

August 2, 2005

MEMORANDUM

**TO: Dr. Alan Chapman
Superintendent**

**FROM: Donna Lutkehaus
Director
Library/Media/Instructional Technology Services**

SUBJECT: Good News Report – Adventures of the American Mind

An Adventure of the American Mind (AAM) four-day institute was offered at Illinois State University this summer. This project provides professional development opportunity for classroom teachers, librarians, and support personnel. AAM enables educators to incorporate the Library of Congress digital collections into school curricula and provides access to an incredible wealth of information and knowledge for various school projects.

Unit 5 had eight (8) schools and 44 teachers participate. All participants submitted a lesson plan which demonstrated effective, efficient, and wise use of the Library of Congress. Lesson Plan Database is available: http://www.aamprogram.org/resources/lesson_plans.aspx For their participation, each individual received a graduate credit, CPDUs, and USB flash drives. In addition, each school qualified for a \$2000 voucher for the purchase of technology equipment.

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| Chiddix Jr. High Jim Cantrell Cheryl Corbitt Michelle Glatt Rhonda Klockenga Susan Mastronardi David Schumacher | Fox Creek Elementary Rita Gyires (Technology Training Coordinator) Nicole Henderson Susan Layden Angela Mahoney Kjersten Woodward | Glenn Elementary Jacque Bethmann Mary Dullard Donna Matlock Robin Nihiser Emily Preckwinkle Angela Trask |
| Grove Elementary Susan Cantrell Kathy Dawson Nancy Goelitz Tim Nave Margaret Watson | Hudson Elementary Sharon Abner Joan Beattie Lori Beemer Lynette Bixby Lynn Fisher (formerly Vaughn) Holly Tindall | Normal Community High School Cathy Barnes Heather Budak Kari Hennenfent Michael McManis Ariane Ort |
| Northpoint Elementary Shelley Arns Annie Cunningham Sue Hospelhorn Jodi Kinzinger Dee Dee Sanders | Prairieland Elementary Debra Foster Nancy Harp Gloria Jameson Carol Johnson Ben Matthews Mary Renollet | |

Participating teachers and librarians summed up their experience with the following comments:

“This was an awesome experience. The wealth of information available is unbelievable. Thank you so much for the materials provided.”

“Thank you for opening up a whole new set of resources for my students and me! I am ready to do more and I am excited about how my students will use these primary sources. Thank you for the wonderful learning experience.”

This institute was a unique learning opportunity for our teachers. In addition, this opportunity has also created educational bridges between ISU and Unit 5!

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