

## Free Resources - June / July 2006

Updated regularly, get the latest information about free resources available to School Library Media Specialists and teachers.



### **Report: Americans say libraries are essential (American Libraries)**

A study sponsored by the Americans for Libraries Council shows that libraries are poised to lead the way to solutions to today's pressing community problems. According to *Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public and Leadership Attitudes about Libraries in the 21st Century*, 78% of Americans say that if their library shut down because of lack of funding they would feel "that something essential and important has been lost, affecting the whole community." ...

Americans for Libraries Council, June 13

[http://www.lff.org/long\\_overdue061306.html](http://www.lff.org/long_overdue061306.html)

### **Step up to the Plate @ your library (American Libraries)**

baseball trivia contest with prizes for library users, including a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame. 100 participating libraries will win a Jackie Robinson poster from ALA Graphics. Free promotional materials are available. **Thru Sept. 1, 2006**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/sponsorship/stepuptotheplateyourlibrary/stepup.htm>

### **Study shows how kids' media use helps parents cope (American Libraries)**

Electronic media is a central focus of many very young children's lives, used by parents to help manage busy schedules, keep the peace, and facilitate family routines, according to a new national study (PDF file). In a typical day, 83% of children under the age of 6 use screen media, with those children averaging about two hours a day (1:57). Media use increases with age, from 61% of babies one year or younger who watch screen media in a typical day (for an average of 1:20) to 90% of 4 to 6 year-olds (for an average of 2:03)....

Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, May 24

<http://www.kff.org/entmedia/entmedia052406nr.cfm>

<http://www.kff.org/entmedia/upload/7500.pdf>

### **Teen Read Week: "Get Active @ Your Library"**

Oct. 15-21, 2006

Contact: Beth Yoke, 800-545-2433, ext. 4391.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenreading.htm>

### **Access all of AASL's advocacy resources from**

<http://www.ala.org/aaslTemplate.cfm?Section=aasladvocacy>

### **Read about School Library Media Campaign @ your library at**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/schoollibrary/schoollibrary.htm>

### **Read the ALA resolution "School Libraries and Librarians are Critical to Educational Success" at**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslissues/aasladvocacy/alaresolution.htm>

### **Get the AASL Advocacy Toolkit at**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslproftools/toolkits/aasladvocacy.htm>

## **S.O.S. for Information Literacy Launched at AASL**

S.O.S., a project of the Center for Digital Literacy at Syracuse University, is a free Web-based resource intended to showcase the efforts of library media specialists and classroom teachers nationwide as they develop and share lesson plans and other teaching materials that motivate K-8 students to learn or sharpen their information literacy skills. All lesson plans are evaluated. An evaluation rubric will be posted in the near future.

<http://www.informationliteracy.org/training/Home.htm>

## **AASL and ACRL Launch Discussion List for Information Literacy**

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) have launched INFOLIT - an electronic discussion list for information literacy. For more information on INFOLIT, follow this link to the AASL Web site:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslproftools/aaslediscllist/INFOLIT.htm>

To subscribe to the list, send a blank e-mail message to [subscribe-infolit@ala.org](mailto:subscribe-infolit@ala.org) with your first and last name as the subject.

Source: ACRL, a division of the American Library Association, <http://www.ala.org/ACRL>

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