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What to Look for Next!

By the AASL Standards and Guidelines Implementation Task Force

AASL's Implementation Task Force, charged with supporting states, school systems, and individual schools as they implement the *National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries*, created initial implementation tools that were ready when the standards launched at AASL's National Conference in Phoenix, AZ, in November 2017. These materials, which include one-pagers for different stakeholders, videos, webinars, print articles, twitter chats, and other media, provide multiple entry points for different kinds of users. Find these resources at standards.aasl.org, and visit the site frequently as new materials are always being added.

As the association turns over the implementation effort to a standing committee, look for more professional development opportunities and informational materials.

Let's take a look at ways AASL plans to equip school librarians to understand, apply, and use the standards through the web portal, and online tools.

- One blog post per month on the *Knowledge Quest* blog will address some aspect of NSLS implementation through the next several years.
- Ten webinars will be presented between November 2017 and May 2018, archived and freely available to all professionals on the AASL Standards web portal. The following have been archived as of January 2018.
 - [It All Fits Together: The New National Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries](#), by Marcia Mardis and Mary Keeling
 - [The AASL Standards Web Portal: Accessing Standards and Support Resources](#), by Kathy Mansfield
 - [Using the Standards to Further Your Instructional Leadership](#), by Ellen McNair and Jeanie Phillips
- Searchable, web-based crosswalks between AASL Standards and other national standards frameworks will launch during school year 2018-2019.
- An online school library program evaluation rubric will also launch in school year 2018-2019. It will include guidance for creating graphical data presentations and a form for submitting local evaluation data into a national data pool.
- AASL will compile national data summaries that offer comparison across the nation and with similar schools and districts.
- A Lesson plan template and database will be introduced in 2018-2019. To promote community engagement, users may submit AASL Standards-aligned lesson plans and rate, save, share, and comment on the plans in the database.
- Following the development of a non-serial publishing plan by the AASL Publications Advisory Group, AASL will issue a call for writers to develop non-serial book topics.

These resources—and more—are for you! Do you have questions we haven't thought of? Would YOU like to help use develop resources for other school librarians? Please post a question to the Discussion

Forum! Plan to use these to deepen your professional reflection and growth as you adopt and apply the National School Library Standards.