Future-Ready Librarian Framework

Who we are: As part of Project Connect, we address critical educational challenges by promoting future-ready innovation and sharing progressive, exemplary models of school libraries and librarianship.

What do we do: Identify and promote innovative models of school libraries and librarianship to district leaders, librarians and teachers and cultivate powerful library and school leadership through exemplars and resources.

How will we do it:
• Articulate clear and simple solutions to educational challenges
• Cultivate networks and partnerships to promote innovative thinking about libraries
• Provide exemplars and resources
• Develop a self-assessment system
• Explore systems to provide micro-credentialing for future-ready librarians

Why now: Increasing challenges affecting digital literacy, information literacy, curriculum and multiple literacies have an impact on our students and teachers. We must respond to the Future-ready needs of today’s classrooms.

Who is our audience:
• Administrators
• School librarians
• District librarians
• Public librarians
• Teachers
• Policy-makers

Framework

The following challenges are met through instructional partnerships and professional development in which the librarian models, teaches and leads....

Professional development
Definition: Process of improving and increasing capabilities of staff through access to education and training opportunities in the educational setting
Read more: http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/professional-development.html#ixzz3eMzZfclr
Librarian’s role: Lead and implement ongoing and sustained professional development for teachers and staff in all areas
Example: Train educators on productive Digital Citizenship techniques they can model in their classroom

Instructional partnership
Definition: Building educator capacity through collaboration and partnership
Librarian’s role: Collaborating with educators to integrate information literacy and innovative practices; working side-by-side with teachers from planning, to delivery of instruction, to assessment and evaluation
Example: Co-teach a unit on the Revolutionary War using primary sources, including creation of a works cited page
Digital citizenship
*Definition:* Cultivating productive, safe and responsible citizens in a digital world
*Librarian’s role:* Model, teach and lead educators and students
*Example:* Partnering with a counselor to teach students about cyberbullying

Curriculum and technology integration
*Definition:* Leveraging digital tools to redefine instructional practices
*Librarian’s role:* Model effective integration across content areas for discovery, analysis, creation and presentation of learning
*Example:* Introducing tools such as Kahoot as a game-based formative assessment tool in the classroom

Information literacy
*Definition:* The ability to find, evaluate, apply and create information, ideas and products
*Librarian’s role:* Lead and promote the critical consumption and use of information; partner with teachers and students to convey and develop the skills and tools necessary
*Example:* Partner with 6th grade language arts teacher to teach how to cite sources when researching

Content access and curation
*Definition:* Ensuring access to up-to-date, balanced and aligned digital and print resources
*Librarian’s role:* Locate, evaluate and recommend quality content aligned to the curriculum
*Example:* Publish the best digital content to answer the essential questions for a 4th grade science unit

Reading and literacy advocacy
*Definition:* Leading students to read to meet their personal and academic needs and interests
*Librarian’s role:* Matching students with tools to discover reading material
*Example:* Engage students by creating book trailers

Learning space design/making and building (4Cs – Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Communication)
*Definition:* The creation of and implementation of a physical space and program which supports student exploration, learning and creation
*Librarian’s role:* Design, innovate, coordinate and lead in a learning space/learning commons/makerspace environment to engage and empower student learners
*Example:* Implementing makerspace/STEM activities that integrate with the classroom curriculum

Equity
*Definition:* Providing and enabling access to abundant resources for all students
*Librarian’s role:* Supporting, enabling and promoting access for all students
*Example:* Library purchases and provides wireless access points for families