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Building an Online Library Learning Commons



<http://library.wrdsb.ca>

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The time has come for school libraries to welcome an ever-widening variety of learning practices and activities. This can be accomplished through the provision of real and virtual spaces that encourage and facilitate expanded engagement.

The challenge is discovering how to reconfigure our current spaces both inside and beyond a school and a school library's walls to reflect this new reality. Access to the technology that makes it possible, obviously, is critical.

A Vibrant Online Presence is Essential for All Libraries

The library has to be somewhere and everywhere.

We need to be better when users are in the virtual library space than when they cross the threshold of our physical library space.



Joseph Janes

Dean, The Information School
University of Washington

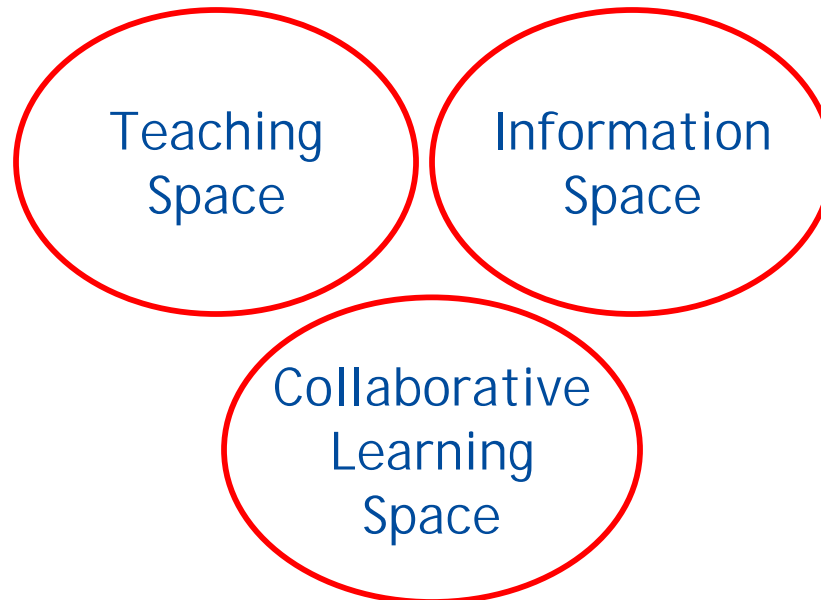
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PHYSICAL SPACE



Our online library spaces can be dynamic, usable learning spaces.

