### Together For Learning: First Year Progress Report



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### A Whole School Approach

The real mandate of the Learning Commons is to design, facilitate and support dynamic learning experiences that utilize the best available resources, technologies, strategies and learning environments.

### Implementation in the School Library

In embracing the Learning Commons, a school library plays a pivotal role. It is already established as a physical and virtual cross-curricular space. A school library already has a multigrade focus and a mandate to support the needs of all learners. It can model and facilitate the enriched learning opportunities inherent in the Learning Commons.



## The Library Space

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### **Equitable Access**





## Learning Partnerships





### Technology in Learning





## Reading Engagement





### Discovery & Guided Inquiry





### Learning to Learn





### Individual Growth

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Imagination and Creativity

### Intellectual Curiosity

Initiative

Cultural Awareness and Social Contribution Confidence and Self-Esteem

Respect and Responsibility



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# What have we accomplished?

Across Ontario Survey by Carol Koechlin









#### Survey to School Library Coordinators

Survey by Carol Koechlin

📚 Sixteen responses

Representing 1,602 public schools, 4 private schools

📚 Initiatives

Solution District Alignment, Goals, etc.



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#### Transformations Across Ontario: Physical Learning Commons

- Opening up space-light & moveable furniture
- Solution Movement toward wireless library facilities
- Opening of networks to mobile devices
- Creative Conversion of a family studies room to a busy Learning Commons
- Out with desktops- in with netbooks and laptop carts

### Family Studies to Learning Commons Transformation



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#### Transformations Across Ontario: Virtual Library Commons

- Many virtual book clubs set up in blogs for students to discuss what they are reading
- Collaborative class projects and learning helps available 24/7
- Celebrations of learning experiences
- Surveys for students

#### Library Websites: School and Central Board





#### School Library Websites



Earl Haig CI, Toronto DSB

#### School Library Websites



Brantford CI, Grand Erie DSB

#### School Library Websites



Kitchener-Waterloo CI, WRDSB

#### **Central Board Library Websites**



Thames Valley DSB

#### Central Board Library Websites



Toronto DSB

#### Central Board Library Websites



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#### Reading Blogs



Glenview Park SS, WRDSB

#### **Reading Blogs**



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#### Linking Technology to the Discovery & Guided Inquiry Model



Toronto DSB

#### Online Collaborative Research Unit (Wiki)

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#### Student Study Group in Facebook



Futures Forum Project, WRDSB

#### Backchannel Discussions in Twitter



Futures Forum Project, WRDSB

### Knowedge-Building Centres Using Google Sites / Wikis



balanced diet.

Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB

#### Wireless and Mobile Technology



York Region DSB



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#### Transformations Across Ontario: Learning Partnerships

- TL partnerships with other specialists e.g. reading coaches, computer teachers, Student Success
- Solution Numerous PLCs to study T4L: school, family of schools
- TLs are IT leaders and coaches
- TLs providing PD in technology integration
- TLs leading instructional collaboration



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#### Transformations Across Ontario: Virtual PLCs

- TLs sharing professional texts and new strategies
- Solution of Twitter feeds for school libraries
- Collaborative bookmarking: curriculum support sites & subject pathfinders
- Professional wikis and blogs

#### **Online Professional Learning Communities**



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB

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### **Teacher Discussion Group in Facebook**



### International Teacher-Librarian PLC in Twitter: #tlchat





## **Physical Commons**



Opening up the space.

More open space, less clutter.

Teaching & learning focused area - Smartboard & laptop.

Making space more flexible with mobile shelving.

Conversation Areas.

Different functional spaces, with computers readily available.

Mobile laptop labs.

It is the hub of the school. Every student at our school visits the library every day.



### Virtual Commons



Website widely used in the school. Trying wikis and other interactive technologies to increase collaboration.

Adding links so online resources can be used at home.

Continuing to work on website, with limited knowledge on how to do this...

My virtual library has stalled. I don't have the time or knowledge right now to take it any farther and I think the next stage would be a board wide library site.

Not yet...



# Reading Engagement



Students helped select the books for the new library.

Library lessons highlight technology.

Open book exchanges, less restrictive borrower limits. Students "eat up" books!

More guided lessons and think alouds about reading strategies.

Easy access to Internet through technology has expanded the resources available to students.

Using Voki for reading responses and "battle of the books" wiki is very popular.



## Technology for Learning



Technology is used in 95% of the lessons in the library.

Incorporating technology into the curriculum is a large part of my role as a teacher-librarian.

Technology is embedded in every lesson: Animoto, Smartboard, web links, Glogster, Moviemaker, digital photos...

We are very tech focused.

Use of databases and online encyclopedias promoted (to both teachers and students) which has led to far less "Google" type searching.



# Discovery & Guided Inquiry



Critical thinking is key. Success criteria and goal setting is important to craft lessons and learning opportunities.

I would like to dig deeper but find it hard to work with teachers on big units.

I try to follow the model with the instructions I give students. However it is always difficult to get teachers to give you the time to teach it properly. I sneak it in any way I can.

Together for Learning has influenced my instructional approach.



## Professional Learning Communities



For me this is where I make most of my collaborative connections and get ideas for new learning and uses of technology in the library.

I am a team leader for a TLLP-Critical Thinking with tech tools and facilitate the TLCPs at my school.

I am on Twitter everyday. I am actively pursuing connections with our family of schools and basically participating any in PLC I can at the school.

