



# Footnotes

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The HFM BOCES School Library System Newsletter

## Sharing Instructional Materials Saves Districts Money!

### ADVOCACY

### ALWAYS!

We have an excellent advocacy page on our website:

<http://www.hfmboces.org/HFMDistrictServices/SchoolLibrary/advocacy.htm>

Check out the NYLA Crisis Toolkit:

[http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page\\_id=1022](http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=1022) and scroll down to "Stories from the trenches."

Many useful ideas straight from the sources!

Especially in this time of school budget crunches, the HFM BOCES Instructional Resource Center's mission is to be able to provide curriculum supporting and literacy building materials that are useful, fun and cost effective.

How do we do this? We share! Just like a single person can't have all the



books at home that a public library has, a single school can't have as many instructional support materials as our HFM BOCES Instructional Resource Center (IRC) has. We have almost 5,000 DVDs, videos, audio books, big books and class sets of books, covering all kinds of subject areas for all different grade levels.

Teachers and administrators can reserve materials through our 24/7 online catalog by easily signing up for an account. Anyone can browse this catalog by going to:

<http://media.moric.org/HFM/>

Excellent literature collections with a combination of 40+ books, audio tapes and videos in it? Holiday collections? We have those.

Like some help?  
**Always** feel free to call! 736-4370

Many useful planning ideas needed? Our monthly "Timely Topics" flyers listing support materials for upcoming holidays, events and units of study can fill that bill.

We also provide equipment repair through a cross-contract with another BOCES. Pick up and delivery are done via the HFM BOCES Courier Service.

So think of us as an extension of the school media center- and we love to be used!

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### Fundraising Ideas

Here are a couple of "tried and true" fundraisers straight from our own Media Specialists- both from the Gloversville Enlarged School District:

**Carla Bengle** at the High School partnered with Rob and Crystal's All American Family Restaurant- (Old Milt Shabers on E. Fulton St, Gloversville) to put on a spaghetti dinner for the community. This single event raised \$950.00 for the Library!

**Jess Trzaskos** partnered with her PTO in "Boxtops For Books" while at Meco/McNab Elementaries. Boxtops are collected and the funds garnered are donated to the library for book ordering.

I'm sure Carla and Jess would be happy to share information on how to set up these successful efforts. If any of you have other fundraising strategies, please send them along for the next issue of *Footnotes*!

## Neat Contributions

If you're looking for a worthwhile field trip for your students or yourselves, look no further than the New York State Theater Institute. The NYSTI is a cultural gem located at the Schacht Theater on the campus of Russell Sage College in Troy, NY. Each season from October through June they produce quality plays for the enjoyment of the general public. Education is a priority with the NYSTI. Each production has a downloadable study guide for your students that supports the New York State Education Department's Learning Standards. They offer in-service opportunities for teachers and the general public, and internships are also available for high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students. All the performances are offered at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate schools. The recommended grade level for each performance is listed in the synopsis of each play.

The eighth grade class at Saint Mary's Institute recently attended the NYSTI's production of "Twelve Angry Jurors." This is an adaptation of the play "Twelve Angry Men." The students were given the opportunity to remain for about 20 minutes after the production so that they could ask questions of the cast and crew. The production was enjoyed by all. We will be attending their production of "Yours, Anne." For more information visit their website at [www.nysti.org](http://www.nysti.org).

Submitted by **MaryJo Gennett**, St. Mary's Institute Library

### This Year's *We The People* Bookshelf Grant - "A More Perfect Union"

The *We the People* Bookshelf is a set of classic books for young readers from Kindergarten through high school.

Each year the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) identifies a theme important to the nation's heritage and selects books that embody that theme. This collection of theme-related books is the Bookshelf. In addition to introducing young readers to good literature, the Bookshelf promotes understanding of abstract or general ideas through the power of particular stories.

Applications for this year's "[A More Perfect Union](#)" Bookshelf will be accepted online September 8, 2009

through January 29, 2010. Applicants will be notified by April 9, 2010, whether or not they will receive a Bookshelf. Libraries are expected to conduct their "A More Perfect Union" programs between May 1, 2010, and April 30, 2011.

U.S. public and school (K-12) libraries are eligible to apply. In return for receiving a Bookshelf, libraries organize programs that highlight the theme and encourage young readers to explore the selected books.

The American Library Association (ALA) collaborates with NEH to deliver this program.

You can contact them at: [publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf](http://publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf).



