

School Library Month

April 1-30, 2010

What is School Library Month?

School Library Month (SLM) is the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) celebration of school librarians and their programs. Every April school librarians are encouraged to create activities to help their schools and local communities celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in a student's educational career. The 2010 theme will be "Communities thrive @ your library." Turn to the back of this poster for 30 days of fun activities to do in your school library.



2010 SLM Spokesperson
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For activities and resources to help your school community celebrate SLM, visit www.ala.org/aasl/slm!



Professional Development During SLM

Learning4Life (L4L) Webinars

Hosted every Wednesday in April @ 7:00 p.m. CST

Each week, AASL will host a webinar focused on one of the four chapters of AASL's *Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs*:

- Developing Visions for Learning
- Teaching for Learning
- Building the Learning Environment
- Empowering Learning through Leadership

These key webinars will help advance your school library program to meet the needs of the changing school library environment.

Pricing

AASL Member	\$39 per webinar/10% discount for series = \$140
ALA Member	\$69 per webinar/10% discount for series = \$248
Non-Member	\$99 per webinar/10% discount for series = \$356
Student	\$29 per webinar/10% discount for series = \$104

District Pricing* (available for series purchases only)

3-5 individuals	\$199
6-9 individuals	\$399
10+	\$699

* Person purchasing district package must be an AASL member.

SLM Video Contest

School librarians are encouraged to submit videos to the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) detailing how they help their school community "thrive." This is an opportunity for school librarians to be creative and share why they are essential to their community. The winning video will be featured on the AASL Web site, AASL social networking platforms, and possible feature and recognition at AASL conferences. Entries will be vetted by AASL and the top three will be judged by the entire AASL member community starting March 8, 2010.

Suggested Focus

AASL encourages creativity. Entries may include an interview with members of a school community, a typical day in the life of a school librarian, or a short skit on why school librarians are essential to a school community.

Submission Process

Entries should be submitted to AASL, aasl@ala.org, by March 1, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. CST. Please include your AASL membership ID with your submission. All videos must be accompanied by a signed video/photo release form from each person featured in the video. The form can be found on the SLM Web page at www.ala.org/aasl/slm. Videos should be no more than three minutes. Only WMV, RealVideo, and QuickTime formatted files will be accepted.

Additional Rules

This contest is open to AASL members only. All entries over three minutes will be disqualified.

Award

The winner will receive district access to all L4L webinars and an AASL prize package including *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner in Action*, *Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs*, and the forthcoming *Planning Guide for Empowering Learners*.

30 Days of Activities for School Library Month

- 1. Have a Library Sock Hop: Collect socks as admission and donate to local shelter.
- 2. Hold a Photo/Video/Art Contest that shows your school library center working in conjunction with a community organization. 2.0 IDEA: Share your contest photos via Flickr!
- 3. Host a "Community Reads" event in your school library center.
- 4. Create a Local History Exhibit: Host café where local "historians" can share/exhibit photos, stories, and artifacts from local history. 2.0 IDEA: Host a virtual exhibit on your school's Web site!
- 5. Create a Community Scavenger Hunt: Give your sleuths print and photo clues to identify places in their school and/or local community.
- 6. Design a Community Calendar: Have students design a calendar that reflects the school and/or local community. IDEA: The calendars could even focus on literacy partners!
- 7. Create Community PSAs: Have students research and reflect about their community and create public service announcements (PSAs) for use in their school and the greater local community. IDEA: Look on AASL's SLM pages for suggestions on how to get your PSAs played on local radio stations.
- 8. Guest Reader Day: Invite local "stars" to come in and read stories to students.
- 9. Community Talent Show: Showcase local talent at the school library. These can be small "cozy" events or one large-scale event.
- 10. Host a Read-A-Thon to benefit a community cause.
- 11. Have a Career Fair: Have local community agencies share what career possibilities exist within their organization.
- 12. Organize a Literacy Walk: Have your school community walk in support of literacy and reading. IDEA: Get groups to enter a literacy banner!
- 13. Have theme days at school in support of literacy efforts. IDEA: Have students dress up as their favorite literary character!
- 14. Have students be guest readers at other schools, the mall, or at community events.
- 15. Set up a booth at a community event to promote literacy.
- 16. Work with local bookstores or public libraries to schedule joint programming for the month.
- 17. Tweet lines from popular books to your school community and have a contest to see who can guess the title/author of the quote.
- 18. Hold a Manga Share: Ask students to submit their own Manga artwork. 2.0 IDEA: Create a running slideshow to display students' artwork.
- 19. Host Library Lunches: Have students invite their parents/grandparents to bring lunch and eat with them in the library. Place classic literature and popular contemporary titles on the table and conversation questions about books and reading.
- 20. Work with local veterans groups to coordinate a letter writing campaign for soldiers or families at home.
- 21. Host an event to teach how to safely use social networking sites.
- 22. Have your local animal shelter bring in pets for a reading event. 2.0 IDEA: Don't forget to share photos and video from this PAW-fect event on Flickr!
- 23. Coordinate with community service clubs, like Kiwanis and Rotary, and have students do presentations about community service projects, sports teams, and clubs.
- 24. Have a DUETS Event: Pair students and teachers to showcase music, cooking, arts, poetry, or carpentry talents. 2.0 IDEA: Don't forget to record the DUETS to add to your schools Web site via TeacherTube!
- 25. Purchase unfinished wood chairs and have your school community work with local artists/students to paint these chairs for community organizations.
- 26. Have a School Giving Tree: Have members of your school community place a "need" (cup of coffee at 9 a.m., return a long overdue book to the library, type a letter, run to post office, etc.) under the Giving Tree. Someone selects the need to complete.
- 27. Take library books to the local senior center for a short-term loan. IDEA: Grandparents can read these books to their grandchildren or enjoy for themselves!
- 28. Take students to a senior center to help seniors learn computer basics and social networking safety. 2.0 IDEA: While there, have students help seniors sign up for Facebook. This will help them keep in touch with family and friends!
- 29. Collect toiletries and make care packages for families in need.
- 30. Have students write articles for local newspapers about local history or on viewpoints on a variety of topics. IDEA: Students also make great advocates for your school library program!

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March 2010

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May 2010

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