Travel Tips for Librarians

From a fellow traveler

When you plan a road trip, where do you go for info?

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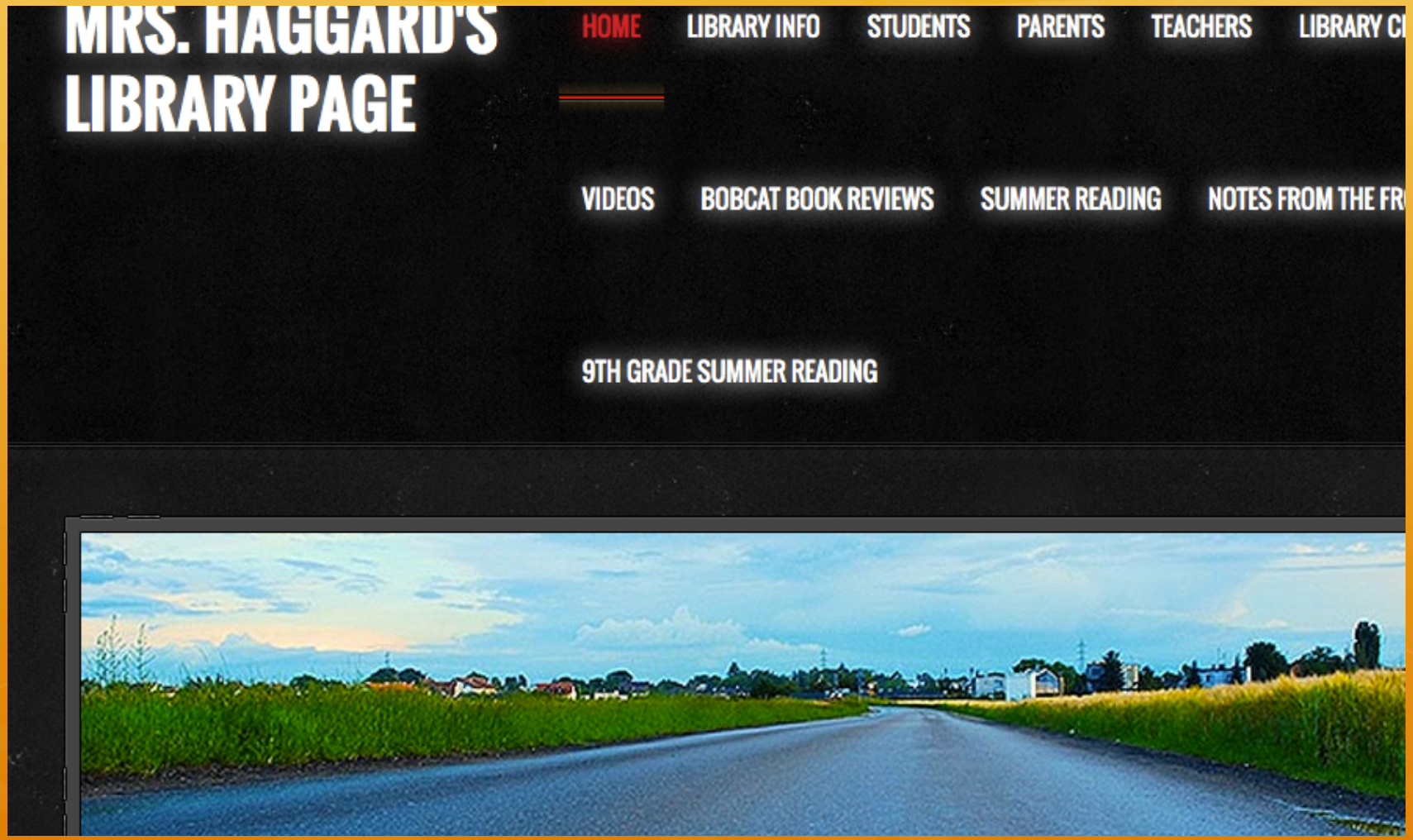
Osborne Road
Upper Tollington Park
Victoria Terrace
Oxford Road

Your digital presence



What to put on your page

- Mission statement
- Library hours & policies
- Link to First Lady's book club
- Booklists
- Link to library's catalog (Library Thing)

What to put on your page

- Librarian's schedule
- Evidence of impact on learning: pictures of students working, samples of work (with permission!)
- Link to public library
- Library events/emphases
- VSBA link

What to put on your page

- Link to TEL—customize for your age level
- Link to AR info/Home Connect
- Links to good web sites (Symbaloo)
- Citation info
- "Flipped" lessons/videos
- Blog…. See my Notes from the Frontier

Your Web Page

How to do a web page

- Weebly has free version (Check out others)
- Update at least monthly
- Ask for or make a link from the school's web page—don't hide out in the specialists. ☺

How to do a web page

- How-to from Amy Overby, Arlington Community Schools: http://edtechspot.weebly.com/step-sheets.html
- Helpful article: http://www.thedigitalshift.com/2013/07/opinion/cool-tools/summer-project-make-your-school-website-sizzle-cool-tools/

