Welcome – Katie Bertrand
Congratulations to Paul Birkby, librarian at Penfield for being honored by his students with a Golden Apple Reward
Welcome to new Communication Coordinators, Heather Smolowyk (Fairport), Toni Baller (Pittsford), and Greg Lloyd (Rush Henrietta).

Professional Development Opportunities – Katie Bertrand and Beth Puckett discussed upcoming events. Visit the PD Catalog [http://bit.ly/1re12CW](http://bit.ly/1re12CW) for these workshops as well other instructional technology opportunities. Events & PD opportunities are currently listed on the SLS website. Please share information about any events you feel should be included with us.

Planned or underway for this school year:
- Cool Tools for Schools (online)
- Rosen Spotlight on New York and Spotlight on Ancient Civilizations - February (postponed until March/April) for Social Studies enhanced eBooks with links/embedded activities
- Strengthening the Foundation: Preparing Students for College-Level Research - Feb 26 @ RIT - register at [http://rrlc.org/events/categories/class-registration/](http://rrlc.org/events/categories/class-registration/)
- High School & College Librarians Closing the Loop - April 28 @ Monroe 2 BOCES – register at [http://rrlc.org/events/categories/class-registration/](http://rrlc.org/events/categories/class-registration/)
- Kathleen Odean – Best Books for Young Adults – Spring date TBD @ Monroe #1 BOCES
- Dr. Barbara Stripling – Inquiry-Based Research Projects that Sizzle – May 21 @ Monroe 2 BOCES, Spencerport. To register contact Patti Rose at prose@monroe2boces.org or (585)349-9097
- SSL Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Tarrytown, NY, April 30-May 2, 2015 (information found at [https://sites.google.com/site/slmsseny/2015-ssl-conference](https://sites.google.com/site/slmsseny/2015-ssl-conference))
- August (date TBD- Likely August 19) – Tech Camp for School Librarians

Reminder that SLS Staff are happy to do tailored professional development/coaching in your district.

Electronic Databases – Carolyn Byam:
- Librarians should contact me if they are having any issues with databases. I will contact the vendor and work through any issues or concerns.
- Log in information is sent each year. If you change your log in information, please let me know so I can update the records and notify the vendor.
- Reminder: If a database is purchased through BOCES, librarians should check each database at the time of purchase to ensure they are up and running properly.

Library Automation/Follett Update – Sally Bailey:
- I have uploaded all records to 5 Systems and Andy will be processing them over winter break.
- Student Picture Update: Pictures that are done: Brighton, EI, ER, Pittsford, West Iron, Penfield. Need to finish Fairport (MB and JP). Just Received RH and will do over break. Still need Webster to send them to me.
Arts in Education and InterLibrary Loan – Wendy Petry:

- Please send along your author requests to me. Authors may be unreachable if there is too long a delay in booking.
- There are great and affordable choices available at our Showcase for Celebrities in the Schools. In addition, you can always suggest authors who are not on the list.
- If you have decided on an author, illustrator or storyteller for this school year, please submit your CIS form to me as soon as possible.

RRLC Report  Upcoming professional development opportunities can be found under “Training” at http://rrlc.org/

SLS Director’s Report – Katie Bertrand reported on the following:

Information from NYSED:
- ESIFC is on EngageNY!!!!! (https://www.engageny.org/ ) – Letter regarding the Role of Research in CCSL Implementation – Handout attached
- Board of Regents has approved new Graduation Options – “Pathways” - Handout attached
- Board of Regents has approved the adoption of new Social Studies Frameworks which can be found at https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-k-12-social-studies-framework

Information from the State Library:
- Novel NY Continuation - Handout attached
- WebJunction Online/Webinar Courses provided to all library staff in NY State HO – Handout provided, please note, participants – must register
- NYS Summer Reading Program – School Partner Manual - Handout attached
- ILEAD USA Program - Handout attached

Information for the Office of Cultural Education:
- New Newsletter – We will send links in NewsBlasts as new issues become available or you can subscribe – handout attached
- Statewide Uncommon Approaches to the Core Conference will be held again in Albany in August – workshop proposals are being accepted – handout attached
- NYS Archives Student Research Awards – Students in grades 4 and up are eligible – Posters will be sent out via courier after the December break

Around the Table – Everyone
Julie (HFL) - switching from Collins to Lucy Calkins writing program so she is spending a lot of time looking for mentor texts
Toni (Pittsford) - Karen Wilson had a baby girl and all is well
Ben (Penfield) - NEH summer program – new list, Google NEH teacher workshops
Greg (RH) - - RH conference with Mike Fisher to talk about re-writing curriculum maps to included technology, information literacy
Ana (RCA) - attended to NYLA and presented on Maker Clubs, getting started on writing and reading graphic novels project
Roxanne (ER) - New Administration! In second year of Lucy Calkins
Katie (Brighton) - Brighton Little Free Library kids are designing, Summer Reading texts for 100 kids that have been identified, have a HS student working to help develop survey- both are SLS mini-grant efforts
Heather (Fairport) - Colleen had a baby girl in October Hadley Margaret
Wendy (Webster) – Webster has a new Superintendent

2014-2015 Scheduled Meetings for the remainder of the School Year

2014-2015 SLS Council/Communications Coordinators meetings will be held at Monroe #1 BOCES, 15 Linden Park, Conference Room 1B:

- Thursday, March 12, 2015
- Thursday, May 7, 2015

Handouts attached separately