

Critical Connections: Libraries and Student Achievement
Teacher-Librarian Professional Development
Monday, Sept 13, 2010

Course Focus:

- Does your collaboration and instruction include teaching basic information use skills to students?
- Do you suggest ways teachers can incorporate technology into their lesson plans to increase student engagement?
- Do you collaborate with classroom teachers to teach engaging online end-products students can create to demonstrate learning?
- Do you use online sites and tools to network with your constituents and promote your library resources and programs?
- Do you help teachers create "real-world" projects and assessments that require students to think beyond the facts?

Course Syllabus:

Class 1, Monday, September 13, 2010

Welcome back and introductions

Vision for Adams12 Librarians as school leaders in 21st Century education
Back to school business and End of Year reporting
Explanation of professional development course & how to enroll
Best Practices: It's a Book video
Orientation video from Leroy Drive elementary
Demonstration of class wiki and library services wiki.
Tech applications every TL must be able to use – list
Teacher-Librarian Evaluation Rubric for you, your staff, your admin.
Coaching for all TLs – best practice

Class 2, Monday, October 4, 2010

PLNs - Your Personal Learning Networks is to your growth

Breakout Sessions:

1. Using Mackin online ordering system – Bobbi Craig
2. Basics of Destiny circulation system & Help - TLs
3. Using Google Earth with content areas – TLs Molly G & Rita S.

Discuss and share your progress and questions on the class wiki.

Class 3, Monday, November 1, 2010

What does a 21st library look like? Ideas, examples, our Adams12 experts share their ideas.

Breakout Sessions:

1. Destiny – all about patron records and student log-ins
2. Make your own smartboard with a Wii and your StarCart – Bretta & son
3. Create a PhotoStory orientation – Stacia M. and TL (use Digitaes book)

Discuss and share your progress and questions on the class wiki.

Class 4, Monday, December 6, 2010

Begin Book Discussions – choose one book

Librarians as Learning Specialists by Zmuda and Harada for some
School Libraries Head For The Edge by Doug Johnson for more advanced TLs

Discussion of Librarians as Learning Specialists – Intro and Chapter 1:
Reframing our library mission to mesh with and drive school mission.
Establishing TL's role in student performance.

Breakout Sessions:

1. Destiny – all about reports
2. Infinite Campus to find student information
3. Video conferencing using Adobe Connect

Share your book discussion on the class wiki.

Class 5, Monday, January 10, 2011

Advocacy – reporting to your constituents. What is happening in the library and how is it effecting student achievement and engagement?

Discussion of Librarians as Learning Specialists – Chapter 2: Clarifying TL role as learning specialist, what you do-including collaboration and accountability for student results.

School Libraries Head For The Edge – discussion TBD

Breakout Sessions:

1. Book discussion and implementation for your school

2. Destiny Basics – ILLs, Lost items, Fines and Fees
3. Using Flip cameras with students to tell a story

Share your book discussion on the class wiki.

Class 6, February 7, 2011

Digital Natives Create Content

Who are our students? Instruction will focus on learning more about who we are teaching.

Discussion of Librarians as Learning Specialists – Chapter 3: Designing Instruction to fit our learners, engaging students in their own learning.

School Libraries Head For The Edge - discussion TBD

Breakout Sessions:

1. Book discussion and implementation for your school
2. TL presents engaging lesson using online application
3. Advocacy – how to report library action and results to constituents

Share your book discussion final thoughts on the class wiki.

Class 7, March 7, 2011

Cool Collaborations – Adams 12 experts share their best

Discussion of Librarians as Learning Specialists – Chapter 4: Providing Robust Assessment and Feedback - establish your curricular goals and assess those in collaboration with classroom teacher.

School Libraries Head For The Edge - discussion TBD

Breakout Sessions:

1. Tech help for Destiny, B & T, Mackin, wiki, email, etc. per requests
2. TBD – using an online app to increase student engagement
3. Book discussion and implementation for your school

Discuss and share on the class wiki.

Class 8, April 4, 2011

Advocacy - what are you doing and who knows it? It's not about the numbers, it's about student engagement.

Breakout Sessions:

1. Tech help for Destiny, B & T, Mackin, wiki, email, etc. per requests
2. TBD – using an online app to increase student engagement
3. Book discussion and implementation for your school