

Power Up Over the Summer: Some PD Tips

Summer is a time to rejuvenate and power up for a successful school year. Here are some ideas that school librarians can undertake over the summer to build skills and show leadership, while finding time to relax and refuel.

Summer “To Do” List:

- Talk to the principal and offer to lead/support back-to-school inservices.
- Pick a few titles from the *SLM* ER list to read over the summer (see page 44).
- Take time to relax and catch up on the latest fiction and nonfiction reads favored by students on “my-to-read” list.
- Buy an ereader—or get a smartphone ereader app and play with it.
- Think about what reading strategies would be useful as students move from print to digital text (see “Lost in Cyberspace?” pages 50-54).
- Learn a new Web 2.0 tool from the 2010 AASL Best Websites for Teaching and Learning list (<http://bit.ly/aaslbestwebsites2010>).
- Find or create a tutorial for a tech skill that has to be re-taught numerous times (e.g., Jing.com’s Pro version).
- Meet with a teacher to plan a fall collaboration.
- Brush up on the AASL L4L Building-Level Toolkit (<http://bit.ly/buildingtoolkit>) and set personal learning goals for the next school year.
- Attend a local, state, or national workshop or conference on literacy, reading comprehension, technology, or school libraries (See professional development highlights by Blanche Woolls in *SLM* April 2011, pages 54-56).

Other:

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