SHS Library and Learning Space
3-5 Year Plan

Libraries – not your quiet space of old
PUBLIC AND PERCEIVED PERCEPTIONS OF A LIBRARY

- Warehouse
- Quiet
- Dusty
- Old
- Full of Books
- Tall Stacks
- Card Catalogue
- Static/never changing
- If you don’t read, not for you.
- Full of nerds. (student stated!)
Stereotypes of Librarians

Feminine domain: female, old, mean, bun wearing shushers who are scary and unapproachable.
Goals of a 21st Century school library program and the Librarian

“(is to)... instill a love of learning in all students and ensure equitable access to information.”

American Association of School Librarians
What do I want to do?

1. Cultivate an inviting environment
2. Recreate the physical space
3. Create a virtual presence
4. Celebrate Literature
5. Technology – physical and digital literacy/citizenship
6. Celebrate learning
7. Collaboration
Morning and Advisory
What does a Modern Library Look Like?
Active and Collaborative!

- No longer a warehouse of information, but about connecting learners and constructing knowledge.
- Literacy Continues at the center: print and technology coexist with increase in media based access.
- Space is Bright and versatile focused on collaborative learning and flexible teaching.
- Multiple ways to learn, teach, and access information.
- Buzzwords: Learning Commons and Makerspace
What is a Learning Common?

A student centered learning space that is flexible and versatile for collaboration and creation.

Monticello High School
Charlottesville VA
Learning Commons

“...a place that encourages participatory learning and allows for co-construction of understanding from a variety of sources.”

Edutopia: 21st Century Libraries: The Learning Commons

Flexibility!

- Open areas
- Meeting/teaching space
- Movable furniture
- Movable shelving
- Portable White Board/promethean board
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- Inviting!
- Lower Stacks
- Comfortable seating
- Disability accessible
- Learning corners
- Multiple accessibility points (print, ebooks, computers, databases)
- Technology
- A visible library staff
- Resources 24/7
- Audio/video Access
MAKERSPACES

- A place where students and teachers can create/innovate independent and collaborative hands-on projects using a variety of mediums and media.
- Students can TINKER! assemble or disassemble
- Filled with tools, drawing and craft supplies, sewing machine, computer and mechanical components, printers (3D?), computers, creation software, etc.
- A place where students can satisfy their curiosity!
Changing Roles of Librarians

It’s no longer just about the books!

We: Teach, guide, advocate, manage, curate, serve, promote literacy, fosters learning, research, locates sources, collaborates with school community, engage students and staff through activities and lesson planning, grant writer, participate/support school initiatives, innovate learning, fosters and supports technology.
My Mission:

1. To “ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information.” That I “empower students to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skilled researchers, and ethical users of information.” ALSA Empowering Learners

2. To provide my students and staff with the tools necessary for innovative/creative thinking and teaching.
How to pay for it?

GRANTS, GRANTS, GRANTS, Donations, Budget, General Fund, Fundraising.

BUT, it has to be sustainable!