



Quarterly Newsletter

January. February. March. 2016

Greetings!

One of the best things about Media Smart Libraries is that libraries and other like-minded organizations are working together to learn how to better support children in a digital age. Digital and media literacy are concepts that we are discussing and learning about throughout this project and we are finding that it can mean different things to different people. Our busy winter schedule of continuing education workshops and public events attest to our effort to offer a variety of activities on digital and media literacy. Topics have included film discussion, stop-motion animation, computer coding, library video production programs, digital citizenship, and computer privacy.

Participants have given high marks to the quality of the workshops. Data from workshop evaluations indicate that 100% of the participants found the workshops focused on important content, 94% believed the workshops will help with new approaches to their library practice, and 90% agreed that workshops will make a difference in their work with students/families/the community. In fact, Media Smart Libraries Cohort Library Leader members have already implemented programming in film discussion, stop motion animation, and computer coding as a result of the new skills and knowledge they have learned.

The first public event on February 14th, *Be a Cinema Detective*, was made possible by the impressive effort of Anisa Raof and the Providence Children's Film Festival. With the help of the new PCFF Film Hub educational resource, librarians are understanding that film is another way to tell stories. They are happily discovering that film discussion programming can play a significant role in libraries by helping children develop critical thinking skills and learn about the world around them.

Our dedicated cohort of library leaders has been busy earning digital badges to recognize their new competencies in digital and media literacy. Susan Murphy, Suzanne Jordan, Kristin Almeida, and Lee-Ann Galli will be in the first group to finish with many more close behind. Congratulations to them all!

Looking ahead, this spring we will offer workshops in Twitter, Minecraft, Makerspaces, and digital presentation tools for libraries. Our featured public event on April 16th at Cumberland Public Library, *Using Digital Media to Empower Youth*, brings together an amazing panel of young adults who are creating and sharing their messages using social media in powerful and positive ways.

These young adults are very impressive and will give us new perspectives on how to use social media in our culture. Please join us at this event as a culminating activity to celebrate National Library Week and Rhode Island Library Day. [Register here.](#)

The winter events for the Media Smart Libraries would not be possible without the help and expertise of many individuals and organizations. Special thanks to the Rhode Island Museum of Science and Art, Joan Mouradjian, Suzanne Costa and the Barrington Public Schools district, FabNewport, Anisa Raouf and the Providence Children's Film Festival, the RI Office of Library and Information Services, EdTechRI, and the project team here at GSLIS.

Please contact me if you have any questions or ideas to share.

Mary Moen
Program Director

You're invited to our next event...



MEDIA SMART LIBRARIES

Free Public Event hosted by Media Smart Libraries

Saturday, April 16th
2:00-4:00pm
Cumberland Public Library
1464 Diamond Hill Rd, Cumberland, RI

Using Digital Media to Empower Youth



Teens, parents, & educators are invited to join a conversation on Empowering Youth through Digital Media! This public event brings together a panel of young adults who will tell their stories about using digital media to express themselves in a positive way to spread their message and connect with others.

For more information go to mediasmartlibraries.org
or register directly at conta.cc/25noCo7



PANELISTS:



Jenn Cournoyer, MODERATOR
Teen Librarian
Cumberland Public Library



Anna Caltabiono
Teen author of 'The Seventh Miss Hatfield' & 'All That is Red'



Olivia Dolphin
Writer and Blogger



Claudia Morales
Social activist from the Harry Potter Alliance



Jenna O'del
Teen author of the Hidden Strength Series



Sean Fay Wolfe
HarperCollins Action Adventure Novelist

Break-out sessions will feature:
Publishing Q&As, writing workshops, blogging tips, teen writing groups, publishing resources for libraries, & more!



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Winter Events

Stop Motion Animation

December 3rd, 2015 & February 3rd, 2015. Due to its popularity, MSL ran Stop Motion Animation twice with RIMOSA. The workshop began with an overview of animation types, including hand drawn, paper cut, pixilation, and object.

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ALISE Works in Progress Poster

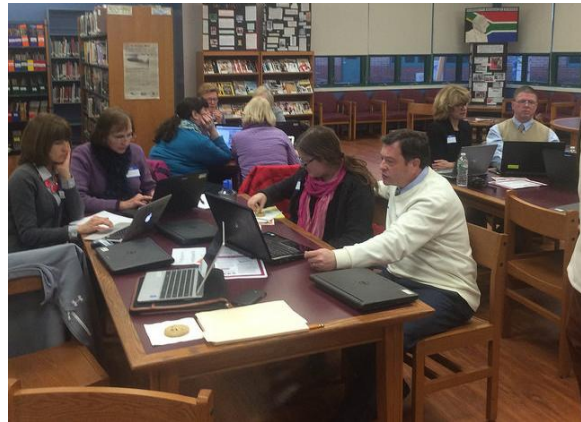


January 5th, 2016. Boston, MA. The Association for Library and Information Science Education ([ALISE](#)) held their [annual conference](#) at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel from January 5-8, 2016. Media Smart Libraries was excited to present a poster at the ALISE 2016 Works in Progress Poster Session on Tuesday evening.

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Computer Coding with Scratch

January 27, 2016. Narragansett, RI. Media Smart Libraries teamed up with [FabNewport](#) for an evening of collaboration and coding for teachers, school librarians, and public librarians.



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Be a Cinema Detective

February 14, 2016. Providence, RI. Media Smart Libraries and PCFF teamed up to host the public event Be a Cinema Detective: Discover, Explore, and Inspire Through Film. This free event was an opportunity for kids, parents, educators, and librarians to engage in an enhanced viewing experience...



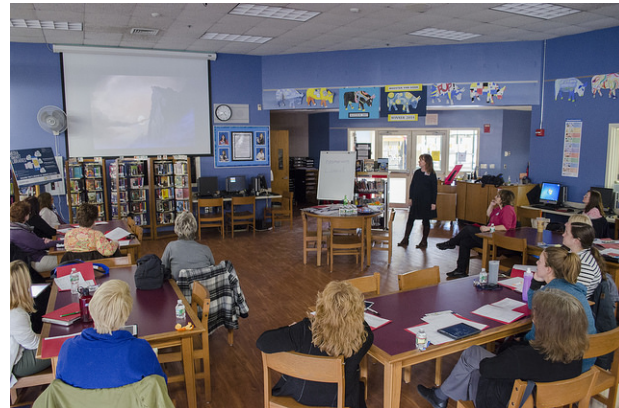
Navigating Our Digital Lives

March 19, 2016.
Barrington, RI. Media Smart Libraries hosted an unconference at Barrington High School Library in conjunction with EdTechRI titled Navigating Our Digital Lives: In School and Beyond.

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Starting a Video Program in Your Library

March 22, 2016. Narragansett, RI. Media Smart Libraries teamed up with Joan Mouradjian, Library Media Specialist and 2015 Teacher of the Year at the Narragansett Pier Middle School Library, for the workshop Starting a Video Program in Your Library.



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