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## *Strong Libraries, Strong Scores* Conference

On Thursday, April 15, 2010 while librarians attend the Texas Library Association's annual conference in San Antonio, exceptional administrative leaders and trustees from school districts across the state will be at a conference planned especially for them, the *Strong Libraries, Strong Scores* conference.

The presenter lineup includes Dr. Keith Curry Lance, national researcher in student achievement and school leadership, Dr. Marla McGee, collaboration and administrative leadership expert, and Dr. James Bosco guru on school reform and Web 2.0 integration.

Area librarians have until March 12 to nominate their candidates. Nominations can include campus and district administrators, curriculum coordinators and school district trustees. To learn more about the conference, visit

<http://www.txla.org/conference/SLSS/index.html>

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Get Database Statistics  
For your campus online:  
<http://www.texshare.edu/k12/stats>

## K-12 Database Program: Using Britannica with Interactive Whiteboards

Looking for ways to use your interactive whiteboard for classroom or library lessons? Using Britannica Online with an interactive whiteboard such as SMARTboard and Promethean is a great way to provide a hands-on, interactive learning experience for students. Britannica's Learning Materials, World Atlas and Learning Zone are just some of the features that are perfect for interactive whiteboards.

For Elementary Grades:  
Britannica Learning Zone (especially the "Play" option)  
<http://school.eb.com/learningzone>

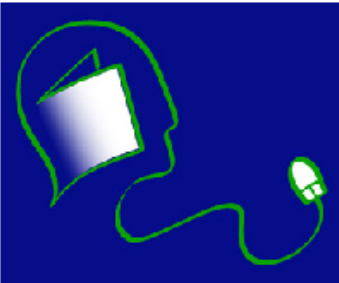
See *K-12 Database* page 4

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In a telephone interview, conference coordinator Diane Hopkins spoke of the many benefits of the conference and encouraged districts to nominate not only superintendents, principals or trustees but also curriculum and technology directors.

Besides hearing from dynamic key note speakers, administrators will have the opportunity to participate in discussions of practical applications that improve campuses. The learning and networking will continue during lunch when participants can select one of the following strands: Elementary administrators - Cynthia Baker & Wilbert Morgan; Middle school administrators - Marla McGhee, Kimberly Lucero, Lynn Pierson; High school administrators - James Bosco, Mary George, and Sharon Swarner

The knowledge gained at the *Strong Libraries, Strong Scores* conference will increase understanding of how librarians and libraries contribute to student success.



**STRONG LIBRARIES  
STRONG SCORES**

A Texas LIBRARY CONFERENCE on  
**Raising Student Achievement**  
for School Administrators and Trustees

## Going Zen for 2010



In a world that is cluttered with so much information and so many ideas for self-improvement, I was delighted to come across a link on Teri Lesesne's blog to a video by one of my favorite writers, Daniel Pink, <<http://professornana.livejournal.com/>>

Pink frames life navigation in two simple sentences which I'll allow the video to reveal completely. Take two minutes to view this video <<http://www.danpink.com/archives/2010/01/2questionsvideo>>

The first question reminds me to not let others negatively control my vision or goals. The second reminds me to savor small victories. The two questions Pink suggests are worth posting by your work or personal space to settle your soul on those crazy busy days when you might feel like your work is insignificant.

As librarian Katie Yaklin (Calallen ISD) always reminds me "Yours [the librarian's] may be the only smiling face a student sees all day." Use Pink's questions to reflect on your purpose. Peace out!



## Highly Recommended Resources

### Autobiographies and Biographies for Social Studies

Social Studies Center Downloads

[http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/ssc/downloads/downloads.htm#TEKS\\_Bio\\_Glos\\_Annot\\_Bib](http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/ssc/downloads/downloads.htm#TEKS_Bio_Glos_Annot_Bib)

Literature with ELA tie-ins, titles courtesy of Sue Coleman

#### Procedural Text

Bridges, John, and Bryan Curtis. *50 Things Every Young Gentleman Should Know: What to Do, When to Do It, and Why*. Nashville, Tenn: Rutledge Hill Press, 2006.

Read a review here:

<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=hch&AN=23298568&site=ehost-live>

#### Poetry

Sitomer, Alan Lawrence, and Michael Cirelli. *Hip-Hop Poetry and the Classics: Connecting Our Classic Curriculum to Hip-Hop Poetry Through Standards-Based, Language Arts Instruction*. Beverly Hills, CA: Milk Mug Pub, 2004.

Read a review here:

<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=15786575&site=ehost-live>

#### Websites

*Life* Photo Archive Hosted by Google

"Search millions of photographs from the LIFE photo archive, stretching from the 1750s to today. Most were never published and are now available for the first time through the joint work of LIFE and Google."

