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Lilead Project and AASL Supervisors Section Co-Host April 29th Webinar on School Librarian Evaluation

COLLEGE PARK, Md., April 10, 2014 –The Lilead Project team will co-host a webinar with the Supervisors Section (SPVS) of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) to present information on librarian evaluation on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 5pm – 6pm EDT**. This webinar is the first joint effort of the AASL Supervisors Section and the Lilead Project team, a research team based in the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies studying the roles, responsibilities, and impact of school district library supervisors.

Discussion about evaluation in the school library community usually centers on the library program, not the librarian. But, the training and quality of the school librarian is an integral factor in the success of any school library program. Presenters for the webinar will be Paige Jaeger, Coordinator for School Library Services for the Washington-Saratoga BOCES; Mary Keeling, Supervisor of Library Media Services for Newport News Public Schools; Kathryn Lewis, Director of Media Services and Instructional Technology for Norman Public Schools; and Judi Moreillon, Assistant Professor at Texas Woman's University. They will share their knowledge and experiences in creating and implementing evaluations for school librarians based on the school librarian's various roles and responsibilities.

"It is the job of the district library supervisor to hire and nurture building-level librarians who will not only create welcoming library spaces that foster learning and inquiry, but who will also help make an impact on student achievement and success. Knowing what a good school librarian looks like and the competencies they exhibit are necessary in working towards maintaining effective school libraries. Having rigorous, but fair, standards for librarian performance are necessary in working towards these ends." – Ann Carlson Weeks, Associate Dean at the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland.

The webinar will take place on Adobe Connect. To participate, please register here:

<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/6ea3Aqc0W6KaJ> and you will receive detailed information on how to join the session. A recording of the webinar and accompanying documents will be available on the Lilead Network website after the session is completed: <http://lilead.umd.edu>.

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About The Lilead Project: The Lilead Project is a three-year-study directed by a team of researchers from the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies and is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It aims to uncover and report on the roles, responsibilities, and impact of school district library supervisors. For more information: <http://www.lileadproject.org>.

About the AASL Supervisors Section: As a section of the American Association of School Librarians, the mission of the Supervisors Section is to provide a means for discussion of and action on issues related to all phases of school library media supervision. Information on the section and becoming a member is available at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/about/sections/spvs>.