

## TEPS Abstract

I would like to thank the TEPS Committee and Dr. Coseo for providing the opportunity for me to attend the SLMS Annual Conference "Literacy & School Libraries: It All Adds Up!" from May 1-3, 2008 in Tarrytown, New York. This year's conference offered an array of activities, presentations, and workshops on emerging educational, informational and professional development topics. I attended five exciting workshop sessions on diverse subjects including; digital photo management, 60 free web tools, Web 2.0, creating public relations campaigns, and wordless picture books. I increased my knowledge of literature through speeches by award winning authors Elizabeth Levy, Richard Peck, and Charles R. Smith. Every librarian loves the chance to preview the latest and best educational merchandise on the market. Scores of vendors exhibited new titles and resources. Perhaps most important is the chance to spend three full days networking with the finest library media specialists from Western New York and across New York State.

We have a fine library media program in the Clarence School District. However, ours is a profession that must constantly be refreshed in order to prepare our students for a successful future. I thank you for the opportunity to learn inspiring new techniques and practical programming solutions that I will share with my students and colleagues.

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