

Your School Library in the Learning Community

Understanding the *National School Library Standards*



The school library is your community's learning hub.

- The school library's **physical and digital spaces** provide equitable access to information for your entire learning community.
- School librarians connect student learning across all disciplines by focusing on four learning domains: **Think, Create, Share, Grow**.
- School librarians encourage students to **inquire** and **include** diverse perspectives in their inquiry processes.
- School librarians actively **curate** relevant multi-media texts to support student learning and **collaborate** across disciplines—and they teach students and teachers to do the same.
- The school library provides an interdisciplinary center where students and teachers **explore** connections across subjects, preparing them to **engage** in rich, responsible lives as citizens, workers, and scholars beyond the school.



Partner with your school librarian.

- Reflect with your school librarian about how the **learner Competencies** provide a fresh perspective on the authentic student learning your school seeks.
- Open a conversation with your school librarian about how the **school librarian Competencies** can be used in the professional reflection and evaluation process.

- Review the **school library Alignments** to prioritize next steps and new initiatives, and to reenergize relationships as you work together to support your school community.



Connect learning across grades and disciplines.

- Take advantage of your librarian's **school-wide perspective on literacy and technology learning** in your community. School librarians work with all grade levels to build print and digital literacy, and to integrate blended learning strategies, bringing equity, connectivity, and personalization to instruction.
- **Empower your school librarian to forge connections** that capitalize on teachers' efforts. School librarians pair the *National School Library Standards* with state standards and content-area standards to support and enhance the work of classroom teachers and to inspire performance tasks that go beyond reporting facts.
- **Encourage your classroom teachers to collaborate** with your school librarian. In pairing the *National School Library Standards* with your state's grade-level content standards, your school librarian will articulate a progression of inquiry learning that is tailored to your students, teachers, and community.