Annual Report for the School Librarian Interest Group 2013-14

SLIG was led by the leadership team of Lori Clark-Erickson, Laura Miller, Jennisen Lucas. Our interest group now has 48 members.

Highlights and accomplishments:

SLIG became an AASL Affiliate as a member of Region 9. Two delegates will be elected and tasked with representing SLIG advocacy issues and communication between Wyoming and this national organization.

13 Wyoming School Librarians attended AASL Conference in Hartford CT. Jennisen Lucas presented her powerful CCSS, My BFF: One Librarian’s Path to Advocacy to an appreciative group during the conference. We are extremely proud of her professionalism.

The SLIG Newsletter was initiated and published Sept 2013, Feb 2014, May 2014, Sept 2014.

We held monthly leadership team conference calls. This allowed for improved communication, progress with projects, and the power of staying in touch with one another.

Info Power 2014 was held in Casper hosting 34 attendees. Sessions included Ron and Barb Scherry from Great Northern Books, Chris vanBurgh presenting “What’s new with WYLD”, and Susan Mark helping us understand the data that is available to us. Denise Catlin led a collaborative session on new technologies applicable in school settings. Red the Reading Therapy Dog owned by Angie Jensen entertained us with his “doggie antics” and ability to help struggling readers. Monica Brennan presented tips on non-fiction collection development and how to make our resources visible. Megan Bietz-Dingman and LaDonna Liebrich shared many ideas for school library programming. We had an overview of MemberClicks by Richard Landreth and the AASL Conference attendees shared their favorite sessions.

Heading the Info Power committee was Mary Wegher with outgoing chair- Jen Markus, chair-elect - Megan Bietz-, members-at-large -Ila Kaiser and Kathy Bjornestad. Jennisen Lucas served as registrar helping attendees procure UW credit or PTSB CEUs. Laura Miller and Lori Clark-Erickson provided leadership support.

At WLA Fall Conference we will elect a new co-leader to join Laura Miller, a recording secretary, two legislative committee members, and two AASL delegates.

Laura Miller and Lori Clark-Erickson sat on the WLA Fall 2014 Conference Planning committee. With the help of Jennisen Lucas, the school library strand provided a robust offering.

Momentum has this interest group moving ahead with many new initiatives. It’s been a pleasure to serve as co-leader these last two years.

Respectfully submitted,
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