New York Library Association Section of School Librarians

2018 Carol A. Kearney Educational Leadership Institute

School Librarians Transform Learning
Teaching with the New AASL Standards

**NEW VENUE!** Syracuse University Sheraton, Syracuse, New York
August 2 & 3, 2018

**Institute:** Thursday, 8/2 1:00pm to 5:00pm and 7pm-9pm
Friday, 8/3 8:30am-3:00pm

Is your head spinning right now with the newly-released AASL National School Library Standards (NSLS)? What does it mean for your library, school, teachers and, especially, your students, if you move from awareness toward expertise with the new Standards?

The 2018 Carol A Kearney NYLA/SSL Educational Leadership Institute, School Librarians Transform Learning, is your opportunity for meaningful immersion in the Standards. At our new Leadership Institute location in Syracuse, you will receive 12 hours of professional development focused on implementing the Standards to personalize your professional practice and growth, tailoring your teaching to your learners’ needs.

**Presenters:**
- **Penny Sweeney and Michelle Miller**, SSL Delegates to the AASL Affiliate Pre-conference on the National School Library Standards (NSLS)
- **Susan D. Ballard**, AASL National School Library Standards (NSLS) Editorial Board member
- **Sara Kelly Johns**, AASL National School Library Standards (NSLS) Implementation Team member

**Penny Sweeney** has been a Library Media Specialist in the Liverpool Central School District for the last 8 years. She recently received her administrators degree for both building and district level from Le Moyne College. She is the current President of NYLA/SSL and has represented NYLA/SSL at the NYSED ESSA Think Tank. Penny is also currently a representative on NYLA Council.

**Michelle Miller** is a Library Media Specialist in the Marcus Whitman Central School District. She has been in this position for thirteen years and completed her Master’s Degree from Syracuse University in 2006. Michelle also completed her Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership at SUNY Stony Brook in 2015. She has been active in the NYLA Section of School Librarians, serving as Secretary, Vice President of Communications and President.
Susan D Ballard is Vice-President of the National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE). A former Director of Library, Media and Technology, she guided her district to National School Library Media Program of the Year Award recognition. She has also served as an adjunct professor and lecturer in a variety of school librarian preparation programs (and) most recently in the development of a new program for the University System of New Hampshire. A Past-President of the AASL, Susan served as a member of the Standards and Guidelines Editorial Board, responsible for the development of the National School Library Standards for Learners, Librarians and School Libraries (2018). She is currently serving on the ALA/AASL CAEP Coordinating Committee to revise Standards for the Preparation of School Librarians to align with the new national standards.

Sara Kelly Johns is an online instructor for the School Library Media program at the Syracuse iSchool, a presenter, author and consultant on school library programs. She was a member of the Standards Implementation Team for the NSLS.

Teaching and learning are at the center of school librarians’ practice. The new Standards give school librarians a framework to build new experiences while also allowing them to breathe new life into tried-and-true lessons and to collaborate with teachers, including content-based standards learning experiences. As learning leaders, participants will be able to personalize and tailor their knowledge of the standards to local needs and their own strengths, connecting their learners with meaningful experiences.

Visit the SSL website for more information (www.nyla.org/ssl). Registration, Information and logistics available at: https://sites.google.com/view/ssl-leadership-institute/home

All institute participants must be NYLA/SSL members. Hotel rooms are available thru direct booking with the Sheraton at a rate of $129 (single or double rate). Registration is $125 early bird and $200 regular registration. Other pricing options will be indicated on the registration form. As an affiliate of AASL, you will have the opportunity to purchase the new Standards for the ALA/AASL member price of $99. You will need a copy of the book to fully participate in the Institute.