

ALSC February 2019 Community Forum Chat Transcript

12:00:31 From Danielle Jones : Hello

12:00:37 From Elisa Gall to All panelists : Hi everybody!

12:00:41 From Claudia Haines to All panelists : hi everyone! Welcome!

12:00:44 From Paula Holmes : Hello from Pittsburgh

12:00:47 From Rebecca Kunz to All panelists : Hello

12:00:50 From Janet ring to All panelists : Hello!

12:00:51 From Claudia Haines to All panelists : Hi everyone! Welcome!

12:00:56 From vamice to All panelists : hello from Aurora Illinois

12:01:02 From Lisa Guernsey : Hi everyone - it's Lisa from New America.

12:01:04 From Claudia Haines : Welcome everyone!

12:01:16 From Jamie Naidoo to All panelists : Howdy everyone

12:01:22 From Laura Bos : Hi

12:01:23 From Danielle Jones : Hi this is Danielle from Portland, OR

12:01:26 From Susan Larson : This is Susan from Milton, Vermont.

12:01:26 From Conni Strittmatter : Hello! This is Conni from Baltimore.

12:01:26 From Janet Pinotti : Hello

12:01:28 From Lisa Thomas to All panelists : Hi Everyone

12:01:32 From Elisa Gall to All panelists : This is Elisa from Evanston, IL

12:01:33 From Pam Hamlin to All panelists : Hello! This is Pam from Prince George's County Memorial Library in MD (right outside of DC)

12:01:33 From Carole Chandler : Greetings from Texas.

12:01:34 From Tracy Grondin to All panelists : Hello from Auburn Maine :)

12:01:34 From Vicky Hays : Hi for Colorado

12:01:35 From Carrie Sanders to All panelists : Carrie Sanders from the Maryland State Library -
- hello!

12:01:37 From Annamarie Carlson to All panelists : Hi everyone! This is Annamarie from Ohio.

12:01:37 From Liv Hanson : Hi from Chicago!

12:01:40 From Paula Willey to All panelists : Hi this is Paula from Baltimore. Hey Danielle!

12:01:41 From Laura Bos : This is Laura from Mount Prospect, IL

12:01:47 From Janet ring to All panelists : And Janet from Baltimore

12:01:47 From Eiyana Favere : Hello, I am Eiyana from Baltimore, MD

12:01:52 From Kari Gorter to All panelists : Hi from Cos Cob, CT!

12:01:55 From AMY BAARS to All panelists : Hello from Wichita!

12:02:06 From Janet Pinotti : Hello I am Jan from Chicago

12:02:23 From Mariann Escoe : Good Afternoon, I am Mariann from Baltimore

12:02:31 From Annamarie Carlson : Hi everyone! This is Annamarie from Ohio.

12:02:32 From AMY BAARS : Oops. Hello from Wichita!

12:02:35 From Deidre Winterhalter to All panelists : Deidre from Oak Park, IL

12:02:44 From Rebecca Kunz to All panelists : Hi this is Rebecca from Indiana

12:02:47 From vamice : oops hi this is Vita Miceli from Aurora Illinois

12:02:58 From Elisa Gall : Hi everybody - and thanks for that reminder about the chat box. This is Elisa from Evanston, IL

12:03:12 From Paula Willey : Hi everyone this is Paula from Baltimore.

12:03:13 From Janet ring : oops....hello from Janet in Baltimore

12:03:15 From Pam Hamlin : Hi-this is Pam from Prince George's County MD

12:03:19 From Kari Gorter : Hi from Cos Cob, CT

12:03:20 From Sue McCleaf Nespeca to All panelists : Sue from snowy, icy central PA.

12:03:35 From Marianne Reeves to All panelists : Hello from Wilmington Delaware

12:03:46 From Keary Bramwell : Hi from Keary in Forest Park, IL

12:07:34 From Lola Snyder to All panelists : The slides are coming in split.

12:07:45 From Lola Snyder to All panelists : Fixed somehow.

12:16:34 From Cathy Lancaster : I can't recall that long ago!

12:16:39 From Jamie Naidoo : Looks like 6

12:17:41 From Cathy Lancaster : I do remember doing the 2018! :D

12:21:33 From Liz Aaron to All panelists : Do you think the length of the 2018 survey might have self-selected for respondents who were more interested in tech?

12:21:42 From Cathy Lancaster to All panelists : I arrived late - was there a link to these slides shared? Thank you.

12:22:08 From Jamie Naidoo : Hi Cathy, An archive of the recorded community forum will be available.

12:22:17 From Cathy Lancaster to All panelists : Ok, thanks

12:30:31 From Dorothy Stoltz : Hey Claudia :)

12:32:12 From Jamie Naidoo : We do that UA :)

12:33:48 From Elizabeth Serrano : <https://sites.google.com/view/ycnml18/home>

12:34:03 From Claudia Haines : @Jamie- yay, UA!

12:35:41 From Lisa Guernsey : It's great to see the 2014 & 2018 data. Thank you for doing this work.

