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## ***School Library Connection* Announces New Editor, Leslie Preddy**

**Santa Barbara, Calif.** (Oct. 10, 2016) – Libraries Unlimited’s dual-format professional development suite, *School Library Connection*, has just added an accomplished voice to its editorial leadership: Leslie Preddy.

As both a print magazine and an online learning platform, *School Library Connection* has become a standout for timely, accessible, and innovative professional development for school librarians. Continuing the legacy of its predecessors *School Library Monthly* and *Library Media Connection*, *School Library Connection* offers thought leadership, video workshops, book and digital resource reviews, and more to support school librarians’ professional growth and practice. Leslie Preddy will be joining coeditors Carl A. Harvey II, Paige Jaeger, and Rebecca J. Morris in shaping the publication.

“Leslie will bring an incisive and engaging voice to readers of *School Library Connection*,” said Publisher Kathryn Suárez. “Her talents and experience will further strengthen our editorial team as we pursue our mission, which is to provide both visibility for the countless ways school librarians *already* support student achievement and a vibrant professional forum where librarians *share new practices* that enable their teachers, administrators, parents, and students to each reach their educational goals.”

As the 2015-2016 president of AASL, Preddy broke new ground in opening a dialogue between the U.S. Department of Education and the leadership of AASL regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act and the role of school librarians. In addition to her AASL service, Preddy is a middle school librarian with more than 20 years of experience, a sought-after expert on reading promotion and the school library makerspace movement, and a well-known author whose works include four Libraries Unlimited titles.

Preddy joins *School Library Connection* as coeditor of the Instructional Leadership topic center, sharing the reins with current editor, Paige Jaeger. Jaeger intends to shift her focus in 2017, lending her voice to the *SLC* Advisory Board, new webinars, and the *SLC* blog, and she is enthusiastic to welcome Preddy to the team.

“I am thrilled that *SLC* has selected Leslie to assume this editorial role and to continue providing current leadership for school librarians,” said Jaeger. “Leslie’s breadth and depth of experience has equipped her with the insight to lead, write, and communicate instructional ideas in our age of new standards and new technology.”

*School Library Connection* subscribers can expect to see editorial insights from Preddy beginning in 2017. Free 30-day trials of the online platform are also available for nonsubscribers and can be registered for at [www.librariesunlimited.com/SLCsuite](http://www.librariesunlimited.com/SLCsuite).

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