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SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Onondaga-Cortland-Madison School Library System (SLS) is an organization of 23 school districts and 18 non public schools cooperating with the BOCES to provide library coordination and/or services to member school library media centers under a SLS Plan of Service (2001-06) approved by the commissioner of education.

All school districts and nonpublic schools located within the OCM BOCES region shall be eligible for membership in the school library system, provided that each district designates a certified school library media specialist as the liaison to the SLS. The liaison helps implement the procedures to be followed in the district regarding data collection of union lists, cooperative collection development as well as other system requirements, interlibrary loans requests and necessary reports.

The liaison's role is keep other school library media specialists and staff of the members informed of SLS policies, procedures, activities, and services. Each member of the SLS shall permit the interlibrary loan of books and other library materials.

The school libraries in the OCM BOCES School Library System are creating libraries without walls through the cooperative efforts of Union Catalog development. School resources are available through this catalog of over 407,000 titles representing over 1,117,000 school holdings. Last year, the School Library System, through its Union Catalog, facilitated the interlibrary loan of approximately 22,000 items.

BASIC SERVICES

District membership includes: **liaison representative, Union Catalog of component member school library catalogs, interlibrary loan service of local resources within the member region through the sls-listserv.**

Assistance with online databases provided from the New York State Library through the NovelNY initiative (which provides students with free access to full-text, online, commercial databases through their libraries) is also included. Presently, the following databases are included: EBSCO and Gale Group, Inc. Databases.

First Search, Newsbank Local Newspapers and a Professional Collection (High Schools only) databases will be available at no charge to member schools.

Basic Services are included as a School Library System Member

Additional SLS services may be purchased over and above basic services by individual districts and buildings.

