

REMA Meeting 1/28/05

1. Introductions
2. Sign Ups
3. Proposed Meeting Ideas:
 - Ruth Toor and Hilda Weisberg (School Librarians Workshop)
 - Recent Grad Workshop Panel
 - EMA-NJ Mentoring program (1st year in a new school after graduating)
New Jersey Association of School Libraries (New Name)

 - Alice “So you’re a new school librarian”
 - School Library Co-Operatives
4. Upcoming REMA Elections Proposed in February

Please contact a current member or email REMA if you are interested. All of REMA’s current officers are graduating, therefore we will be having elections for all executive positions. REMA is a great opportunity for networking, contributing to the outcomes of our program and making many contacts for the future, come on you know you want to join us!

5. Upcoming Events:

April 28- Best Books for Middle Schoolers & Young Adults

May 3-6 Winners! A Closer look at the years 100 best books for Children

Make efforts to join the professional organizations such as EMA

6. Guest Speaker:

Michelle Kowalski –Library Media Specialist Whippany Park High School
EMA-NJ Technology Chair

Technology in the School Library

Handout of Databases which she uses in her library.

Some free databases:

- Ebscohost databases are free through the state library
- Facts on File
- JerseyCat
- Q-andA NJ
- Tutor.com

Michelle stresses the use of databases with her students to decrease their reliance on Google.

When purchasing books for your library collection, as the Librarian you need to become creative in ways to purchase books when your library budget is tight.

Michelle employs library aides (students who work in a support capacity in her library).

Michelle performs many non-job related activities, which are specific to her school.

Often the librarian has a more global perspective than the rest of the faculty.

Making yourself indispensable to the administration and working with them on the non-job related tasks make asking for other things (like a bigger budget)

Michelle is also responsible for the technology equipment, setup and ordering of her school. Much of what she does is self taught.

You have to advocate for yourself with your parents and administration. Market yourself and what you and the library can do for their child.

Ask questions

LURK!

Keep involved

Find your niche and set up your library around it.

Librarians change views with almost every period, be flexible and keep changing.

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Useful links supplied by Michelle:

Whippany Park High School Library Website:

<http://www.whippanypark.org/library/>

New Jersey State Library Youth Services Book Evaluation:

<http://www.njyac.org/bookeval/>

Highlands Regional Library Co-operative:

http://www.hrlc.org/technology/keeping_current.pdf

Minutes taken by JoAnn Chmielowicz

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