<http://images.google.com/hosted/life>

"12 Ways Libraries are Good for the Country"

Use these sound bites to advocate library programs and services

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/135>

Educational Origami Starter Sheets

User friendly directions for Web 2.0 tools

<http://edorigami.wikispaces.com/Starter+Sheets>

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Multimedia Children's Stories

<http://school.eb.com/elementary/browse/learning?subject=Reading&level=&category=Interactive%20Lessons>

Reading exercises

<http://school.eb.com/elementary/browse/learning?subject=Reading&level=&category=Exercises>

Math exercises

<http://school.eb.com/elementary/browse/learning?subject=Numbers%20and%20Operations&level=1st%20Grade&category=Exercises>

For Middle & High School:

Interactive World Atlas <http://school.eb.com/comptons/atlas>

Animated historical maps

<http://school.eb.com/eb/browse/learning?subject=World%20History&level=6-12&category=Learning%20in%20Action>

Science activities

<http://school.eb.com/eb/browse/learning?subject=Earth%20and%20Space&level=6-12&category=Interactive%20Lessons>

Algebra manipulatives

<http://school.eb.com/eb/browse/learning?subject=Pre-algebra&level=6-12&category=Manipulatives>

Geometry manipulatives

<http://school.eb.com/eb/browse/learning?subject=Geometry&level=6-12&category=Manipulatives>

**EBSCO Online Training Modules:** K-12 Databases Program training modules are now available for registration through the ESC-20 iLearning system. These online modules are self-paced so you may access and complete the courses anytime, anywhere. You will earn 3 hours of CPE upon completion of each of training module.

To register for the K-12 Databases online modules, please access the iLearning system at: <http://ilearning.esc20.net>

To download the instructions please visit <http://web.esc20.net/k12databases/training.html> click on Online Training Modules.

**Britannica Webinar Training Sessions for K-12 Databases Program:** Texas educators are invited to this fun and easy way to learn how to integrate Britannica resources into your instruction. All you need is access to a computer with high speed Internet connection. Have an audience? Just add a projector, screen and speakers. This is an informative and easy way to earn 1 hour of CPE! Britannica Online School Edition is made available at no cost to eligible Texas public schools and charter schools, and is included in the K-12 Databases Program.

**FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES:**

Thursday, March 25, 3:00p CT; Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/941218768>

Monday, April 19, 9:00a CT; Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/318550729>

Wednesday, May 26, 11:00a CT; Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/806766352>

**FOR SECONDARY GRADES:**

Thursday, March 25, 9:00a CT; Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/649740009>

Monday, April 19, 11:00a CT; Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/278616488>

Wednesday, May 26, 3:00p CT; Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/628249344>

**FOR ADVANCED USERS:**

Learn how to integrate Britannica in engaging school projects. Participants will learn how to use special features, including: Creating your own Workspace to store information; Differentiating classroom instruction; and Britannica Online multimedia files into slide shows (i.e., PowerPoint). PRE-REQUISITE: Please attend an introductory webinar 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thursday, March 25, 11:00a CT; Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/406802105>

Monday, April 19, 3:00p CT; Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/258467281>

Wednesday, May 26, 9:00a CT; Register <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/597066025>

For questions regarding webinar registration and content, go to <http://www.corporate.britannica.com/texas/#point2> or contact Darcy McCanless [dmccanless@eb.com](mailto:dmccanless@eb.com)

## Spring Workshops



### 21st Century Education for the Millennium Learner

Workshop # 0926825

Friday, March 26, 2010 from 9:00a - 3:30p

ESC-2, Room 3-22

Fee: None for Non-Profit Educational Entities

This technology integration training is for the novice user who is new to the concept of implementing technology into K-12 and new to 21st century educational technology tools. This course will begin with simple exercises that will immerse the participant into a 21st century environment.

Through a series of activities, analysis, and reflection involving Web 2.0 theories and tools, participants will concentrate on techniques and strategies for effectively implementing technology into learning environments. Finally, the participant will design student-centered environments that include learner experiences that are engaging, involving, use critical thinking, and promote the development of digital citizenship skills.

(Participants will have access to a laptop but may bring their own laptop for the training if they wish.)

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### EBSCO and Encyclopedia Britannica Advanced Workshop # 0926261

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 from 8:30a - 3:30p

ESC-2, Room 1-175

Fee: None for Non-Profit Educational Entities

Take the K-12 database online resources to another level with the use of personal folders, journal alerts, search alerts, and more. Learn how to find information using advanced search strategies in the K-12 databases. Understand how databases support teaching and learning and acquire the necessary knowledge to instruct your staff or students about the features of K-12 EBSCO databases.



### Regional Library Meeting

Workshop #: 0926255

Thursday, May 6, 2010 from 1:00p - 4:00p

Alice High School, Alice, Texas

Fee: Free

Connect with the school library community at this networking opportunity. Bring a book, program, or idea that you absolutely love and want to share with others. Announcements regarding upcoming events will be included.

### Register Online Today!

<http://www.esc2.net/>

### View All Library Workshops:

<https://secure.esc2.net/workshop/results.asp?strSubject=Library>