PARTNERS FOR LEARNING:

Classroom Teachers and Teacher Librarians
What is a Teacher Librarian?

◦ A certified teacher and librarian - A recipient of an MA in Library and Information Science and who is a certified teacher
◦ An information literacy specialist.
◦ A partner in teaching and learning.
◦ A person who selects resources to support curriculum.
◦ A person trained in using technology to enhance learning.
◦ A part of the curricular team who helps integrate instruction into YOUR classroom goals.
◦ P.S.—YOU can become one!
What does it mean to be “Information Literate”? 

At the college level:

In 2000, competency standards defined it as the ability to locate, access, evaluate, synthesize, and present information.

In 2015, updated standards offer a “Framework” for Threshold Concepts and Meta-literacies.
MULTIPLE LITERACIES

Information Literacy

- Media Literacy
- Research & Library Skills
- Critical Literacy
- Information Ethics

- Visual Literacy
- Searching
- Critical Reading
- Copyright

- Computer Literacy, etc.
- Boolean Logic, etc.
- Critical Thinking, etc.
- Security & Privacy, etc.
The Need For IL Instruction for Teachers

Information Literacy is NOT just “using the library” or citing sources in a bibliography: it is informed citizens making choices that affect the quality of their lives!
When Information Literacy is Neglected: There is an Impact on Learning!

- Students don’t develop skills for college-level inquiry.
- Lack of College Preparedness
- Students do not experience success in information-related tasks.
- K-12 educators need training in how to frame research questions and to give assignments that encourage higher level thinking-skills & use technology effectively.
- And more:
  - Declining budgets that affect staffing and resources.
  - Implications for reading and literacy.
  - Plagiarism issues.
  - Lack of ability to evaluate sources
Future of Libraries in Schools

2014 Predictions:

1. Every child will have a device w/in 5 years.

2. Digital resources will become primary – print will be supplemental.

3. Publishers will offer e-books & e-texts at reasonable prices and with value-added features.

4. Sentimental attachment to print will fade over time: people can read but prefer to learn & be entertained by other media.

*Why do I still need a library….?* (June 2014) *Teacher Librarian, p. 44.*
Let’s ask the students...
Evolution of the School Library / Media Center / Learning Commons

◦ Spaces for social learning: technology-rich environments for creation
◦ Robust wireless infrastructure
◦ Repurposed spaces for creation of knowledge and new information (makerspaces/creation station)
◦ Teacher librarians as information experts who support accessible resources and teaching & learning goals
◦ Teacher librarians as advocates for equity – closing digital divides
◦ Teacher librarians as coaches & team members
Your Assignment

◦ Research-based paper related to issues in secondary education

◦ 4-5 pages

◦ Need 6 sources