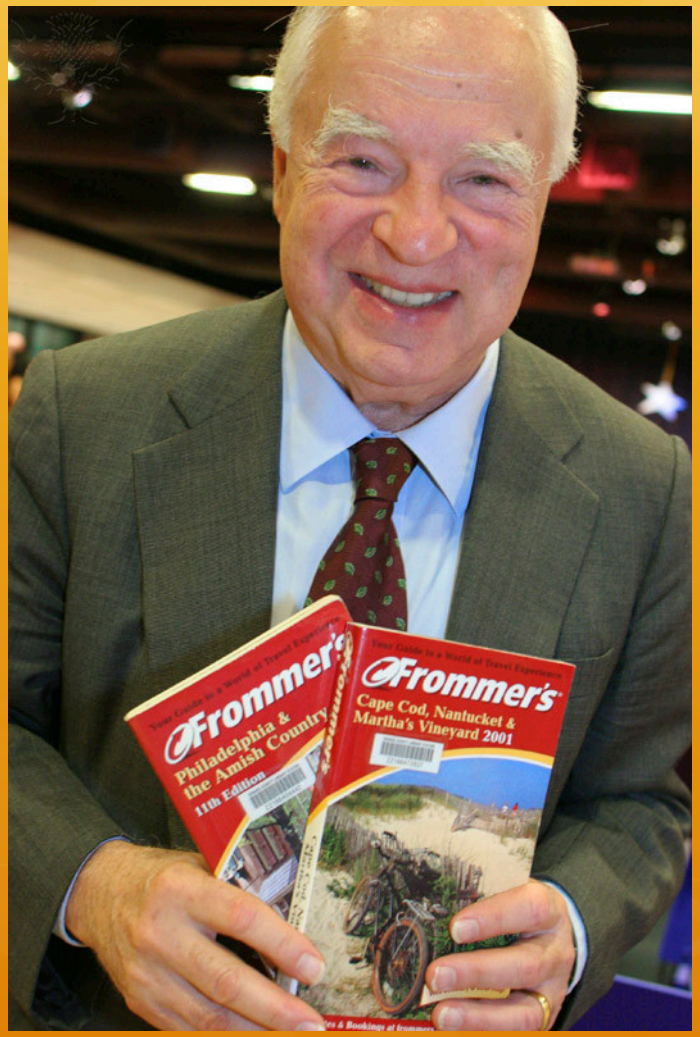
5 Things Every School Library Website Should Have

+5 Recommend this on Google

I ran across this article the other day outlining the 5 "essentials" that every school website should have. Natu
it got me thinking about my own library's web presence.

I'm one of those nerdy people who actually really loves tinkering with web design. Don't get me wrong, I'm no
code writer, but given a little time and a few tools, I can make, if nothing else, a ~~huge mess~~ good effort.
Additionally, I probably spend more time than I should poking around other school library websites too - just
trolling for inspiration and such. It's easy to spot the sites that only get updated once per year. Typically, thes
sites contain only a few sad elements: there's a list of the library's hours, a brief bio of the staff and, if you're l
somewhere between all those virtual cobwebs, you might find a description of the library's various subscriptio

http://www.librarygirl.net/2011/08/5-things-every-school-library-website.html?spref=pi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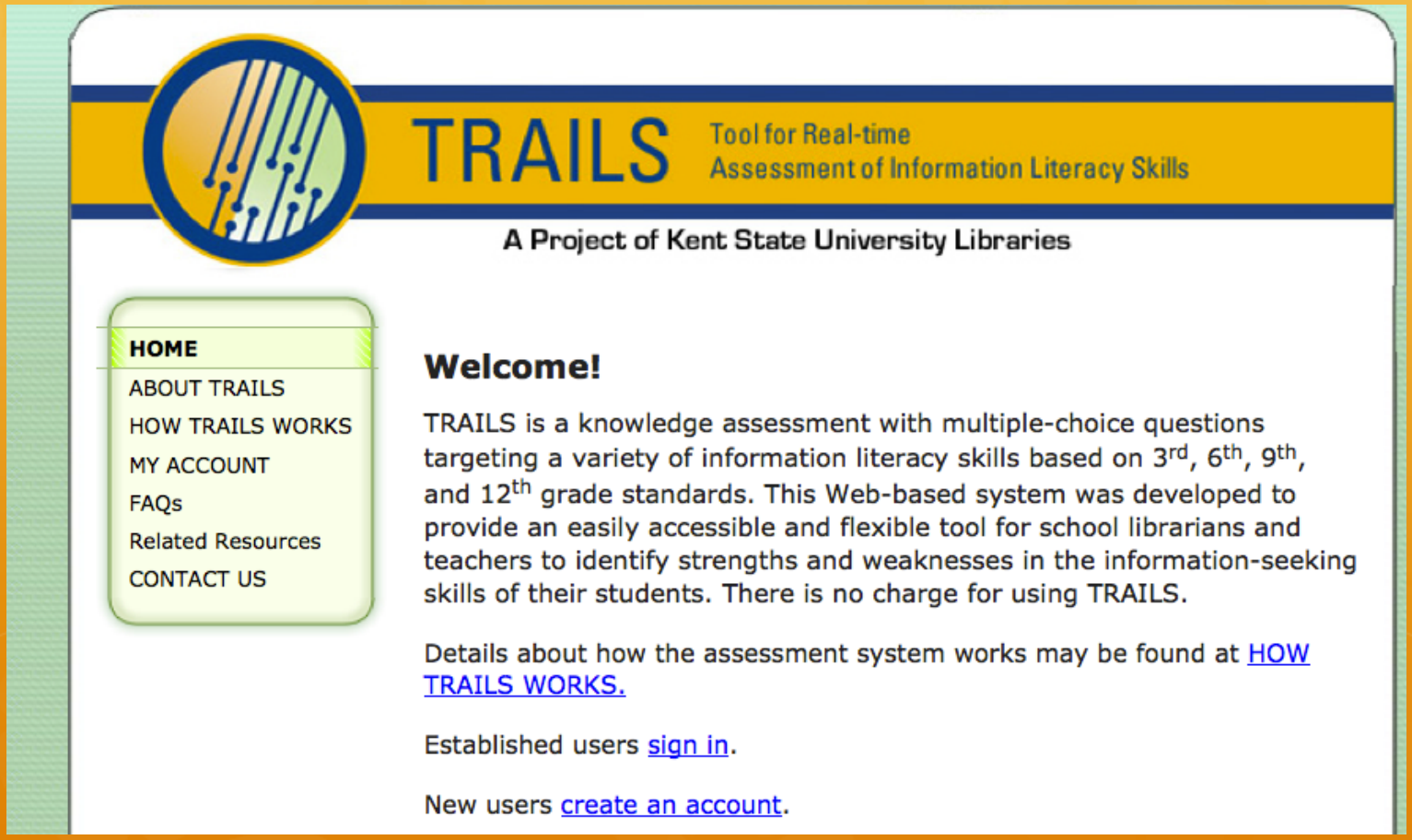
Travel Guides

