



School Outreach Committee Annual Report

September 2019

I am happy to report that the School Outreach Committee was finally able to reach one of its main goals that was set back in 2017. In 2018-2019 we created a “canned” presentation titled “Truly Collaborative: School and Public Library Partnerships for Successful Summer Learning.” The PowerPoint presentation is available to all members to adapt and use. The presentation was tested in March 2019, at the Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference and in April 2019 at the Massachusetts School Library Association Conference. There is also a presentation scheduled for the December 2019 school librarian meeting for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County, NY.

We still have work to do, however! Other goals that have not been met, yet, are:

- Create a plan for outreach and education that might include webinars about best practices.
- Develop a section in future manuals with best practices for school and library partnerships.
- Analyze the survey responses by state to share with the state representatives.

In June I stepped down as chair of this committee. Having steered the committee for almost three years, since its inception, I can say that this project has been a highlight of my career. CSLP is in a great position to help school and public libraries work together and strengthen not just summer learning, but year-round learning for children and teens across the country- and beyond!

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