Objective:
We must begin to change the stagnant library into a vibrant 21st Century learning commons that fosters individual and collaborative inquiry and flexible and equitable access to all resources through a 24/7 learning environment. This poster session will provide some practical models to follow when updating to a 2.0 media program.

“A Library should have two front doors, and one of them should be virtual.” Joyce K. Valenza

We must shift from traditional research methods to digital approaches to better meet the needs of our students.

Steps for a Library Make Over:
From Library to Learning Commons

Collaborate and Partner
• Plan with Teachers on Informational Needs
• Discuss Internet Safety and Copyright
• Create a Blog for the Research Process
• Begin Your Own Ning for Social Networking

Expand Your Learning Space
• Provide a 24/7 Anyplace, Anytime Virtual Library
• Physical Learning Spaces should be Active Environments for Creating, Experiencing, and Cooperative Learning
• Create Podcast Booktalks or Book Reviews or Wiki Pathfinders
• Attend an Online Workshop or Conference
• Set up an iGoogle Information Space (Google Docs)

Use High-Tech Learning Tools
• Explore and Learn New Resources and Technologies
• Promote Digital Citizenship and Copyright Guidelines
• Learn about Free Web-based Applications such as Google Docs, Audacity, Wikispaces, Podbean, ReadWriteThink, Mindomo, and Photostory.
• Use Video Streaming, Electronic White Boards, Databases, Audio, Animation, Pathfinders, WebQuests, Virtual Libraries, Blogs, Wikis, Podcasting, TeacherTube, Edublogs and others.
• Be a Lifelong Learner!

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