- For the librarian
- For your students
- For your faculty & staff
- For parents

Guides for the Librarian



TRAILS

- http://www.trails-9.org/
- Information literacy skills and assessments
- FREE
- Use at beginning & end of year to show growth

Guides for the Librarian

http://www.ala.org/aasl/

Guides for the Librarian

Webmix for sources on Digital Citizenship
http://www.symbaloo.com/shared/AAAAAqPWp_oAA41_HCsnoQ==

Guides for the Librarian

CommonSense Media

- https://www.commonsensemedia.org/
- Free educator account
- Videos and lesson plans for all ages
- Great for teaching Digital Citizenship
- New: Certification
- Digital Compass

Monday, February 25, 2013

The Digital Citizenship Survival Kit

It's a simple little prop I use when teaching Digital Citizenship to our K-8 #aurorahuskies students. I love utilizing props to try to get my point across to students. To me, it helps a student retain the

Comfortably 2.0

Ideas for Integrating Technology Into Your Classroom

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Let's Talk with Students, Not at Them When It Comes to Digital Citizenship

One of my favorite duties as the Integration Specialist for Aurora Public Schools is getting the opportunity to talk about Digital Citizenship with our K-12 students. It's a task I enjoy doing and I thought I was teaching it the right way...

Boy, was I wrong!

I have organized various presentations to use during our digital citizenship time that are full of great information and resources from websites like Common Sense Media, CEOP and Netsmartz. I showed up in the classroom or auditorium and shared what I had created with our students. The students *listened* and *watched* to what I thought was some pretty interesting material that I had pieced together for my presentations.

Then I started evaluating how I was going about this process and how I was addressing this very important issue with our students. I realized that I shouldn't have been talking AT our students. I should have been talking WITH them about digital citizenship. Wouldn't it be more effective if the students had a voice in the matter? After all, they are the ones using the devices, websites and tools we are talking about.

A LITTLE ABOUT CRAIG...

Dad, Husband, Son, pK-12 Technology Coach Gardener, Golfer. Founder of #edcampcentralN @yourNETA Board Member, #digcit & #1to1ipad co-moderator

Connect With Me

Craig Badura

- http://www.craigbadura.com
- Check out his blog
- Check out his Pinterest page

Guides for the Librarian: Pinterest

2012-2013 school year. Got some time in between classes? Stop b...

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Darcy Bernier
Tattoos I want

This library is so awesome looking!!! He even "advertises" books in the bathroom!!

by MrSchuReads

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Anne Swanson
Library

from Beyond Survival in a School Li...

A School Library Transformed - Part 6: Easy Street

A School Library Transformed – Part 6: Easy Street | Going Beyond Survival in a School Library

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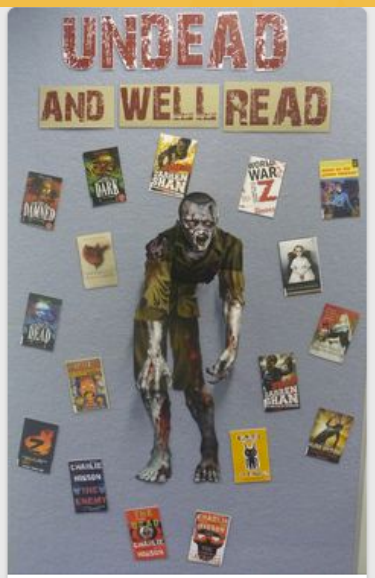
Cari Young
School Library Organization



from BuzzFeed Community

Community Post: 9 Reasons Why Librarians Are Awesome

Undead and well read. Zombie library display. This is literally bloody awesome -- would never go in my school, but I absolutely love this!!

