**Library Media Specialist Technology Professional Learning Groups**

Technology in Motion @ Alabama State University/Central Alabama Regional Education Inservice Center

**Overview: *Library Media Specialist (LMS) Technology Professional Learning Group*** is a train-the-trainer group. The increase digital content, digital literacies, information literacies and informational text require the master skill of school librarians. Media Specialists are the people who will integrate the digital world into today’s classroom and throughout the curriculum. Participants in this professional learning group will be instructed on specific technology integration strategies, best practices, resources, and tools to better support their administrators, teachers and improve student achievement. Media Specialists will be expected to maintain an implementation log, while working with other LMSs, administrators and teachers to document use of the strategies. Sharing time with other participants as well as classroom observations and model lessons may also be included in the group meetings.

The Alabama Technology in Motion Specialist for the Central Alabama Regional Education Inservice Center (Alabama State University) will facilitate monthly meetings (1 to 1 1/2 hour(s) per meeting) held at the Alabama State University Inservice Center, Abernathy Hall Annex Room 311. (*Parking is available behind Dunn-Oliver Acadome*). Participants are encouraged to attend all meetings throughout the year due to ongoing content and technology application instruction.

**GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING GROUP:**

1. LM specialists must demonstrate a desire to learn innovative uses of technology in the classroom.
2. LM specialists are expected to be active participants in each learning group session.
3. Attendance is expected at every professional learning group session.
4. Instruction and training location are provided by the ASU In-Service Center. However, **THE SCHOOL OR SYSTEM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBSTITUTE PAY AND TRAVEL (IF NECESSARY).**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL LEARN GROUP:**

* Discover techniques to integrate technology effectively as a library media specialist.
* Create methods to share technology integration strategies with administrators, teachers and students.
* Discover emerging technology strategies, tools, and resources.
* Time to explore, research, and develop technology integration strategies.
* Provide support and encouragement for other library/media professionals who want to integrate technology into their library and school.

**Target Audience:** Certified Library Media Specialists

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Group(s):** Two groups – **Group 1** Elementary LMS’s, **Group 2** Middle and High School LMS’s

**Delivery Format:** Face-to-Face/Hands-on

**Instructor:** VANESSA WEBSTER

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**Session(s):** 6 sessions:Oncemonthly with the exception of December and April (Group 1, **2nd** **Friday** **&** Group 2, **3rd Friday**)

**Session dates for Elementary are:** Oct. 10, 2014, Nov. 14, 2014, Jan. 9, 2015, Feb. 13, 2015, Mar. 13, 2015, and May 8, 2015.

**Session dates for Secondary are:**  Oct. 17, 2014, Nov. 21, 2014, Jan. 16, 2015, Feb. 20, 2015, Mar. 20, 2015, and May 15, 2015.

**Session Location:** Alabama State University, Abernathy Hall Annex, Room 311 (**Parking is available back of Dunn-Oliver Acadome. *Parking in areas other than listed will result in a $25 fine).***

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