



To: Principals and Superintendents
Re: AEA 9 Media Specialists' Academy
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Several of you have requested additional information on the 2006-07 Media Specialists' Academy provided by Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency. Here is a summary of the dates and essential questions, which are designed to correlate with district and building goals and Department of Education initiatives. All sessions begin at 8:30 AM and end at 3 PM. We hope you will find it worthwhile for your teacher librarian to attend any or all of the sessions.

September 26

- *What does the annual State Library Survey data tell us and why is it important? Presenter: Gerry Rowland, State Library of Iowa*
- *How can teacher librarians use the Rigor and Relevance Framework to improve teaching and student learning? Presenter: Sally Rigeman, AEA 9*
- *How can we teach Internet search strategies in a systemic manner to improve students' information seeking skills? Presenter: William Weare, Valparaiso University*

December 5

- *How can teacher librarians use podcasts to enhance reading for students? Presenter: Robert Reppert, AEA 9*
- *What are the characteristics and practices of library media programs that enhance teaching and student learning? Presenters: Sue Kientz, Fairfield High School and Kristin Steingreaber, Southern Prairie AEA*

February 13

- *How can teacher librarians effectively seek grant funding? Presenters: Cindy Blinkinsop and Barb Brunkan, AEA 9*
- *How can teacher librarians use and help classroom teachers use interactive white boards to improve teaching and student learning? Presenter: Brent Egger, Pratt Audio Visual and Video Corp.*

May 1

- *How can teacher librarians build positive, supportive relationships with principals and other administrators, and why is it important to do so? Presenter: Barbara Jansen, St. Andrew's School, Austin, Texas*
- *How can technology help teacher librarians and teachers to differentiate instruction? Presenters: Robert Reppert, Cindy Blinkinsop, Becky Mather, AEA 9*

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