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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



We hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and want to be one of the first to say welcome to the new decade! COMPanion Corporation is excited about making this year the best year yet. We've grown tremendously during 2009 and are grateful for your incredible loyalty. We're committed to providing the finest customer service and products in the industry and appreciate the confidence and trust you show in us. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any concerns, suggestions and needs you have. We look forward to a strong, mutually beneficial relationship with you for many, many years to come.

—Bill Schjelderup
President ∞

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KAAREN'S KORNER

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Featuring: Librarian's Corner

The Alexandria website is full of many good things, but the very best part (and, I may be just a little biased) is **Librarian's Corner**. While it's tucked away under the **Support** tab, this is a spot that offers a variety of things for the librarian. Let's explore Librarian's Corner. No GPS will be needed, just travel to our website, <http://www.goalexandria.com>, and click on **Support**. Next, click on **Librarian's Corner** and you're there!

Allow me to give you the grand tour.

Tip of the Week

Many of you have signed up for the Tip of the Week listserv, but, did you know that the past tips have been archived for your use? When you click on the Tip of the Week link, you will see the current tip and, on the right side, there are links to the archives sorted by date and by subject.

Alex-Net and Other ListSerts

When you select this option, you are taken

to the web page that tells you about **Alex-Net**, **COMPanion Announcements** and **Tip of the Week**. The main purpose, however, of this page is to allow you to easily subscribe (or unsubscribe) to any of these services.

Alex-Net is our users' group that provides a forum for Alexandria users to share tips and tricks, ask or answer questions, and help each other solve problems.

COMPanion Announcements is a listserv that will email you information on new products, technologies, services, and our monthly newsletter. Instead of wondering when the next version of Alexandria or the latest scanner models will be available, you'll be amongst the first to know!

e-Newsletter Archive

These e-newsletters have been coming out for a few years now, and they are packed with information that might be useful to you. For instance, if you are a new user and didn't know that Capstone Publishers provides 24 FREE ebooks to Alexandria users

or you can't find your copy of the newsletter so that you can activate this feature, you'll be able to access that information quickly and easily in the e-newsletter archives.

Researcher Lesson Plans

Did you know that lesson plans are available for teaching students how to use Alexandria's version 5 Researcher? You can select this option in Librarian's Corner and download those lesson plans.

Just a note to v6 users—Lesson Plans are under development for version 6, and we'll let you know when they are available.

Best Practices

This selection will take you to a group of documents that discuss topics of interest to librarians. Many times there are several ways to accomplish the same thing, but which way is the best? That's the whole purpose of these articles — to help you decide which method is the best for your situation.

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Big6 Lesson Plans

The Alexandria Staff Librarian / Trainers realize that teaching students information literacy skills is critical. With that in mind, we developed a series of Big6 lesson plans for various age groups—Super Three for K-2 and Big6 for elementary, middle and high school levels. These lesson plans are in PDF format and are free, so be our guest!

Librarians Corner is not meant to be a “dead” site. We are committed to continuing to add other resources that will be of benefit to our Alexandria users. So, come back often! ∞

TECH ARTICLE

New Updates for Alexandria and Textbook Tracker

Alexandria v6.0.2 and Textbook Tracker v4.0.2 have been released! For those who are coming from Alexandria v5 or Textbook Tracker v3, remember that we have update videos to guide you along the way.

Reminder: Alexandria v6 and Textbook Tracker v4 require new registration codes.

-Alexandria:

http://www.goalexandria.com/updates/upd_alex_6_videos.html

-Textbook Tracker:

http://www.textbooktracker.com/updates/update_videos.html

As always, if you have any questions about the process, please contact Technical Support at 1-800-347-4942.

New Technical Video Guides

For those that have already made the move to the new version, we've created some videos to help you get familiar with the new changes and updates to the program

http://www.goalexandria.com/support/tech_notes/videos.html

The videos will take you through how the newer parts of the program work. You'll find that all of the same functionality is still there but there are many enhancements to help make things easier! ∞

ALEXANDRIA TRADESHOWS

TRADESHOW	CONFERENCE NAME	START DATE	END DATE	LOCATION
FETC	Florida Education Technology Conference	01/13/10	01/15/10	Orlando, FL
ALA Midwinter	American Library Association Midwinter Conf.	01/15/10	01/18/10	Boston, MA
METC	Midwest Education Technology Conference	02/08/10	02/09/10	St. Charles, MO
TCEA	Texas Computer Education Association Conf.	02/10/10	02/12/10	Austin, TX
PETE & C	Pennsylvania Educational Tech. Expo & Conf.	02/21/10	02/23/10	Hershey, PA
ICE	Illinois Computing Educators	02/24/10	02/26/10	St. Charles, IL
NCCE	Northwest Council for Computer Education	03/03/10	03/05/10	Seattle, WA
MACUL	Michigan Assoc. for Comp. Users in Learning	03/10/10	03/12/10	Grand Rapids, MI
WEMTA	Wisconsin Educational Media & Tech. Assoc.	03/17/10	03/19/10	Kalahari, WI
NMLA	New Mexico Library Association Conference	04/08/10	04/09/10	Ruidoso, NM
TLA	Texas Library Association	04/15/10	04/17/10	San Antonio, TX
PSLA	Pennsylvania School Library Association	04/15/10	04/17/10	State College, PA
MASL	Missouri Association of School Libraries	04/18/10	04/19/10	Osage Beach, MO
NETA	Nebraska Educational Tech. Assoc. Conf. Region X	04/29/10	04/30/10	La Vista, NE
TCSC	Texas Charter Schools Conference	05/11/10	05/11/10	Richardson, TX
NHSLMA	New Hampshire School Lib. Media Assoc. Conf.	05/12/10	05/14/10	Grapevine, TX
ALA Summer	American Library Association Summer Conf.	05/20/10	05/21/10	Nashua, NH
ISTE	International Society for Tech. in Education	06/24/10	06/30/10	Washington, DC
		06/28/10	06/30/10	Denver, CO