

TO: Dr. Coseo and the TEPS Committee
FROM: Emily Kordasiewicz, Library Media Specialist, Ledgeview
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RE: American Association of School Librarians Conference

I attended the 2007 National Conference of the American Association of School Librarians "The Future Begins @ your library" in Reno, Nevada.

I attended a half day session "Collaboration: The Key to the Future Begins @ your library." This session identified the keys to successful collaboration, the characteristics of a good collaborator, and the strategies that make collaboration work.

Some other workshops I attended were:

- Future Literacy Begins with Fairy Tales

- Rites of Passage, Imagining the Real with author Emily Arnold McCully.
- A Passion for Research: How Diligent Digging Leads Nonfiction Authors to Pay Dirt presented by authors Jim Murphy, Kathleen Krull, Ann Bausum and Marc Aronson
- Writing Along the Way with author Laura McGee Kvasnosky
I had a chance to listen to some well-known authors talk about their writing and research. The students always enjoy hearing this information as I share these authors' books with them.

- Starting a "GUYS READ" Club in Your Library
- Scary, Gross and Enlightening: New Books for Boys 2007
A current topic of discussion in many professional journals and in the education field is boys as learners and readers. By attending these two sessions, I have a wonderful bibliography of books that have proven to be especially appealing to boys.

I also attended the AASL Closing Night Gala held at the National Automobile Museum in Reno.

I was also able to visit a variety of vendors and look at some new products and services that are available to the school community.

This conference was also a wonderful opportunity to network with librarians from all over the United States and to learn what is going on in librarianship in other parts of the country.

This is the second national conference that I have attended and the professional development opportunities provided by these conferences have been tremendous and will continue to help me develop my skills as a library media specialist.

Thank you for providing me with the funds and the opportunity to attend this conference.