

SLAYS
School Libraries and Youth Services
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Lucky #13

AASL Conference Attendance:

Based on online survey results from “Attendance at State and National Conferences” and discussions that followed, I sent an email to AASL. In this email, I highlighted the comments received and suggested that moving their AASL conferences to summer or later in the school year might increase AASL Conference participation. At this time, I have received no reply.

Dan Pinks (Book Talk) & NDLA Spring Conference:

As I quickly found out that we cannot afford to have Dan Pinks speak at our ND Library Conference \$\$\$, I sent emails to his representative, requesting permission to show a video to a group of librarians that could be purchased online. In this video, Dan Pink discusses his book, “A whole new mind: why right-brainers will rule the future”. Librarians would be asked to read the book before the workshop; we could show the video at the workshop and discuss the implications for the future. His representative responded that she had no jurisdiction over the video, and that I should check the video itself for viewing guidelines. I believe that we could show it in a group setting, if we decide to add this section.

NDLA Spring Conference – Copyright Workshop:

Sent out email via Schlibtalk, requesting interest and input on including a Copyright Workshop at NDLA Spring Conference. Shared this information with NDLA president.

NDLA Spring Conference – Workshop Suggestions:

Sent out email via Schlibtalk, requesting ideas for other workshops at NDLA Spring Conference. Shared these ideas with NDLA president.

Blogging for School Librarians:

I was asked to teach a section of Blogging for School Librarians at the NDLA Spring Conference. We are still working on the details.

***The Good Stuff* - Blogging:**

I submitted an article to March’s *The Good Stuff* about Horizon Middle School’s “Horizon is Bloggerrific” Blog.

Nominations:

Sent out email reminders to the ND library list serves, asking for nominations for the following awards: School Library Administrator of the Year; and Youth Excellence Program of the Year. Click on the link for details: <http://www.ndla.info/awards.htm>

Respectfully submitted,

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