

# 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.”***

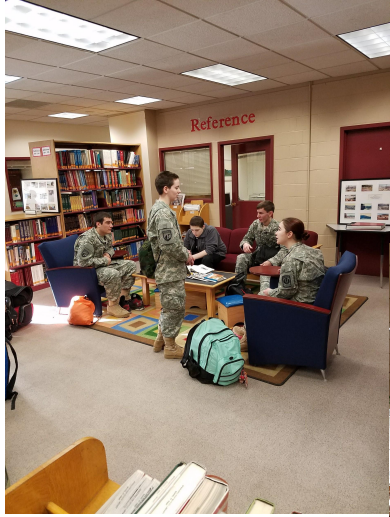
*American Association of School Librarians*

# 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

# LEARNING COMMONS



## Accessibility!

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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!



# ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING COMMON AND MAKERSPACE

Essex High School Learning Common

Essex High School Makerspace

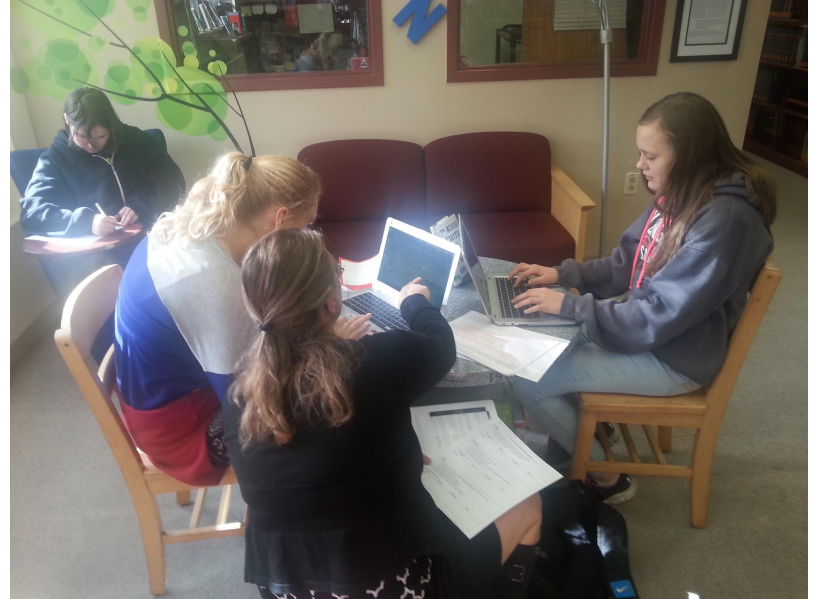
# CHANGING ROLES OF LIBRARIANS

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!

