WORKING TOGETHER:

Best practices for school & public library partnerships
Who Are We?

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Massachusetts Library System
Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)
Why Are We Here?
“When children have greater access...they develop more positive attitudes toward reading and learning”

- Reading is Fundamental (2010)
“When school and public library staff collaborate to meet the needs of youth, they can increase the impact of their efforts manyfold.”

-AASL/ALSC/YALSA School Collaboration Toolkit
2 Months
Math & reading loss per year

2/3
Gap in reading achievement due to summer loss
“Working together, school and public libraries can provide support and resources to all youth and their families to help prevent the learning loss also known as summer slide.”

-AASL/ALSC/YALSA School Collaboration Toolkit
“Intentional library-school partnerships provide a more seamless connection between classroom and library learning for young readers and their families.”

-Urban Libraries Council
Digital Literacy & Connected Learning

Collaboration = Better Digital Citizens
“We’re all serving the same young people and are trying to give them our best; collaborating makes sense, helps all of us improve our service and practice, AND it’s fun!”

— MEREDITH STEINER, CHILDREN’S LIBRARIAN, SAN FRANCISCO (CA) PUBLIC LIBRARY
Goal: Expand access to summer school programs and other summer learning agencies.

April 2016-February 2017

Survey of school librarians around the country

939 Total Responses, 676 Complete Responses
Q3: Are you currently partnering with your local public library’s summer reading program?

Answered: 939  Skipped: 0
Q4: Please tell us about your partnership with your local public library’s summer reading program. Please check all that apply.

- Advertise at school with posters, flyers and/or Presentations by librarians
- Provide programming at the school during the summer months
- Provide staff to help with summer programs.
- Provide space at the school for outreach over summer
- Other

Answered: 385  Skipped: 554
Q5: Please tell us why you are not currently partnering with your local public library’s summer reading program.

- Public Library does not offer summer reading program
- Do not have working relationship with public library
- Don’t partner but provide own programming at the school
- Do not have a public library in the community
- Other

Answered: 466  Skipped: 473
Challenges

- Time/Staffing
- No Response
- Differing Schedules
- Funding Cuts
- New to Public Library
Collaboration
Best Practices
And Awesome Ideas
Tips for Community Collaboration

◎ Build on existing relationships
◎ Hold joint trainings and cross-train each other’s staff
◎ Learn about each other’s services and share resources
◎ Promote each other’s services/events
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Reach Out
Framingham Public Library
49 Lexington Street
Framingham, MA 01702-8371
(508) 532-5570
Email
Website
Hours and More

Framingham High School
115 A Street
Framingham, MA 01701-4175
(508) 820-4968
Email
Website
Hours and More

Framingham State University, Henry Whittemore Library
100 State Street
Framingham, MA 01702-2460
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Online Assignment Alert

Two weeks notice is appreciated. We strongly recommend that you visit our Library or check the online catalog prior to the assignment to be sure that your material requests are available and are appropriate to the reading comprehension level of your students.

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Assignment:

Starting Date

Due Date

Types of Materials Needed:

- Reference books
- Nonfiction books
- General encyclopedias (*ex. World Book*)
- Subject specific encyclopedias (*ex. Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life*)
- Magazines
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◎ Community Needs

Peabody Institute Library, Danvers

February 11

Martin Luther King, Jr.-Inspired art exhibit by students from the Great Oak, Smith and Highland Schools. On display now in the Standing Room.
Best Practices & Awesome Ideas
◎ Promote Summer Library Programs
I love when school libraries partner with public libraries! @CityofEmporiaKS Thank you Lori for sharing the Summer Reading Program with @WAWschool students! They are excited to do Music Makerspace Day! @EPL_KS #literacy #EmporiaProud #Makerspace @ALALibrary

As the school year comes to a close, don’t forget to keep up with your reading! DPS and @DurhamCountyLib have partnered for 2018 Summer Reading: Libraries Rock! The program is for all DPS students. Register for the program on the library’s website. durhamcounty.beanstack.com/reader365

School’s out, and that means it’s time for summer reading! Find your local library to participate in the #SummerReading program: bit.ly/1tsGdg6 #LibrariesRock #StopSummerSlide
Innovative Ideas

- Videos
- Sign-up at School
- Faculty at the public library
- Promo sticker on report cards
- Flash Mob!
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◎ Collaborative Programming

Peabody Institute Library, Danvers
October 27, 2018 · 🌐

A view of our first sponsored event held at the Holten Richmond Middle School. Students made their own soap (topped by a rubber ducky of their choice)!
Resources

Where to find more ideas & support
Rethinking School Outreach: Home

Materials and resources from the continuing education workshops "Rethinking School Outreach" and "Reaching Teachers" with Amy Mikel of the Brooklyn Public Library.

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http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/professional-tools/school-public-library-partnerships
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ALSC/AASL/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation

http://www.ala.org/alsc/aboutalsc/external-relationships/schoolplcoop
Public Partners for Early Literacy: Library-School Partnerships Closing Opportunity Gaps

Libraries Transform: The Expert in the School Library

https://researchguides.austincc.edu/EXPERT2
Thank You!

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