libraries



It's Time for District Agreement Meetings

The 2009 District Executive Committee (DEC) has been selected to negotiate the District Negotiated Agreement for 2009/2010 State District Aid on behalf of all the local libraries. The agreement relates to the services provided by the Pittsburgh District Library Center and the responsibilities of the local libraries. The Committee will be working with a budget 2.3% less than 2008/2009.

The first meeting of the District Executive Committee (DEC) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th at 10:15AM. All those who have agreed to serve on the Committee have volunteered their time for one or two negotiation meetings. Only members of the DEC can actively participate in the negotiation meeting/meetings where the agreement is discussed. Questions from directors not serving this year can be addressed through any one of the members of this year's committee. After the DEC approves the agreement, it is sent to the local library directors to be ratified. Ratified agreements are not final until approved by the Deputy Secretary, M. Clare Zales.

Those serving on the District Executive Committee this year include:

Susan Pannebaker, Acting Director, Bureau of Library Development; Mary Frances Cooper, District Library Center Administrator, CLP; Connie Galbraith, District Coordinator, CLP; Tina LaMark, Assistant Director, Technical Services, CLP; Linda Barsevich, Director, Finance & Administration, CLP; Marilyn Jenkins, Executive Director, ACLA; Kelley Beeson, Youth Services Coordinator, ACLA; Sharon McRae, LAC President; Antoinette Ruta, Director, Avalon Public Library; Suzanna Krispli, Director, Hampton Community Library; Dennis Luther, Director, Brentwood Public Library; Marilyn Klingensmith, Director, Plum Borough Community Library; Sharon Dawe, Director, Northern Tier Regional Library; Robyn Hammer-Clarey, Director, Whitehall Public Library.

Register Now for Senior Spaces Workshop - Registration Ends April 17th

Senior Spaces: Pennsylvania Style, a workshop sponsored by Commonwealth Libraries with Allan Kleiman, reference librarian and senior services expert at the South Plainfield Public Library will be held in the Pittsburgh area on Tuesday, May 5 at PaTTAN Pittsburgh. This all-day free workshop will assist library staff in developing library spaces for three generations of seniors-baby boomers, retirees and the elderly. [Click here](#) for complete registration information.