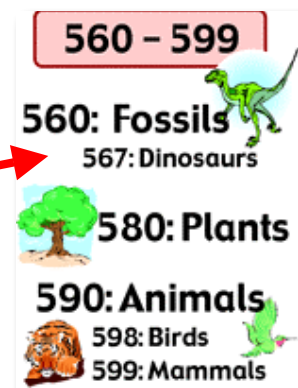
VIRTUAL SPACE

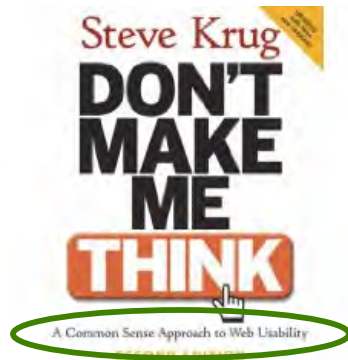
Physical Library Space

-  Open
-  Flexible
-  Inviting
-  Organized



Good signage
in the *physical*
library space

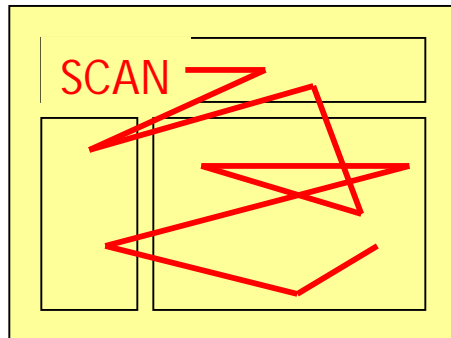
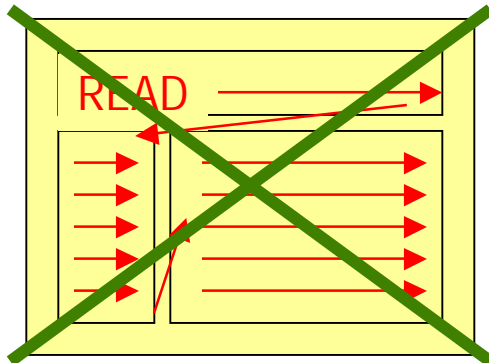




A Common Sense Approach to Web Usability

How we really use the web:

SCANNING

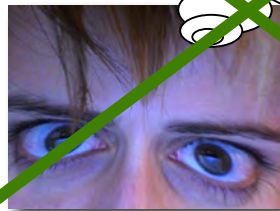


SATISFICING

"Principle of Least Effort"

Fast Food Approach
to Information-Seeking

"Our information is
healthier and
tastes better too!"



Perplexed Librarian

MUDDLING
THROUGH

~~How to use this site~~

I'm not sure how
I got here, but I
like what I found!



Mission Critical

Can we actually build
an online library
learning commons?

Will our teacher-librarians
embrace the project and
understand its strategic
importance?

Will our stakeholders support us?
Will they see the benefit?
Can we meet their needs and
exceed their expectations?

Who will do the work?
How will we keep it going?

Do we have the resources?
Will our own department
support us?

Will what we ultimately create
be usable and useful
and inspire learning?



The Problem: Secondary Libraries

- ✓ Sixteen teacher-librarians working in isolation at sixteen schools
- ✓ Duplication
- ✓ Need to be able to collaborate
- ✓ Varying levels of comfort, time and ability to support library web presence
- ✓ Want common research guide, based on resources developed over past few years

The Problem: Elementary Libraries

- ✓ Six teacher-librarians working centrally, supporting 100 schools
- ✓ Still have mandate to support instructional role of libraries and support teachers
- ✓ Need common resources
- ✓ Need to be able to collaborate
- ✓ Varying levels of comfort, time and ability to support library web presence

The Problem: Need One Place to Look

- ✓ Instructional Resources
- ✓ Procedures & Policy
- ✓ Library Catalogue
- ✓ Virtual Library
- ✓ Central Libraries
- ✓ Promotion & Marketing

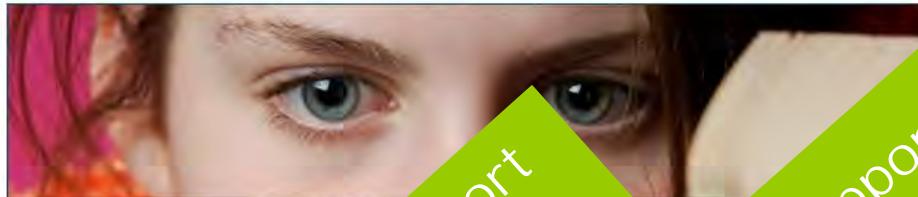


Library Learning Commons

Learning Caring Connecting

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Reading can take you

Read

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Teach

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Schools Mar 26th, 2010
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Of The Year Mar 1st, 2010
Visits WRDSB Feb 2nd,
For Teacher-Librarians Jan
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history, a library is the beginning
of civilization." Ismail Sergeldin,
Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt.
yesterday

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Teachers

Support
for
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with other
WRDSB
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(WRDSB Libraries)



- 🦆 Elementary Library Staffing Grant
- 🦆 ITS Department Reorganization
- 🦆 New Leadership
- 🦆 Better Support
- 🦆 Renewed Vision
- 🦆 Together For Learning

