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Libraries Unlimited Launches School Library Connection and reVIEWS+

New online suite provides professional development resources for school librarians

Santa Barbara, Calif. (Nov. 3, 2015) – Libraries Unlimited is set to debut its new on-demand professional development platform, School Library Connection and reVIEWS+, at the American Association of School Librarians national conference in Columbus, Ohio, this week. Uniting the content and audiences of Libraries Unlimited’s legacy print magazines, *School Library Monthly* and *Library Media Connection*, School Library Connection and reVIEWS+ was designed to offer school librarians a one-stop online destination for resources and support.

“We recognized that most aspects of education—from student demographics and pedagogical philosophies to instructional methods and learning technologies—were changing rapidly to reflect and keep pace with a 21st-century climate, and we wanted to be at the forefront of that change in professional development,” said Becky Snyder, president of ABC-CLIO, Libraries Unlimited’s parent publisher. “School librarians are as much subject to, and able to benefit from, the digital shift, so we felt compelled to create a space that offers on-demand, on-the-go access to timely and trustworthy professional development resources.”

Accordingly, School Library Connection and reVIEWS+ seeks to provide the same quality of content delivered by its legacy print magazines but in a more accessible, relevant format. Original features, columns, and workshops are offered each month, carefully curated by School Library Connection’s expert librarian editors, Carl A. Harvey II, Paige Jaeger, and Rebecca J. Morris. Video workshops are broken into brief segments to encourage users to fit moments of professional development into their busy days. In reVIEWS+, School Library Connection’s extension site, editors Sylvia Vardell and Liz Deskins oversee support content focused on the intersection of collection and curriculum, and thousands of resource reviews are searchable to guide librarians in collections decisions.

“At Libraries Unlimited, the driving force behind our resources for the professional development of school librarians is the end impact they have on students,” said Kathryn Suárez, publisher for Libraries Unlimited. “By providing a diverse array of easily accessible and always current learning materials, we expect that school librarians will more regularly

and more enthusiastically engage in refinement of their practice and that students will reap the benefits of their ongoing professional development.”

The beta version of School Library Connection and reVIEWS+ has already been met with positive reception from both focus groups and subscribers of the former *School Library Monthly* and *Library Media Connection*. At the AASL conference this week, attendees will be able to see the full suite in action, sign up for a 30-day preview, and register for a personal subscription.

To request a media kit or trial for press review, please contact Christina Ekonomi at cekonomi@abc-clio.com.

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