**Life is All about Plan B: Strategies for Being Super Librarian**

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**Websites can be found @**

[**http://tinyurl.com/bestbooksofyear**](http://tinyurl.com/bestbooksofyear)

[**http://tinyurl.com/webresourcesforteachers**](http://tinyurl.com/webresourcesforteachers)

[**http://tinyurl.com/librarytechnology**](http://tinyurl.com/librarytechnology)

Blessed are the flexible for they shall bend and not break.

**Be Flexible**

Re-evaluate what you do

Revise and revamp

BFAN

I begin with an idea and then it becomes something else. – Pablo Picasso

**Be Humble**

Ask for help

Delegate

She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her away, she adjusted her sails. – Elizabeth Edwards

**Be Frugal**

Window shop

Scout shortcuts

Utilize technology

If Plan A didn’t work out, don’t worry. There are 25 more letters.

**Be Positive**

Gather advocates

Take your umbrella

Think like a business

**Life is all about how you handle Plan B.**

**The most successful people are those who are good at Plan B. – James Yorker**

**Additional Support Sites:**

Deborah B. Ford blog http://deborahford.blogspot.com

Some of the Best Books <http://tinyurl.com/bestbooksofyear>

Shelf Life: JLG Blog <http://juniorlibraryguild.com>

**About the Speaker**

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