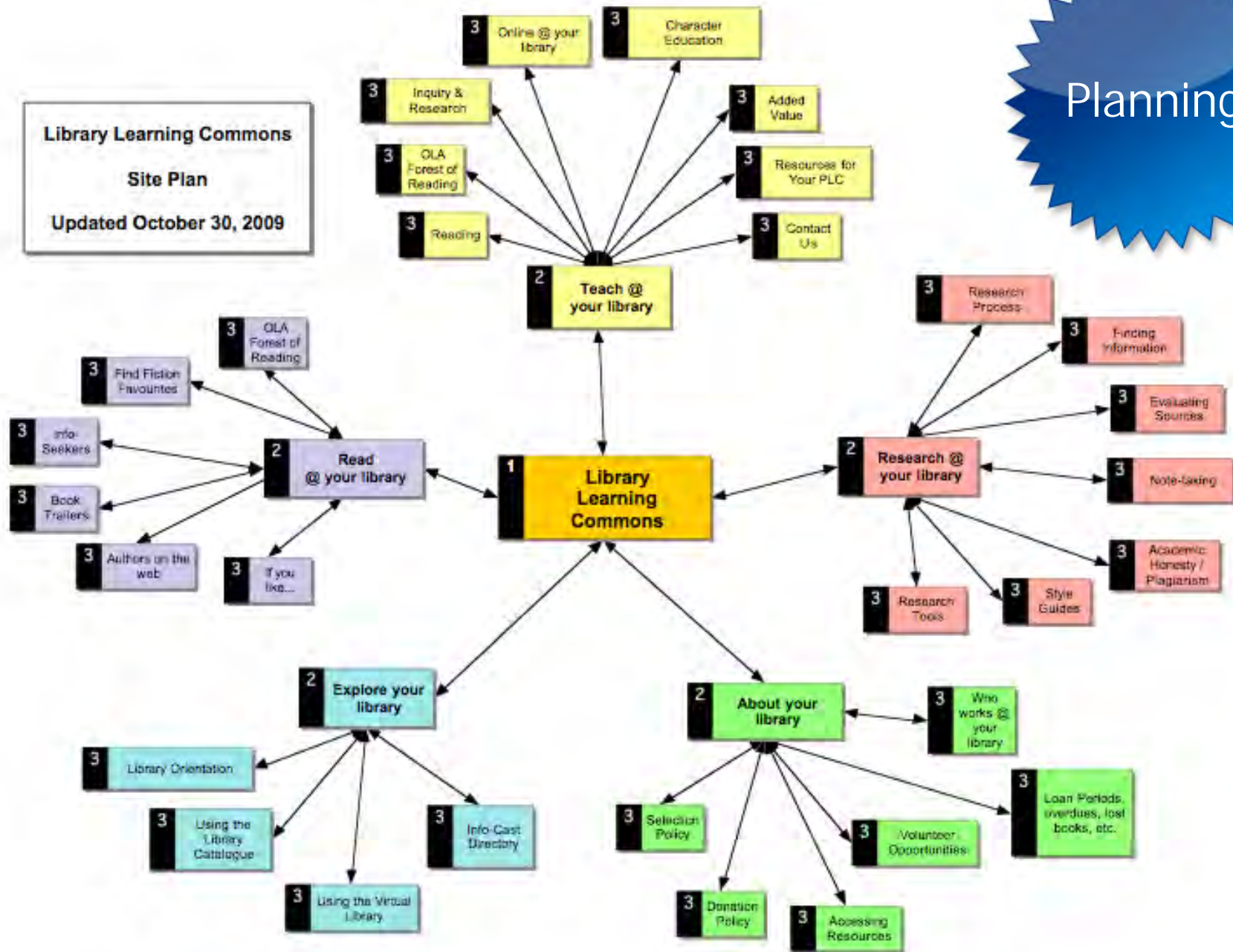


Library Learning Commons

Site Plan


Updated October 30, 2009


Planning



Wordpress MU

Technology


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
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Right Now

