



**School Librarians' Association
of Western New York
2011-2012**

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the summer with your family and friends. As you plan for the upcoming school year I'd like to share with you the plans that SLAWNY has made for us. Our theme this year, *Changing Times @ Your Library* is sure to resonate with all of us. While many changes are exciting, such as the new technologies we enjoy, this is also a challenging time for many of us with cuts to our budgets and support staffs. I believe that makes our association all the more relevant and necessary! Never have we needed each other more.

Once again we will have programs to enlighten and keep us current on the newest trends and topics. Our first meeting is on September 14 at West Seneca West High School. Please note that all of our general meetings are worth 2 professional development hours!

SLAWNY will this year bring you a Fall Sharing, which will be held on Saturday, October 15th at Windom Elementary School in Orchard Park. Our hope is that a fall conference will be more convenient and inspiring at the start of the school year. Our keynote speaker will be David Warlick. Dave is a nationally known speaker and author on instructional technology and 21st century literacy. We encourage you invite your administrators, techies, and other teachers. In fact, doing so (as well as renewing your SLAWNY membership) will increase your chance at winning a kindle, which will be raffled off at Fall Sharing.

I am very pleased to share your 2011-2012 SLAWNY Board:

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I am looking forward to a wonderful year of sharing, learning, support and seeing you all at our programs. Don't forget to renew your SLAWNY membership and sign up for Fall Sharing so that you can be an active participant in the opportunities YOUR SLAWNY offers you!

I invite you to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Sincerely,

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