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T-L Meeting

The first T-L meeting for 2004/05 will be held at 2:30 p.m. on **16 November** at Prince Charles ERC in conjunction with the ULS Book Display*. The PD component will include a presentation on Aboriginal Resources by WSD Aboriginal Education Consultants **Louise McQuade** and **Rebecca Chartrand**.

School administrators are requested to facilitate attendance of teacher-librarians at 3 meetings each school year.

*ULS Display Hours

16 November, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

17 November, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Paraprofessionals Meeting

The first Paraprofessionals-in-charge of school libraries meeting for 2004/05 will be held at 8:30 a.m. on **29 November** at Prince Charles ERC. PD focus: Reorganizing Your Library Facility. Sharing Session: Contests*.

School administrators are requested to facilitate attendance of paraprofessionals at 3 meetings each school year.

*Participants should collect samples from their schools for sharing with the group.

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School Libraries Work!

School Libraries Work!, an aptly titled research paper recently released by Scholastic Library Publishing, validates the effectiveness of school libraries and their impact on student achievement.

Findings also indicate that gains in student achievement in standardized test scores, literacy and learning cannot be explained away by socio-economic conditions or education levels in the community.

What do these "high impact" school libraries look like? They have strong collections of materials in a variety of formats which are current and available in sufficient numbers to support inquiry-based curricula, and they are staffed by full-time, qualified teacher-librarians who collaborate with classroom teachers as instructional partners in curriculum implementation.

School Libraries Work! clearly illustrates that the school library is a critical resource for increasing academic achievement and

showcases "the urgent need for school libraries and trained media specialists (teacher-librarians) as key curriculum partners in providing a solid foundation for all students."

To download this study, go to

http://www.scholasticlibrary.com/download/slw_04.pdf.

Educators cannot afford to ignore the results of studies in 14 U.S. states which have proved that school libraries have a statistically significant and measurable affect on student achievement.

Is increasing student achievement a high priority for you? Consult the staffing and collections tables in *Achieving Information Literacy: Standards for School Library Programs in Canada*, distributed to school libraries in Fall 2003, to see

how your school measures up.

For advice and assistance in improving your school library collection or school library programming to increase student achievement, contact **Gloria Hersak**, Chief Librarian.

"I am pleased to proclaim October 25, 2004 as Manitoba School Library Day.

School libraries in Manitoba continue to play a critical role in the development of student academic growth related to information literacy and lifelong learning.

My hope is that by celebrating Manitoba School Library Day it will provide teachers and students with an opportunity to acknowledge the important role school libraries play in the academic and cultural lives of our students."

Honourable Peter Bjornson
Minister of Education,
Citizenship and Youth
October 2004.

L4U New Users Training

Date: 24 November 2004
Time: 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Prince Charles ERC
LMS Reference Library

L4U Users Group Meeting

Date: 25 November 2004
Time: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Prince Charles ERC
LMS Reference Library

Access Copyright Licence

Access Copyright (formerly CANCOPY) and the Council of Ministers of Education Copyright Consortium have agreed to extend the terms of the existing photocopying licence for 2004/05 until the Copyright Board rules on the tariff for which Access Copyright has applied.

In September 2004, Instructional Resources Unit, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, forwarded a new exclusions list (green) which must be posted beside all school and Division photocopiers.

Further questions should be directed to **John Tooth** via e-mail <jtooth@gov.mb.ca> in phone 945-7833.

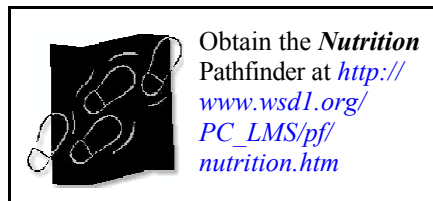
Video Duplication Fee Increase

Effective July 2004, the fee for obtaining a high quality copy of a video program held by the Instructional Resources Unit, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, increased from \$8 per tape to \$15. The increase was required to reflect the cost of the video programming as well as the cost of the service, which includes high quality videotape, mailers, postage, handling charge and taxes.

New from MEC&Y

The following items were distributed by Manitoba Education, Citizenship & Youth to schools in September 2004:

- *Independent Together: Supporting the Multilevel Learning Community*
<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/multilevel/index.html>.
- *Canadian Children's Book News* Summer 2004, Vol. 27 No. 3.



LMS Users Group Members

Members of the 2004/05 LMS Users Group include:

Sandy McCaig, Director
Student Support Services (Chair),

Gloria Hersak, Chief Librarian
Library Media Services,
and the following representatives:

Administrators, by District
Stormie Duchnycz (Central)
Val Georges (Inner City)
Linda Bulka (North)
Josie Audino (South)

Teacher-librarians, by District
Rhonda Morrissette (Central)
Elizabeth Hoey (Inner City)
Wendy Winslow (North)
Ellen Donogh (South)

Research, Planning & Technology
Doug Edmond, Director

The first meeting for 2004/05 will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 December 2004 at Prince Charles Education Centre.

Websites for Administrators

- ALA: Information Literacy
<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/acrlinfolit/informationliteracy.htm>
- Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement [pdf]
<http://www.ciera.org/>
- Center on Reinventing Public Education
<http://www.crpe.org/>
- Differentiated Instruction
http://www.educationworld.com/a_issues/chat/chat107.shtml
- Gifted Kids Benefit from Skipping Grades
<http://www.nationdeceived.org/>
- Great Meetings: Stages of Group Development
http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/greatmeetings/greatmeetings003.shtml
- NASSP
<http://www.principals.org>
- Picture Word Inductive Model
<http://www.plrd.ab.ca/sites/bytes/web/pwim/pwim.htm>
- PR Ideas for Principals
http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin357.shtml
- Rubrics Help Improve School-Wide Behavior
http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin368.shtml
- Ruth Sidney Charney's Responsive Classroom Strategies
http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/columnists/charney/charney001.shtml
- Teaching Tolerance
http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson294.shtml
- Team Teaching: Teaming Teachers Offer Tips
http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin290.shtml
- ZoomToIt.com
<http://www.zoomtoit.com/>