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High School Library Activities - I really like the Book Buffet idea! I should try to use that!

409 16

Sara Brown
Library Ideas

Guides for the Librarian: Pinterest

kids iPad tablet holder at the library in the childrens room. Table mounts promote bad posture, instead keep kids upright with an iPad Crayon Stand ! www.crayonkiosk.com

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Promoted by
Crayon Kiosk iPad Stand ...

teen mystery book library display: might be a bit too bloody, but I like the outline part

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Fran Bullington
Library Displays and BB

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Maggie Poling
Library Displays

from The Magpie Librarian: A Librari...

Don't Judge a Book by its Cover...But What about the First Line?: A Teen Library...

Don't Judge a Book by its Cover…But What about the First Line?: A Teen Library Display | The Magpie Librarian: A Librarian's Guide to Modern Life and

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Lisa M.
Library Decorating at it's best!

jack and the giant beanstalk (includes how-to on building a giant book). You could do in a high school library with retold tales or in middles school with the Grimm series.

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Guides for the Librarian: Pinterest

- Pinterest is great for
  - Program ideas
  - Library displays (Just search!)
  - Even Lessons!
  - Find some great people to follow!

Guides for Students

- Curate content
- Make it easier for them to navigate the library
- Give them reliable sources of information
- Help them become independent learners

Guides for students

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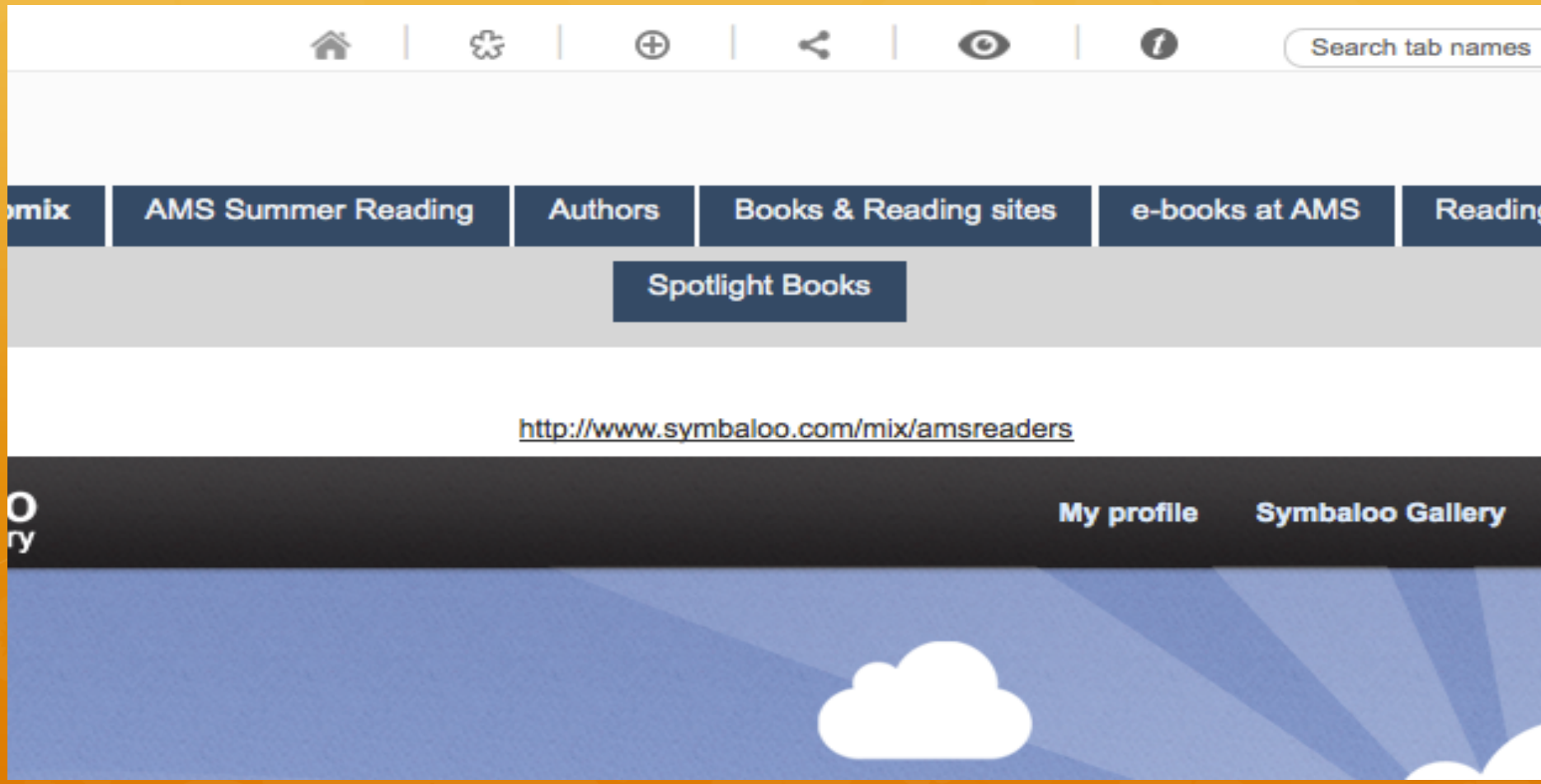


Guides for Students

- Symbaloo: http://www.symbaloo.com/
- Live Binders: http://www.livebinders.com/

Guides for Students

- Use Signs
- Directions for holds in 3 x 5 frame at each OPAC station
- Videos(flip your classroom): Good to show things like how to use Britannica or a citation tool or TEL or OPAC. Post on your web page.

