



# Communication Coordinators' Meetings

*An important part of Erie 1 BOCES School Library System membership!*

**WHAT: SLS Communication Coordinators – Difference Makers for your libraries**

In January, 2009, Commissioners Regulations (NYCRR TITLE 8 – EDUCATION, §90.18 ) were amended to change the name of SLS Liaisons to one that more effectively reflected their role – **Communication Coordinator**. That role is to provide the communication link between the SLS and each library in a district or nonpublic school. The Commissioners Regulations that created SLS', also defined Communication Coordinators and the districts responsibility to provide time, and specific equipment to facilitate communication and data gathering. District Superintendents appoint a certified LMS to serve as SLS Communication Coordinator. Attending these meetings is a mandatory part of SLS membership. Non-public schools are encouraged to send their librarian to Communication Coordinator meetings in order to maximize the value of SLS participation. Agendas are sent prior to each meeting.

**Communication Coordinators:** The main function of the communication coordinators (individually and as a group) is to provide two-way communication between the member libraries and the school library system. This can be accomplished through:

- \* Regular meetings in which the communication coordinators discuss how to implement the policies recommended by the council
- \* Sharing information on system programs (e.g., training), procedures (e.g., interlibrary loan), data collection (e.g., database development, statistics on interlibrary loan, etc.)
- \* Developing committees and/or interest groups (e.g., an elementary school librarians cluster group, automation users group, etc.)
- \* Bringing the needs of school library system users (students, faculty and administrators) to the attention of the school library system council and director
- \* Identifying subject experts from among member librarians and others and recruiting them to participate in SLS projects and committees; and identifying and recruiting potential council members.

**MEETING ORGANIZER:** Alicia Thompson, Erie 1 BOCES SLS Director

**WHERE:** Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 –

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019  
Thursday, December 12, 2019  
Thursday, March 12, 2020  
Wednesday, May 20, 2020

**TIME:** Informal Sharing: 8:30-9:00 AM  
**MEETING:** 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Appointed Communication Coordinators and library representatives from member nonpublic schools in the Erie 1 BOCES region.

**COST:** No charge – Required for Erie 1 BOCES SLS Membership      **CODE:** 552.100

*These meetings are a mandatory part of SLS membership. They are listed on the BOCES events calendar to facilitate district planning & verify attendance. For further information, please contact Alicia Thompson at (716)821-7070. For registration information, cancellation, please contact Lynda West at (716)821-7116 or FAX (716)821-7556*

**Cancellation Policy:** *If you cannot attend a scheduled Communication Coordinators meeting, you are encouraged to send another LMS from your district in your absence.*