At a Glance

5 Posts	<input type="radio"/> Comments
123 Pages	<input type="radio"/> Approved
10 Categories	<input type="radio"/> Pending
36 Tags	<input type="radio"/> Spam

Theme **WRDSB Library Learning Commons**

Storage Space »

1000MB Space Allowed	674.69MB (67%) Space Used
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Recent Comments

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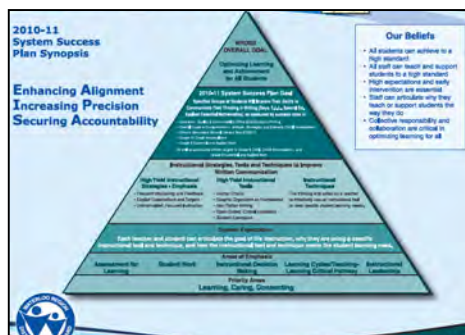
Incoming Links

This dashboard widget queries [Google Blog Search](#) so that when another blog links to your site it will show up here. It has found no incoming links... yet. It's okay — there is no rush.



- 🦆 Secondary Teacher-Librarians
- 🦆 Elementary Teacher-Librarians
- 🦆 Library Consultant





Learning Services
& School Success

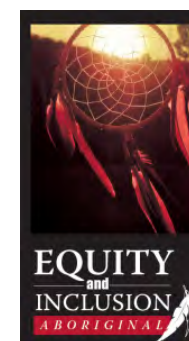
ESL Teachers

Special Education
SERT Networking

Strategic Partnerships



Character
Education



Equity & Inclusion
Aboriginal


 Announcing the Waterloo Region District School Board
Library Learning Commons Website
<http://library.wrdsb.ca>

- One starting point for all libraries and library resources
- Focus on students' interests and learning needs
- Tips and resources for teachers
- Engaging & interactive
- Video features and tutorials
- Downloadable organizers, lists & learning resources





Read

Reading can take you anywhere. Connecting and motivating readers: Fiction & non-fiction, video book trailers, reading programs, genre lists, links & more.



Research

Got a question? Find the answers. High yield strategies for effective research: Video tutorials, graphic organizers, tips & links on the research process, information ethics & more.



Teach

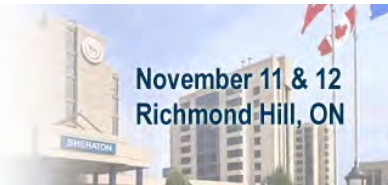
Learning partnerships at the library. Connecting with teachers to empower learners: Reading engagement, teaching research, character education, technology, professional learning & more.



Explore


Navigate the library, discover the world. How to use the library and its resources: Finding your way around the library: discovering books, searching online – video tutorials & more.

All paths lead to the library.
<http://library.wrdsb.ca>



TALCO Connections

The Association of Library Coordinators and Consultants of Ontario



**The Power of C:
Collaboration**
 SUPER CONFERENCE 2011
 February 2 - 5, 2011
 Metro Toronto Convention Centre

COCA: Central Ontario Computer Association


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Common to all secondary library websites.



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519-746-4428

School Hours:
9:00am-3:20pm

Office Hours:
8:00am-4:00pm

Principal:
Martha Knowlton

Student Resources



Library Learning Commons



Read:
Reading can take you anywhere.



Recent News

Find Books

Virtual Library

Community Connections

Your one-stop shop for connections to reading and tips for finding the information you need.

Online resources for research and reading. (Ask library staff for home access login information.)

Click the logos to visit the web site of your local community public library.

