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.

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