

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