Common to all elementary school websites



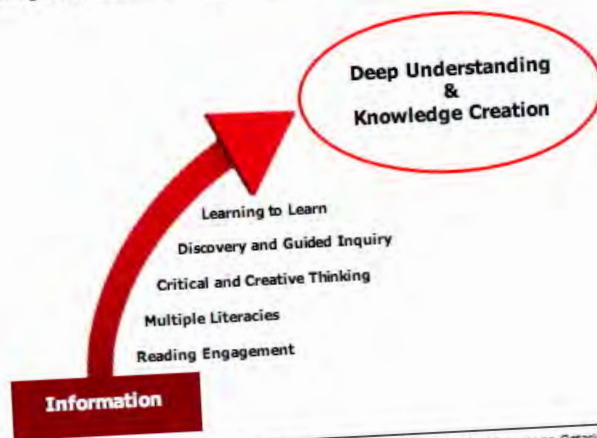
Elementary Library Program Goals

The goals of the elementary library program are to foster:

- **Engagement in reading and literacy development.** The school library motivates and engages readers by inviting them to choose from a wide-ranging collection of fiction, non-fiction and virtual resources.
- **A culture of inquiry and critical thinking skills for research.** Inquiry and research are at the heart of many subject curricula. The school library fosters a culture of inquiry with its rich resources and instructional support. Skills of guided inquiry helps students explore information more deeply and develop deeper understanding.
- **Personal, social and cultural growth.** School library resources reflect Canada's diverse society, history and cultural values. Students are encouraged to pursue their own interests and passions through reading. Through guided inquiry, students learn about information ethics, academic honesty and develop as responsible citizens.
- **Information literacy and learning through technology.** Technology is central to the school library program. Students and teachers have access to our broad range of online resources and services. Integrating technology into the inquiry and research process enriches learning.

The team of elementary teacher-librarians and the ITS library consultant work to support teachers as they use the library and its resources in their instructional programs.

The starting point is equitable access to quality information, selected according to WRDSB guidelines and supporting system goals and instructional priorities. The library program helps teachers to design higher order learning experiences that engage students in the information to knowledge journey.



Adapted from *Together for Learning: School Libraries and the Emergence of the Learning Commons*. Ontario School Library Association, 2010. (Developed with the support of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat, Ontario Ministry of Education.) <http://www.togetherforlearning.ca/>

ITS Library Program Support 2011

WRDSB elementary itinerant teacher-librarians support these goals by:

- Selecting vibrant library resources that support the curriculum, meet the differentiated needs of all learners, and support the board's goals of equity and inclusion
- Providing resources and consultation for fellow teachers on integrating the library into their programs
- Providing resources and consultation for other teachers on the role of the library in literacy and in inquiry and research instruction
- Leading the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading programs for WRDSB elementary schools
- Supporting library clerks in the provision of exemplary customer service
- Providing staff development and training for elementary library clerks
- Managing consistent library service and collection standards for all elementary schools

The ITS library consultant supports these goals by:

- Providing professional leadership for elementary and secondary libraries and advising on library programs, policies and procedures
- Leading professional development opportunities for teacher-librarians and other teachers on all aspects of library programs, technology-enabled learning, and information literacy
- Leading staff development and training opportunities for library clerks
- Selecting resources for and managing the Virtual Library collection
- Consulting on library facility standards and design
- Working with other sections of Information Technology Services in providing instructional and technical support for libraries and learning

Making connections to WRDSB goals and your school success plan: We would like to help your school realize the full potential of the school library to support your school's success plan.

Some of the many topics we can provide support with are:

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|---|---|---|
| ✓ Getting the most out of your school library | ✓ Research & inquiry skills | ✓ Using the Virtual Library |
| ✓ Great reads for all ages and interests | ✓ Inquiry-based learning and critical thinking | ✓ Using the Library Learning Commons website |
| ✓ Boys, reading & libraries | ✓ Non-fiction writing in inquiry units | ✓ Professional resources for your TLCP |
| ✓ Early readers love non-fiction | ✓ Using graphic organizers in the inquiry process | ✓ Podcasting for learning (Book trailers, non-fiction writing etc.) |
| ✓ Independent reading and the library | ✓ Successful searching for successful learning | ✓ Blogs, wikis and other webtools for collaborative learning |
| ✓ OLA Forest of Reading programs | ✓ Critically evaluating sources | ✓ Creating your own online professional learning network |
| ✓ Great books for character education | ✓ Academic honesty & plagiarism | ✓ Digital citizenship |
| ✓ Picture books across the curriculum | ✓ Information ethics | |
| | ✓ Copyright in education | |