12:35:52 From Jamie Naidoo : Yay!! :)

12:37:19 From Carrie Sanders : Thank you, all, for the Media Survey information. I need to pop off but so appreciate you sharing these findings to support our MM training work in Maryland.

12:38:09 From Dorothy Stoltz : Thank you, Carrie, for Maryland State Library support of media mentorship projects!!

12:38:28 From Claudia Haines : Thanks for joining us Carrie!

12:44:19 From Jamie Naidoo : I like that the DIG checklist includes criteria related to diversity.

12:44:31 From Liz Mills : Claudia created the DIG checklist with KIDMAP!

12:44:54 From Jamie Naidoo : Great resource - I use it with my students

12:45:00 From Liz Mills : awesome!

12:48:50 From Michele Fenton : Are there slides for this part of the presentation?

12:50:27 From Janet Pinotti : I don't see new slides.

12:50:31 From Elizabeth Serrano : Hi! We do not have slides for this part but the recording will be available to listen to. We can see if Alec can put together a slide or two on this part.

12:50:39 From Janet Pinotti : thanks

12:53:05 From Laura Bos : Question for Mary from Alec's co-chair and new to the digital media committee. How did your committee reach out to get access to apps?

12:53:06 From Jamie Naidoo : Thanks

12:53:11 From Elizabeth Serrano : Reposting from Liz Aaron: Do you think the length of the 2018 survey might have self-selected for respondents who were more interested in tech?

12:53:20 From Nina Lindsay : Mary and Alec, thank you for taking on these new charges! What was your biggest surprise in exploring your materials...is there anything you learned that you'd suggest librarians watch for? *[this question has been answered after the forum. Answers located at the bottom of this transcript]*

12:54:07 From Claudia Haines : I like to share apps that allow kids to create their own avatars.

12:54:23 From Claudia Haines : or design the characters in the content

12:54:50 From Lisa Guernsey : You all might be interested in FirstBook's effort called Stories for All: <https://firstbook.org/the-need/the-stories-for-all-project/>

12:55:14 From Jamie Naidoo to Elizabeth Serrano(Privately) : Question for Mary from Alec's co-chair and new to the digital media committee. How did your committee reach out to get access to apps?

12:55:17 From Lisa Guernsey : It's about increasing diversity and promoting inclusion in children's books

12:59:11 From Cathy Lancaster : Thank you!

12:59:13 From Andrew Medlar : Thanks so much, everybody, for a great forum and for all of this groundbreaking work!!

12:59:17 From Elisa Gall : Thanks everybody!!

12:59:20 From Janet ring : Thank You!

12:59:22 From AMY BAARS : Thank you!

12:59:24 From Claudia Haines : Thanks for joining us everyone!

12:59:25 From Laura Bos : Thank you!

12:59:37 From Liz Mills : Thanks for joining us, everyone!

12:59:47 From Mary Kuehner to All panelists : Thanks for joining!

12:59:57 From Alec Chunn : Thanks, everyone!

12:59:59 From Laura Bos : Thank you!

13:00:03 From Dorothy Stoltz : Thank you, Jamie et al!!!

13:00:09 From Lisa Guernsey : Thanks ALSC!

13:00:11 From Danielle Jones : Thanks!

Answer to Nina's question: *Mary and Alec, thank you for taking on these new charges! What was your biggest surprise in exploring your materials...is there anything you learned that you'd suggest librarians watch for?*

Alec: The biggest surprise for me was just how overwhelming it all is. There is so much out there with apps and websites alone that the task of adding other forms of digital media (as is our charge) is daunting. With each new format, the criteria changes slightly. Members of the 2019 committee have

suggested we change our evaluation forms. Like the apps themselves, this committee will constantly need updating. I think it would be helpful to narrow our scope (as EELDM does with a 2-8 age range). There is also a lot of the same, so when you find a company that is high-quality (like TinyBop, PBS, etc) it's easy to develop brand allegiance in a sense.

To librarians, I'd suggest trusting the review sources out there and just diving in. The industry will keep changing but it's good to jump in when you can. There is a lot to wade through, but once you've seen quality apps it's easier to find them on your own. Explore! As much as you can, play with the apps yourself. Or with kids. But... watch out for in-app purchases. Not everything is free. And, just because an app is priced doesn't necessarily mean it's higher quality. Be careful what you purchase.

Mary:

I was surprised that we didn't find as many that were intentional about how a parent/caregiver might engage with the content alongside a child as I had hoped. I think that will change, however, as organizations that work with children continue to talk about the best ways to utilize media with children. I didn't expect that everything would have specific parent content on every page, but I was looking for some acknowledgement somewhere that a parent/caregiver would be using this with the child and some tips on how to engage. I think that would be an important thing for librarians to look for.

I agree with Alec that relying on trusted review sites is key to sifting through the vast amount of new content coming out. While you should always evaluate media on your own terms, starting with well-reviewed content is a great place to start. Also, be very wary of any media that contains any commercial content.