This is How We Do It!

Session documents

Participants will…

• Learn about strategies for success from school libraries around the area
• Discuss other interests of school librarians as it relates to teaching, learning, and leadership.
Poll Everywhere

What do you want to know?
PollEv.com/librarierin
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What routines and procedures do you have for check out?

- High School:
  - Checkout when needed
  - Max 5 books
  - No fines, only pay for lost/ruined books

- Elementary: Checkout Weekly
  - K-1st Only 1 book- Library Staff checks them out
  - 2nd- 6th: 2 books- They scan their names and the books themselves.
  - No fines, only pay for books lost/ruined
What routines and procedures do you have for makerspace use?

Makerspace List
What technology tools would you recommended for all school libraries:

- Adobe Spark Video
- Do Ink Green Screen App
- Symbaloo
- Nearpod
- Canva
- Sora
- Planbook.com
How do you plan lessons to include state and national standards?

Highschool

- Planbook.com
- Use my AASL Standards
- Co-Teach

Elementary

- Work with other Elementary Librarians, each planned a grade level by looking at State Standards
- Curriculum guide
What are your go-to lesson planning resources? / How do you find lesson ideas?

• Common Sense Media
• Pinterest
• Other Librarians
  • Twitter /Facebook Group
What advice do you have for new librarians?

• Build relationships with Staff and Students first
• Reach out for help, it's a whole new kind of stress
• You can't do it all the first year, pace yourself...The Beginning is Always the hardest. You got this!
What routines and procedures do you have for check out?
What routines and procedures do you have for makerspace use?

- Plan
- Do
- Review
- One build per group
What technology tools would you recommend for all school libraries?
How do you plan lessons to include state and national standards?

OPS
Library
Pacing Guide

ISTE

Nebraska State
Standards

AASL
What are your go-to lesson planning resources? / How do you find lesson ideas?

• Google
• TeachersGiveTeachers
• TeachersPayTeachers
• District Lesson Plans
• Twitter Chats
• Facebook Groups
• Network with other librarians
What advice do you have for new librarians?

• Make a To Do List (I use Microsoft ToDo)
• Not everything has to be done all at once
• Perfection is not the goal
• Build your Network (Twitter, Facebook, Peers)
• Keep learning, trying new things, making mistakes is part of the game
• Don't take work home with you
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What routines and procedures do you have for check out?

• Rotating checkouts (1x every four days)
• Book Limits: Primary 1-4, Intermediate None!
• No overdue fines
• Options to pay off lost/damaged fines:
  • Read Down Your Library Fines
  • Work off
  • Donate a new or like new book
  • Pay
What routines and procedures do you have for makerspace use?

- **Tinker Lab (2014)**
  - Students check out kits, clipboard
  - Used in library, enrichment block, earn time
  - Managed by library staff
  - **Issues:** library was not always staffed, items walked out

- **Tiger Tech Lab (2019)**
  - Teachers check out kits, library system
  - Used in library, genius hour, indoor recess, earn time, integrated into curriculum
  - Managed by staff STEAM Team
  - Mobile Carts in each unit
  - **Issues:** not sure yet! It's brand new

[Tiger Tech Lab Catalog](#)
What technology tools would you recommend for all school libraries?

- Besides creating Google Sites, here are my go-to FAVORITES!
How do you plan lessons to include state and national standards?

• Curriculum Map Template
  • AASL (Assessed), ELA/ISTE (Reinforced)
• Lesson Plan Template
• Created by our district librarians
  • Me! My partner in crime Alex, and help from two newbie librarians, Molly and Brooke
• Staff Website
  • Policies, Collection Development, Curriculum, Classroom Resources
What are your go-to lesson planning resources? / How do you find lesson ideas?

- Pinterest
- Teachers Pay Teacher (Free!)
- Collaborating with Team
  - Team Drive
What advice do you have for new librarians?

- Find a go to person
- Prioritize and realize you won't be able to do everything
  - Even if it's an expectation, communicate that it's not possible!
- It's ok not to make that big impact your first year, it might take three years to get "comfortable."
- Make the effort to leave your computer or work at school, even if it's only sometimes!
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What routines and procedures do you have for check out?

• Students in grades K-3 check out up to 3 books, usually

• Intermediate grade level teachers guide decisions on
  • # of books each check out
  • And if students are responsible enough to take books home

• No fines!
What routines and procedures do you have for check out?

• 3 library visits in a 10-day cycle (2 weeks, roughly)

Everything is interdisciplinary!
What routines and procedures do you have for makerspace use?

To the left: We like to embed a lot of design thinking skills into makerspace tasks. This helps students reflect on their learning and make improvements to design.

Here, 4th grade students practiced learning about adaptations by creating a "robot" that could exist in a difficult biome.
What technology tools would you recommended for all school libraries?

All the ebooks!
- Epic Books
- Sora
- Libby
  (for the big kids and teachers)
- Storyline Online
- Vooks
- classroomfun.com
- Be Internet Awesome digital citizenship curriculum
- TinkerCAD for 3D printing
How do you plan lessons to include state and national standards?

• 1\textsuperscript{st} library visit = mini lesson + check out
• 2\textsuperscript{nd} library visit = ELA integrated lesson
• 3\textsuperscript{rd} library visit = technology lesson, various topics

Everything is interdisciplinary!

Above = Sub plan folders color-coded for each day.

The 10-day cycle makes every day different, so these are super helpful!
What are your go-to lesson planning resources? / How do you find lesson ideas?

Sites to Use

- Common Sense Media
- Hashtags like #nebedchat
- PBS Learning Media (great for primary sources and lessons)

Local

- Joslyn Art Museum
- Making Invisible Histories Visible

People to Leverage

- Instructional coaches
- Administrators
- Work with your public library staff!

A collaboration meant to be!
What advice do you have for new librarians?

You can make changes AND make friends.

• Start slow. Provide rationale when needed. Build trust and confidence through your impressive helpfulness and knowledge.
• Trust that you do have the training that makes you a professional. You can make some tough decisions!

Beware of divisions.

• It’s not us vs them when it comes to teachers and librarians.
• Refer to students as "OUR students." It builds community.
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What routines and procedures do you have for check out?

Fines Restrict Access: Library Spotlight
What routines and procedures do you have for makerspace use?

#monarchmarvellab
What technology tools would you recommended for all school libraries?
How do you plan lessons to include state and national standards?

Based on teacher needs

• AASL Lesson Plan Template Link
What are your go-to lesson planning resources? / How do you find lesson ideas?

NSLA Community Facebook Group
What advice do you have for new librarians?

- Designate a self-care drawer in your desk
- Listen a lot
- Make friends
- Lean on your fellow librarians
- My best advice: You could work 40 hours a day and still not get all you want to done. You're doing great!
Questions?

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