Some of the ways we can provide support are:

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| ✓ Teacher consultation | ✓ Workshops and presentations | ✓ Personal correspondence |
| ✓ Staff, grade or division meetings | ✓ Connecting to your TLCP | ✓ Central workshops |

Are there other ways that you would like our support? Please let us know!



The **Library Learning Commons** website provides a wealth of information and interactive resources for students and teachers, and is our primary means of providing support across all schools and programs. We encourage you to explore this wonderful resource, created by WRDSB elementary and secondary teacher-librarians and library program support.

<http://library.wrdsb.ca>

ITS Library Program Support 2011

Elementary: Renewed Instructional Focus



Secondary: Increased Collaboration & Sense of Purpose

Development Plans 2010 – 2011

- 🦆 Elementary content in Research section
- 🦆 More secondary content in Research
- 🦆 Virtual Library support materials
- 🦆 Technology tools & resources for teachers & students
- 🦆 Differentiation strategies (Spec Ed partnership)
- 🦆 Web presence for central Education Library



Virtual Commons Learning Projects 2010 – 2011

- 🦆 Red Maple Blog (several schools)
- 🦆 White Pine Blog OR Facebook Group
- 🦆 Library Links Blog
- 🦆 School Projects – School Success Planning
 - 🦆 Book blogs
 - 🦆 Collaborative research wikis
 - 🦆 Google apps
 - 🦆 Mobile technology
 - 🦆 Wireless



What can you do in your context?

- 🦆 Collaborate, collaborate, collaborate
- 🦆 Work together across schools or within your school
- 🦆 Take advantage of Web 2.0 tools
- 🦆 Market, market, market
 - ✓ Making meaningful connections
 - ✓ Strategic Alignment

Is Steve Jobs a Role Model for Librarians?

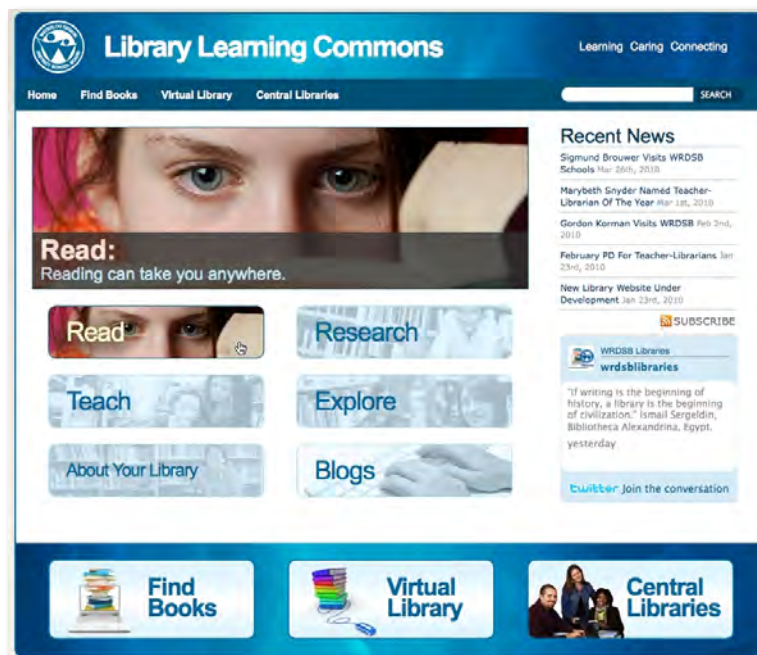
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