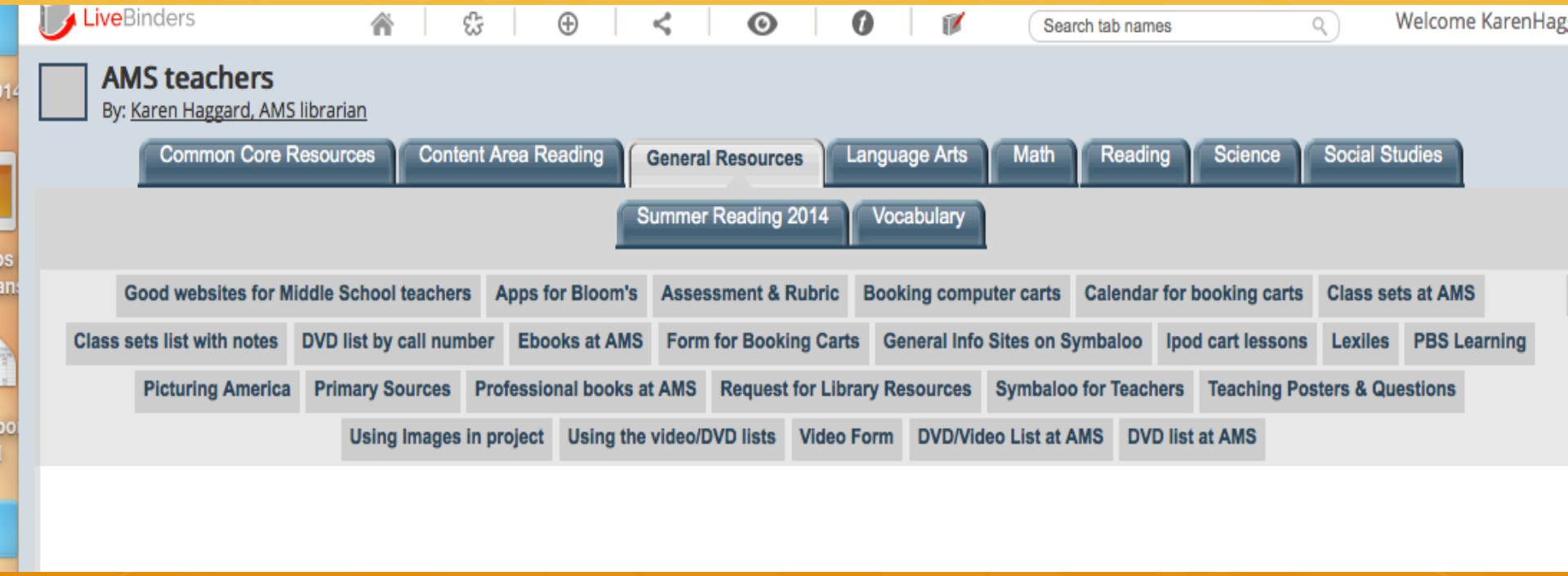
Guides for Students

- Scrapbooks on subjects with entries on books: basketball, dogs, etc.
- Post links to the public library on your OPAC
- Sequels folder

Guides for Faculty & Staff

- Tab on my web page
- LiveBinder
- Sources for nonfiction articles
  - ReadWorks
  - ReadTheory
  - TEL
  - Article of the week

Guides for Faculty & Staff



Guides for Faculty & Staff

My LiveBinder for AMS teachers:

http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=431935

Access key: bobcats

Nonfiction articles are under Content Area Reading tab

Guides for Faculty & Staff

- Bathroom Readers: put a post on door of faculty bathroom. Use to promote library events or to share a quote. Update often. www.recitethis.com

Lattes in the Library

@ AMS

Tuesday, April 14

Join us throughout the day for refreshments & resources.

Handout for Teacher Interns

Collaboration and Coffee for Teacher Interns
November 21, 2014
Arlington Middle School

Library Resources:

- Class Sets
- Videos
- Eggspert
- Clickers
- Computer carts (3) and one iPod cart (book in advance)
- Flip video camera
- Professional collection (Teach Like a Champion, Praxis study guide for the Middle School test 2004, lots more)
- Reference materials in print format
- Audio books
- Just plain old good books to read for pleasure or information

Online Resources:

- Britannica
- Country Reports
- Commercial Appeal
- Ebsco Biographies
- NoodleTools
- TEL—See Test Prep section for Praxis exam practice!
- Ebooks
- LiveBinder (see below)
- Symbaloo webmixes
- Accelerated Reader

What I teach:

Internet safety and ethics

Research skills

Open for collaboration of any kind! I can co-plan and co-teach with teachers. I can pull resources, create a project guide or webmix, do booktalks, suggest resources, put materials on reserve in the library—ask me!