Local TLs meet as a group about every 6 to 8 weeks to discuss issues and share ideas.







Our Beliefs

ing for all











### **Book Trailers**

What is that book about? Discover the latest and greatest books in your library by watching these video book trailers.

What's New!







### **Topics and Sub-Topics**

Selecting a topic and deciding on the focus of your research is key. Use the organizers provided to help you develop your topic and sub-topics.

#### **Topic Web**

Use the Topic Web to:

- identify layers of topics and sub-topics
- make connections between ideas
- narrow your topic and research focus

Revisit the Topic Web as you delve more deeply into resources and discover more layers to your topic.

WRDSB Library Topic Web

WRDSB Library\_Topic Web

WRDSB Library Topic Web Example

See an example of how the Topic Web can be used, below.

#### **Topic & Sub-Topic Planner**

Use the Topic & Sub-Topic Planner to:

- show how your sub-topics support the ideas you have developed about your topic
- make sure that you have at least three pieces of supporting evidence for each of your sub-topics
- help prepare an outline for your final project

WRDSB Library\_Topic Sub-Topic Planner

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key points about each of your sub-topics ssess whether you have enough evidence to make g arguments about each of your sub-topics, or











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#### Sources for Images and Music Files









Children are more engaged in reading when they are able to choose books that highlight interests and passions. Many students, particularly boys are enthusiastic about high-interest non-fiction material. Giving students a choice promotes independent reading, fosters a better understanding of the value of reading and empowers and motivates students.

Early Learners Love Non-Fiction!

### Why Read Non-fiction?

#### Same students prefer non-fiction and that's ok It allows students to access high interest topics (cars, animals, dinosaurs, arts and crafts)

 It builds background knowledge
 Students learn to read non-fiction in a variety of ways (diagrams, labels, charts, text boxes)

 Multi-leveled text allows students to access 'chunks' of information at an appropriate reading and interest level

- It helps to increase and extend vocabulary
- It enhances understanding of different topics
  It can be a strong motivator because it builds an student interest
- It helps young students to make 'real' world connections

#### How Can I Support My Students with Non-Fiction reading?

- · Value and support student non-fiction choices
- Allow frequent opportunities for students to select non-fiction from your schemillibrary
- Discuss student interests and help them to find related materials in the library
- Create opportuni it as to model how readers. access non-fiction
- Ensure that young children are expased to nonfiction materials in the classroom
- Talk with your students about i dees and
- information gathered from non-fiction texts • Be sure to include non-fiction in read aloud experiences
- Provide suggestions for parents on ways that they can support non-fiction reading at home.

#### Why is Non-Fiction Important?

... Info-Kids - are often actively engaged in learning on a variety of levels. It is their interest in a specific topic that motivates them to want to learn, and in many cases to realize that they need to read better.

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When students are allowed to read something that interests them, substantial reading growth often can be seen.

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# Web Content & Downloads













### **Ongoing Key Success Factors:**









# Learning Cycles Teaching-Learning Critical Pathways

Diagnostic	Formative	Summative
Assessment	Assessment	Assessment
Multiple Data Sources: Qualitative & Quantitative		



Be Proactive and Make Connections

Our clientele don't necessarily know what we can offer and everything that we can do to move their agendas and our mutual agendas forward.





We could not have picked a better time, but we need to demonstrate our relevance in our organizations.
#### WRDSB Context



21<sup>st</sup> Century content, global perspectives, learning skills, resources and technologies.



Learning is deepened through authentic, relevant and meaningful student inquiry.



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Assessment FOR Learning!



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### Individual Growth







#### 😚 Character Development



Acting Responsibly in a Digital World I will act with integrity.

Respect Yourself • I will respect myself through my actions. • I will ensure the privacy of my own information.

Protect Yourself

• I will not post information that will put me at risk. • I will report any attacks or inappropriate behaviour directed at me. • I will protect my passwords, accounts and resources.

#### Respect Others

I will show respect for others.
I will not use electronic media to insult, bully, harass or stalk

other people. • I will not visit sites that are degrading, pornographic, racist or

inappropriate. • I will not access other people's personal spaces or areas.

Protect Others ) will protect others by reporting abuse and not forwarding inappropriate communications or materials.

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websites, book, media, etc.
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I understand that failing to follow this code will include consequence consistent with the school's code of behaviour and the WRDSB table Use Procedures (AUP). http://www.wrdsb.ca/aug



### 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



OCULA Spotlight Speaker, Super Conference 2008



#### Resource-rich & organized to support...



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### the messy business of learning that takes place within its walls.

### Virtual Library Space



#### Resource-rich & organized to support...

...the messy business of learning that takes place in collaborative online spaces AND everywhere else.



New website content management systems make it FAR easier for us to build websites and website content collaboratively.



#### We are FAR BETTER when we work together.

## Vision of Writing Team

- T4L as a living document.
- Collaborate via web to:
  - Share implementation strategies
  - Gather data re implementation
  - Keep ideas responsive to changing contexts

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TALCO Connections The Association of Library Coordinators and Consultants of Ontario Preliminary discussions are underway to formulate an action plan.



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# **Our Strategic Imperative**

- Collaborate, collaborate, collaborate
- Work together across schools and within schools
- Optimize central board support & resources
- Advocate for collaboration across the province
- 🐸 Market, market, market
  - ✓ Making meaningful connections✓ Strategic alignment

Is Steve Jobs a Role Model for Librarians?

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