Happy New Year! January 2016 brings us a new schedule of free trainings and webinars. Listed below are events that focus on book lists/reviews and tools to engage learners. Of course, technology figures in as well, with a spotlight on David Wiesner’s Spot, a storytelling app, and Screencast Design for Librarians. Be sure to join me for that one on January 26 at 10:00 a.m. and learn about using screencasts with students and library patrons, as well as teachers and administrators.

Best wishes for a wonderful new year!

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*Feel free to forward this email to anyone not on the Wyoming Library Association School Library list. I would be happy to add anyone to the email list and talk to you about any issues surrounding your program to see how the State Library can assist you.*

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**SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

* Jan. 4: Organizing Your Library to Maximize Student Achievement (TL Virtual Cafe)
* Jan. 5: A Conversation with the 2016 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Finalists (School Library Journal)
* Jan. 6: Best New Children's Books of 2015 (Nebraska Library Commission)
* **Jan. 14: Database of the Month: The annual New Year's health resources (Wyoming State Library)**
* Jan. 19: New Year, New Books! Lerner Publishing Group’s Spring Preview (Booklist)
* Jan. 20: Rethinking the Research Paper (edWeb)
* Jan. 20: Explore, Create, Engage: HSTRY in the Classroom! (AASL)
* **Jan. 21: Screencast Design for Librarians (Wyoming State Library)**
* Jan. 26: David Wiesner's Spot: Not the Same Old Story (AASL)
* Jan. 27: One Book, One School, One Community - Experiences with all-school reads (Nebraska Library Commission)

**PROGRAM ABSTRACTS & LOGIN INFORMATION:**

Monday, Jan. 4 (6-7 pm)

**Organizing Your Library to Maximize Student Achievement (TL Virtual Cafe)**

Exploring the physical and virtual library spaces.

No registration needed. For login information and more: <http://tlvirtualcafe.wikispaces.com/>

Tuesday, Jan. 5 (11-12 pm)

**A Conversation with the 2016 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Finalists (School Library Journal)**

Join us for a live webcast featuring the five finalists for the 2016 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award. Learn a bit about these terrific titles; hear from the authors about their research and writing processes; and glean some insights into publishing decisions that make the best nonfiction titles accessible and engaging to today’s teens.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.slj.com/category/webcasts/>

Wednesday, Jan. 6 (9-10 am)

**Best New Children's Books of 2015 (Nebraska Library Commission)**

Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission's Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services, will give brief book talks on new titles that could be good additions to your library's collection. Titles for preschool through elementary school will be included.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

**Thursday, Jan. 14 (11:15-12 pm)**

**Database of the Month--January: The annual New Year's health resources (Wyoming State Library)**

**Kick off the year exploring the health resources in GoWYLD.net.**

**For more information and to register for this program, visit:** [**https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/63013382925009666**](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/63013382925009666)

Tuesday, Jan. 19 (12-1 pm)

**New Year, New Books! Lerner Publishing Group’s Spring Preview (Booklist)**

Join Booklist for this free, hour-long webinar and get an inside look at Lerner’s outstanding Spring 2016 lineup of informational books, narrative nonfiction, picture books, middle grade and young adult fiction, and graphic novels. Hear straight from our editors about these new titles, which are sure to inform and entertain your K-12 students. Moderated by Booklist’s Book for Youth senior editor Sarah Hunter.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

Wednesday, Jan. 20 (3-4 pm)

**Rethinking the Research Paper (edWeb)**

The Common Core calls for inquiry, close reading, and publication but in this millennium, publication is evolving. Giving students choice helps to differentiate and personalize instruction, and technology opens the door to new options for publication. In this session, participants will explore alternatives to the traditional research paper that will engage students with the research process while challenging them to document their learning using innovative tools and meeting rigorous expectations.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.edweb.net/emergingtech>

Wednesday, Jan. 20 (5-6 pm)

**Explore, Create, Engage: HSTRY in the Classroom! (AASL)**

In this webinar, Shannon McClintock Miller, Teacher Librarian and technology integration specialist, will explore AASL Best Website, [http://www.HSTRY.co](http://www.hstry.co), along with Claire Varner, the Chief Academic Officer at HSTRY. ​Using real examples from classrooms around the world, ​Shannon and Claire ​will ​show participants how ​schools are increasing​ student engagement by creating ​and sharing timelines on HSTRY​. It will be a fun presentation which will leave you with tons of ideas to take back to your students, teachers, and school community.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/ecollab/upcoming>

**Thursday, Jan. 21 (10-11 am)**

**Screencast Design for Librarians (Wyoming State Library)**

**Screencasts are digital recordings of a computer screen that can be narrated. They are valuable tools for demonstrating how to do various tasks, particularly tech-based tasks. While creating a screencast may seem daunting at first, this webinar will show you just how easy it can be, as well as free! Join me, Paige Bredenkamp, School Library Consultant at Wyoming State Library, as we explore tools and design tips for making great screencasts to use with students and library patrons.**

**For more information and to register for this program, visit:** [**https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/846821137529063681**](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/846821137529063681)

Tuesday, Jan. 26 (5-6 pm)

**David Wiesner's Spot: Not the Same Old Story (AASL)**

In this webinar, presenters Taylor Foley, digital product manager at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and Craig Seasholes, Elementary Teacher-Librarian, Sanislo School and AASL Region 8 Director, will explore David Wiesner’s Spot, a wordless, non-linear storytelling app and one of the AASL’s 2015 Best Apps for Teaching and Learning. Using real examples, Taylor and Craig will share just some of the many ways students can explore and engage with Spot in the classroom.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/ecollab/upcoming>

Wednesday, Jan. 27 (9-10 am)

**One Book, One School, One Community - Experiences with all-school reads (Nebraska Library Commission)**

Learn about how School Middle School in Lincoln, NE, spreads a love of reading, a sense of community and the idea of helping others through an annual all-school reading program. Discussion will center on School’s experiences with funding, book selection, promotion, staff buy-in, resources, and community service.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>