Try this: http://edweb.net

My web page: http://haggardlibrary.weebly.com
AMS Live Binder:
http://livebinders.com/play/play?id=431935

Your Principal

- Find out what is most important to your principal.
- Feed him or her articles.
- Be very professional. For me, that means making an appointment and having a written agenda, when I want to discuss something.

Your Principal

- Find a need in your school and fill it.
- Share what you're doing
  - Quick email
  - Quick text
  - Monthly report
  - Focus on impact on learning

Guides for Parents (and you)

Parenting, Media, and Everything In Between

Snapchat and 7 More Iffy Messaging Apps Teens Love

Capturing and posting casual moments might lead to oversharing and other consequences.

Kelly Schryver • 5/22/2015 • Categories: Cell Phone Parenting, Facebook, Instagram, and Social

You probably never thought you'd see the day when Facebook wasn't the center of teens' universe. But keeping up with Facebook friends through ad-filled news feeds and lengthy profiles, especially given the fact that everyone knows your name, is starting to feel tiresome to many teens.

Facebook is still a go-to place for many things, such as wishing someone a happy birthday or stalking a crush. However, newer social apps make it easier,

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3 comments How to Help Kids

TWEEN

Time-Travel with Your Tween in These 6 Books of Historical (a.k.a. Pre-Wi-Fi) Fiction

by Traci Cothran

TIPS & ADVICE

13 Reading Ideas for the Child Who Needs to Move

by Melissa Taylor

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Summer Picture Book Reading List for Pre-Readers

May 14, 2015 by Melissa Taylor — 3 Comments

A reader asked me to make a summer reading list of picture books for pre-readers that included good variety, from lesser known authors, were well-written and highly recommended. I loved the challenge. I hope you and your kids like the list! :) (Scroll down

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Imagination SOUP READING WRITING LEARNING

Scotch-Brite For a Whole Bowl Clean. #CleanFeelsGood

Summer Reading Lists For Kids Ages 6 – 14

May 3, 2015 by Melissa Taylor — 10 Comments

LET'S CONNECT!

Happy summer vacation 2015! What are the best books for your kids to be reading this summer? I think I can help answer that question. I've read a ton of books and am excited to bring you the best summer reading lists for

This post contains affiliate links.

Descriptive Writing

Help your students learn to use rich, vivid detail and new vocabulary words in their writing. Watch a poetry writing workshop in action.

See all strategies

Brought to you by ReadingRockets.org
With support from the Park Foundation, Inc.

WETA

Start with a Book Read. Talk. Explore. All summer long!

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About Us | 24 Learning Themes | Summer Science | Reading Aloud | Fluent Kids | Kids' Books | Literacy Resources | ★ ★ ★ DC Kids

- Science discoveries
- Fun ideas for writing
- Have more fun with read alouds!

What does your child love to explore and learn about? Pick a theme below and get started!

Dig into dinosaurs, bugs, birds, planes, music, sports, superheroes, inventors, art, the night sky, the ocean, and more — 24 themes in all. Start with a book … and see where your child's imagination goes!

Guides for Parents

- www.commonsensemedia.org
- http://www.readingrockets.org/
- http://www.startwithabook.org/
- http://www.readbrightly.com/
- http://imaginationsoup.net/

Parents

- Contribute to parents/PTA news
- Page for parents on your web page
- Reading info to go to IEP meetings
- Presentations for PTA

Parents

PARENTS

Here are links to some good sources for parents.

10 Reasons to Help Our Kids Love Reading

AR Home Connect

Reviews on movies, games, technology, books. Good advice on social media and other ways of connecting for your kids.

Common Sense Media

Book suggestions, tips and advice for all ages and stages, including some for adults.

Brightly

This post lists book suggestions for kids from 6 to 14.

Imagination Soup

Check under Students>Reading Suggestions on this web page for other suggestions for summer reading.

Write Your Own Guide

- Use Symbaloo or Live Binders
- Guide (with screen shots) for volunteers or sub to use when working at your desk.

