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Total Library Make-over: Transforming Texas Libraries

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Make this a year for a total library makeover. Walk through your library as a patron using *their* five senses as a guide. Can your students find the resources they need independently? Maybe it's time to update library signage. Does your library have virtual resources? Create or update the library's web presence. This is the year for innovation and inspiration. The process of change has gotten off to a great start with a state wide grassroots movement of school, public, and academic libraries called *Transforming Texas Libraries*.

The mission of *Transforming Texas Libraries* can be communicated in part by the motto: Texas libraries serve: Any Texan—Any Time—Any Place. Melody Kelly, president of the Texas Library Association, wrote her inaugural column in the *Texas Library Journal's* Summer 2008 issue.

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K-12 Database Update

Activation Forms

The K-12 Database activation form each campus and/or district sent in last year (2007-08) will cover that campus or district through the 2008-2009 school year for EBSCO and *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Enrolled schools do not have to complete another activation form for this school year.

Additional Subscription Databases

Schools that wish to subscribe to additional databases are encouraged to do so by September 15th for Digital Knowledge Central (DKC) or the 20th of each month for Texas Educational Technology Purchasing Consortium (TETPC). Find a list of options, trial memberships, and price sheets here:

<http://www.texshare.edu/k12/additional.html>



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What Works: Favorite Finds

1. Explore Health Opportunities in Texas Hot Jobs <http://www.texas-hot-jobs.org/>
Add this to your career links
2. Need inspiration? Join or re-join LM_NET http://www.eduref.org/lm_net/
You'll definitely want to put the setting on digest since you'll get multiple messages a day
3. *All Together Now* wiki <http://atn-reading-lists.wikispaces.com/>
Tabs with titles for every need: Genre, Professional Reading, Read Alikes, Read Alouds, Readership Targeted, Lists, School Subjects, Themes, and Values
4. *Britannica Illustrated Science Library* http://eb.com/Product_ISL.htm
Consider putting these books in your circulating non-fiction section for curious young scientists. Order directly from Britannica to get the special price for the Britannica Online program from the Texas State Library. For details, contact Becky Henry bhenry@eb.com
Phone: 1-800-621-3900 x7171
5. Support struggling readers with the audio feature of *World Book Discover Online*.
Read a review <http://liswire.com/node/108> or explore on your own
<http://worldbookonline.com/wbdiscover/home>
September 2008 user name: texas and password: orbit
For details and pricing, contact Janet Dearman janet.dearman@worldbook.com Phone:
361-510-2333 or 312-504-4042
6. Free MARC record downloads <http://70.167.48.244/sysserv/tutorials/marc/index.html>
This website has been update to reflect new downloading sources
7. Graphic Organizer foldables <http://www.dinah.com/> click on the button for Manipulatives
Fun foldables that can be used organize research or book reviews
8. Booktalks that Knock 'em Dead by Sonja Cole
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=27485728&site=ehost-live>
Great tips for planning successful book talks
9. Tickle your brain with trivia by visiting How Stuff Works <http://www.howstuffworks.com/>
10. Mix a 30 second video of your own using Animoto <http://animoto.com/>
Visit my first attempt <http://www.esc2.net/centers/instructional/library/Animoto.asp>

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Customize Campus Logins

Visitors to the K-12 Database website will see the new Customize Campus Logins tab. If you want to simply your campus log in, just follow the directions on this webpage <http://web.esc20.net/k12databases/customize.html>

Campus Login Information

If you need your campus log in information for EBSCO or Encyclopedia Britannica, send an e-mail to Kim at kim.picozzi@esc2.us or call 361-561-8670.

Customer Support

Questions about the K-12 Databases Program can be directed to the K-12 Help Desk at (210) 370-5623 or send email to k12help@esc20.net

Training Opportunities

Please note that free face-to-face database trainings will be provided in Region 2, only during the Fall semester on September 12, 2008 and October 30, 2008. For full training details see the Library Workshops Fall '08 flier posted on the ESC-2 Library website under the Training Opportunities tab <http://www.esc2.net/centers/instructional/library/default.htm>
Attend the workshop that meets your needs or opt for the free online training modules.

*Get Database Statistics
for your campus online:*

<http://www.texshare.edu/k12/stats/>

TCEA, Area 2: A Call for Library Presenters

Save a Saturday to attend the Texas Computer Education Association, Area Two Conference in partnership with ESC-2. The conference is Saturday, November 8 from 8a-3:30p at ESC-2. This year's theme is Technology in Action. Attend mini-sessions and visit vendors to update your technology knowledge and skills.

I am working with Holli Horton, Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA), Area 2 Director to coordinate a training strand just for librarians. Have a technology idea that has benefited your students and library program? Consider sharing it! Contact Kim Picozzi kim.picozzi@esc2.us



For more conference details, visit the website
<http://www.area2conference.esc2.net/>

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In her column, Kelly cited the Transforming Texas Libraries Draft Report "Libraries for the Next Generation" which states: "Libraries are instruments for innovation, success, and self-fulfillment. Our purpose is simple but profoundly important to our state and country: help individuals and society advance. Libraries are molded by the ideal that, in a true democracy, society must maintain an open and public structure (systems) to inform and empower a free thinking populace for the betterment of all."

If you share this vision, take the time to read the full draft report available online <http://txla.org/temp/Transform.html> and reflect on what you are currently doing for the patrons you serve and what changes you aspire to make for them.

I would like for this newsletter to be a source of innovative ideas. Sharing ideas not only inspires others but it encourages us as we cope with the realities and challenges our library work brings.

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Regional Library Meeting

Workshop # 0821426

ESC-2, Room 3-05

Thursday, September 25, 2008 from 1p-4p

Fee: Free

Connect with the school library community at this networking opportunity. The training portion of the meeting will focus on harnessing Web 2.0 technologies to market library services and programming. Announcements regarding upcoming events will be included. If you wish to receive this videoconference at your remote

site, have your district's distance learning/district technology coordinator e-mail dlhelp@esc2.net

Amped Book Talking for Teens with Naomi Bates



Workshop # 0821377

ESC-2, Room 1-175

Monday, October 6 2008 from 8:30a - 3:30p

Fee: Library Coop, Free; All others \$100

Learn about young adult literature through teen perspective, research, and trends. Hear about new titles as well as titles on both the TAYSHAS and LONESTAR list. This workshop will show you several tricks and tips on doing book talking through traditional as well as digital and audio formats. Bring two YA books you've read recently to help facilitate technology and for audience participation. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops. A limited number of computers will be available at ESC-2.

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For a complete listing of Fall Library Workshops:

<https://secure.esc2.net/workshop/results.asp?strSubject=Library>