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## Welcome To Web 3.0:

### Help Students With *Everything* About College!

**The CLIC** ("College Life is Cool") allows students and institutions to manage the entire college-connected experience from a single home page in a FREE interactive network. The CLIC Network is the next generation in online interaction: goal networking - linking students, families, high schools, colleges, community programs and scholarship organizations into a single, interactive online community. Using the power of social networks, mobile phones, blogs, videos, profile pages, microsites and more, The CLIC is revolutionizing the college-bound process to help students prepare for, apply to, attend, pay for and graduate from their best-fit four-year colleges in the United States. Students now can oversee all of this from a "command central" home page in a

fun social networking space. The CLIC is the single, *centralized* resource for everyone with a stake in the college experience, creating a modern tool to bring students together with the institutions who are seeking to serve, assist and admit them. CLIC's reason for being? "Because there are enough people out there telling you that you can't do it, and we want to tell you that you can. Then we want to show you how. Then we want to give you all of the resources you need to do it. Then we want to expose you to all of the people who actively are looking for you instead of leaving you alone online to research, find and contact everyone who can help you in this process. And we want to do it all for free. So we are." (Donna Michelle Anderson, Founder & CEO of The CLIC Network, [clic@thecliconetwork.com](mailto:clic@thecliconetwork.com))

Check it out at: [www.thecliconet.net](http://www.thecliconet.net)

Please submit *your* helpful items of interest to Edie: [ewillcox@hfmbooces.org](mailto:ewillcox@hfmbooces.org) **THANKS!**

## Try These Links!



### Good Books

The World Book Student Discovery Encyclopedia is a recommendation from **Sue Matis**, newly retired media specialist from Boulevard Elementary. "Published by World Book, Inc, it's a terrific encyclopedia for the primary grades, especially 3rd grade. It's very user-friendly, and a good way to introduce and reinforce using guide words, alphabetical order and simple research."

Lots of excellent book lists can be found at "TeachersFirst.com" This site is also a collection of lessons, [units](#), and [web resources](#) designed to save teachers time by delivering just what they need in a practical, user-friendly, and ad-free format. They offer professional and classroom-ready content along with thousands of reviewed web resources. Also good for ideas for [safe classroom use of Web 2.0](#).

<http://teachersfirst.com/index.cfm>

**15 Podcasts that Will Make You Smarter** <http://www.collegecrunch.org/entertainment/15-podcasts-that-will-make-you-smarter/> Annotated links to series from NPR, the BBC, TED talks, and programs about science, economics, and political issues.

**Ask Henson Archives** [http://web.archive.org/web/20001003125242/www.henson.com/ask/ask\\_archives\\_body.html](http://web.archive.org/web/20001003125242/www.henson.com/ask/ask_archives_body.html) Fans of Muppets, Fraggles, Sesame Street, The Storyteller, and the magical Jim Henson movies (*The Dark Crystal* and *Labyrinth*) will find answers here to all kinds of questions about the characters, techniques, puppeteers, etc.

**Halloween 2009: Top Costumes, History, Myths, and More** <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2009/10/091028-halloween-facts-costumes-history.html> Where do our pumpkins come from? How many potential trick-or-treaters are there? *National Geographic* offers these and other tidbits of information about the holiday.

**Knowledge Score - General Knowledge Quiz Game** <http://www.knowledgescore.com/> Allows you to test your knowledge in a variety of subjects: chemistry, history, movies, politics, etc. You're scored on both correctness and how quickly you come up with the answers. You might want to protect your self-esteem by doing these in private the first time around.

**Top Ten No Sympathy Lines** <http://www.uwgb.edu/dutchs/nosymp.htm> School librarians will particularly enjoy this professor's well-thought-out answers to students' poorly-thought-out complaints and excuses. My favorite response to "All I want is the diploma" is "The work force is full of people who do the minimum necessary to get by. Give me one reason why I, as a citizen or consumer, should help create more of them."

#### Links come from:

Neat New Stuff I Found This Week  
<http://marylaine.com/neatnew.html>  
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## Tryon Library Associates Tour FMCC Library

On November 2nd, members of the Tryon Library Associates met for a tour of the newly renovated Fulton Montgomery Community College Library. Director Mary Donohue and Dan Towne, Electronic Services Librarian, explained how the renovations were planned and how ongoing assessments by students and staff still determine how changes are made to better suit their needs and wants.

Major changes include a central "Information Commons" area with wireless access, tech, reference and writing help available. There is also a café at the entrance.

The Tryon Library Associates meet biannually at sites of interest particularly suited to the library field. Each is chosen by group consensus. Membership is open to anyone related to the library field-either public or school. Dues are only \$5.00 per year! In these difficult financial times the Tryon Library Associates is an excellent professional organization to belong to!

Further information and membership forms are available through the Tryon website at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/tryonlibraryassociates/>

**Check it out!**

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### **Our Mission Statement**

*The Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES School Library System provides benefits to schools and students by coordinating the sharing of materials among member libraries and serving as a conduit for accessing the resources of other information providers. The School Library System Office maintains the shared automation system and collects records for system and regional databases. The School Library System provides staff development for member media specialists and is the clearinghouse for professional information. The System investigates cutting edge technologies and leads in introducing new information resources to member districts.*

### **Upcoming Meetings/Conference Dates**

SLS Fall Workshop	November 6
ICAD Committee	November 20
Council	December 2
Long Range Planning Committee	January 29, 2010
Regional Superintendents Conference Day	February 11



***Wishing you an abundance of good things  
for the 2009-2010 school year!***