MOTEL
ENTRANCE

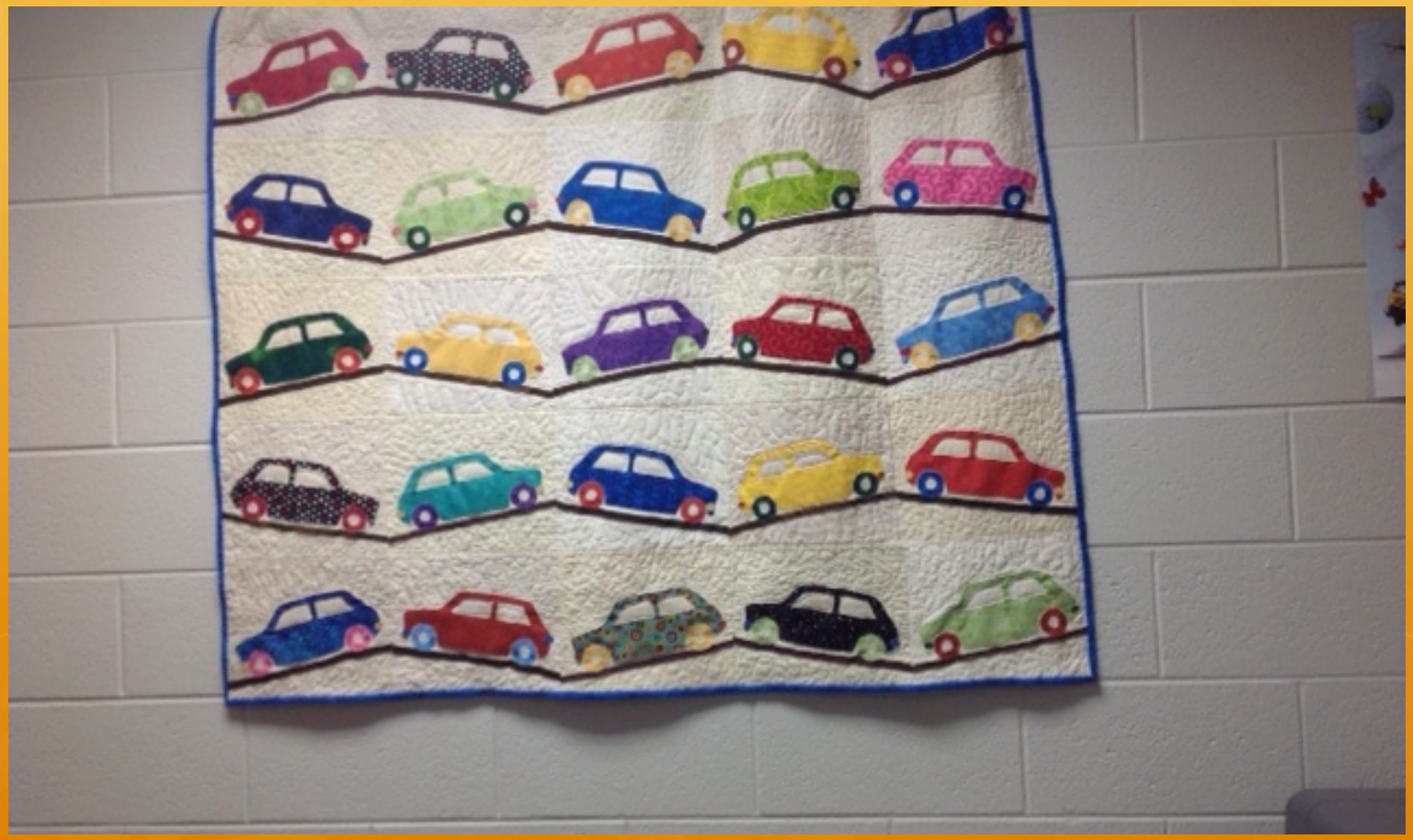
Accomodations

- How many stars is your library's physical space?
- What could you do to make it better?
- Ask your students!
- Try to look at your space through new eyes!

Use a theme…

ON THE ROAD TO
Lifelong LEARNING
Learning
It's not homework...
It's LIFEwork.
NO SPEED LIMIT
LEARNING IS HOW WE KEEP GROWING ALL OUR LIVES.
No matter how far you go down the wrong road, you can always turn back.
STAY ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Use a theme…



Use a theme…

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SUCCESS
ON THE
Lifelong
Learning
It's not homework.
It's
LIFEWORK
wrong
HANUKKAH

Next year: Rising to the Challenge

Past Themes

- Wanted: Readers
- Your Library: Window to the World
- Go for the Gold!
- Growing Lifelong Learners
- Read Like a Rock Star
- Inspiration: Upstart

DETOUR
WEST

Detours

- When you encounter a bump in the road…
- Testing—take advantage of the time (writing assessment/digital citzenship)
- Parent conferences—session for parents on AR

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MILE
SCENIC
DRIVE

Sightseeing

- Activities along the way
- Remember that not all your students like what you like:
- Skateboarders
- Graphic novels

Some favorites at AMS

- Bookmark contest
- Love Your Library (February)
- Blind Date with a Book
- Locker Lottery
- Battle of the Books
- Events in the library
- Summer AR

Don't Travel Alone

- Find some good travel buddies
- If your district is small, go outside it.
- TASL
- AASL

Don't Travel Alone

- Look for webinars from Booklist & SLJ
- Online Communities:
- http://teacherlibrarian.ning.com/
- http://edweb.net
  - LMC@the Forefront
  - Emerging Tech: Using Technology to Advance Your Library Program

