



AASL Seeks Proposals for Essential Links Editorial Board Chairperson

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is currently seeking proposals for an AASL member volunteer to serve as the Editorial Board Chairperson managing the Essential Links wiki on the AASL Website outlined below. The term will be as interim chair through June 2010, followed by an official appointment as board chair through June 2011. The deadline for applications is January 29, 2010. The Editorial Board Chairperson will be notified of selection by February 2, 2010.

Organizational Overview

The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), promotes the improvement and extension of library media services in elementary and secondary schools as a means of strengthening the total education program. Its mission is to advocate excellence, facilitate change, and develop leaders in the school library media field.

AASL works to ensure that all members of the school library media field collaborate to:

- provide leadership in the total education program;
- participate as active partners in the teaching/learning process;
- connect learners with ideas and information; and
- prepare students for life-long learning, informed decision-making, a love of reading, and the use of information technologies.

Essential Links Overview

Essential Links is a collaborative community database of program development resources for school library media specialists. Formerly a static Web page called Resource Guides for School Library Media Program Development, Essential Links content was transferred into a wiki format under the direction of an editorial board in 2008-2009. This new format allows for direct submission ability from AASL members with direct editorial involvement from a designated editorial board, ultimately providing the most current program development and advisory resources available to school library media professionals.

Link to wiki: <http://aasl.ala.org/essentiallinks>

Chairperson Responsibilities

The Essential Links Editorial Board Chairperson will be responsible for leading the overall continued development of the Essential Links wiki on the AASL Web site. All work is to be completed virtually with volunteer editors and AASL staff support.

The Essential Links Editorial Board Chairperson will be responsible to:

- be familiar with and comfortable working in a wiki format;
- review and revise or develop proposed policies and procedures defining access and edits to the wiki;
- review and recommend revisions to the selection policy.
- recruit and oversee a group of volunteer editors on various topics within the wiki;
- regularly review existing resources for continued relevancy to the AASL learning standards and program guidelines and current trends in SLMP development, and recommend outdated items for removal; and

- recommend new resources based on policy with the potential to be used in providing advisory services to members and other school library media professionals, and recommend new bibliography topics as needed.

Submission Deadline

January 29, 2010

Chairperson Notification

February 2, 2010

Submit Proposal To:

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American Association of School Librarians
50 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Proposals accepted via fax at 312-280-5276 or by email to sbook@ala.org.



Essential Links Editorial Board Chairperson Call for Proposals

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please attach a copy of your CV to this proposal form.

Provide a description of your qualifications to serve as Editorial Board Chairperson of the Essential Links wiki on the AASL Website:

(Please use additional paper as needed.)