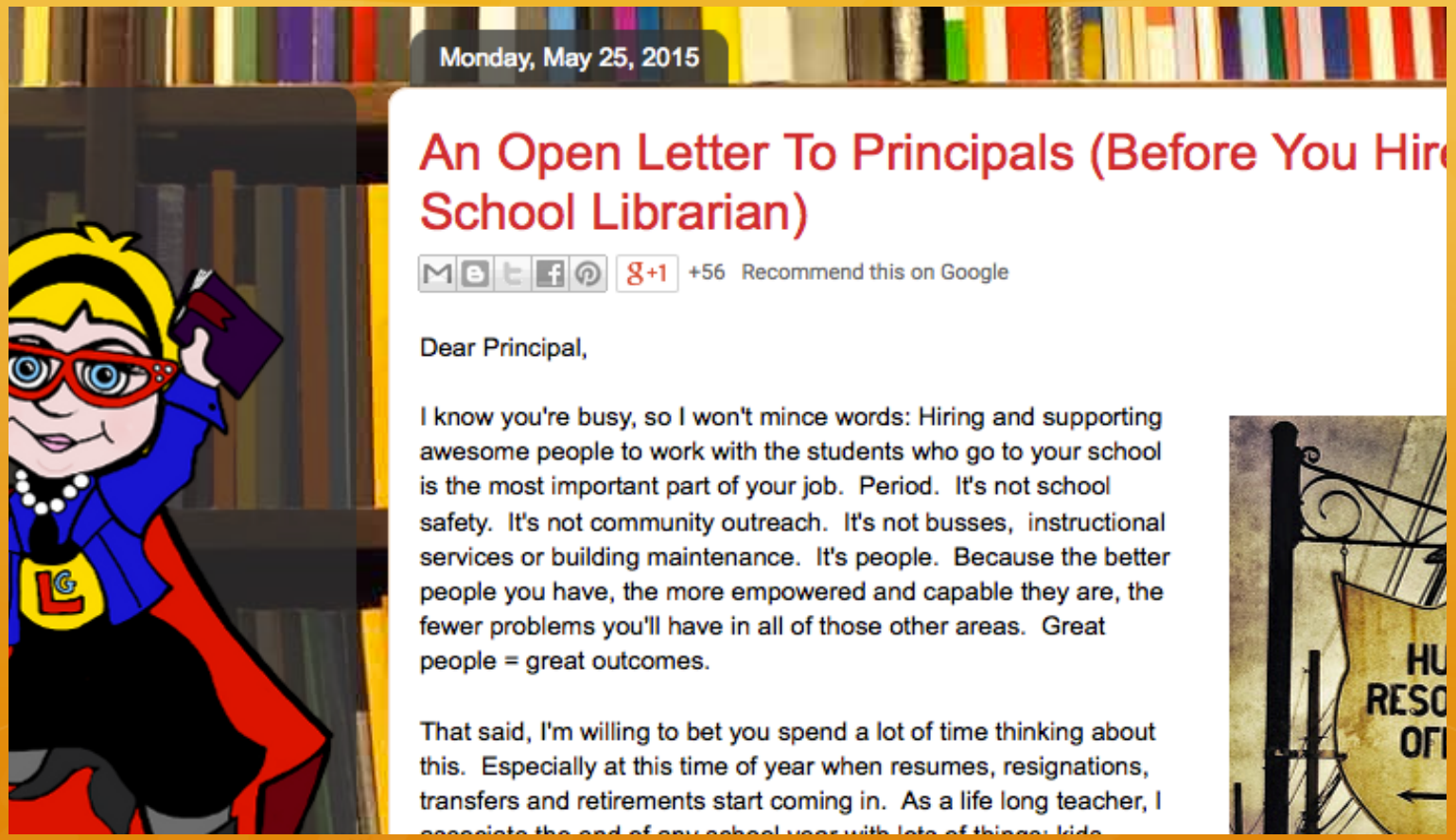
Some of my favorite travel guides

- Think Tank Library: Brain-Based Leanring Plans for New Standards (Ratzer & Jaeger)
- Developing Collections to Empower Learners (Kimmel)
- Make Just One Change: Teach Students to Ask Their Own Questions (Rothstein & Santana)
- Brag!: The Art of Tooting Your Own Horn without Blowing It (Klaus)

Some of my favorite travel guides

- Knowledge Quest (AASL journal)
- Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead (Sandberg)
- Empowering Leadership: Developing Behaviors for Success (Martin, AASL)
- Social Readers (Preddy)
- Book Love: Developing Depth, Stamina, and Passion in Adolescent Readers (Kittle)

Inspiration



Monday, May 25, 2015

An Open Letter To Principals (Before You Hir
School Librarian)

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Dear Principal,

I know you're busy, so I won't mince words: Hiring and supporting awesome people to work with the students who go to your school is the most important part of your job. Period. It's not school safety. It's not community outreach. It's not busses, instructional services or building maintenance. It's people. Because the better people you have, the more empowered and capable they are, the fewer problems you'll have in all of those other areas. Great people = great outcomes.

That said, I'm willing to bet you spend a lot of time thinking about this. Especially at this time of year when resumes, resignations, transfers and retirements start coming in. As a life long teacher, I

http://www.librarygirl.net/2015/05/an-open-letter-to-principals-before-you.html

Assessment

- Go to Socrative.com on your phone or device.
- Click on student.
- Type in AMSLibrary for the room name.
- Add your first name and last initial.
- Answer the questions.

Door prizes

- #5
- #21
- #14
- #11
- #35
- #42
- #30
- #27

Credits

- Karen Haggard
- Arlington Middle School, Arlington Community Schools
- www.haggardlibrary.weebly.com
- Thanks to my many fellow travelers from whom I have borrowed many ideas and much inspiration!
- Pictures are from Image Quest, Britannica, screen shots of web pages, or photos by me

Enjoy the Ride!