

Libraries and Media Centers of the Future

Future Ready

School libraries, community libraries, and media centers are important sources of information and great places for people to connect, imagine, and create.



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CONNECT the ways libraries and media centers are used today with your predictions for the future. Start by writing a list of how people use your community or school library/media center today. Your list might include borrowing books, joining story hours, gathering for meetings, and much more!

Next, create a list of how students and families might use a place like this in the future. How is your community changing? How might those changes influence the ways people use the library/media center? For example, consider whether older community members would use computers on site or borrow new technology devices. Perhaps immigrants would join language learning groups or check out computerized language translators. Think of novel ways that space and equipment could be used to meet the evolving needs of ever-changing communities.

LIST WAYS YOUR LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER IS USED NOW AND HOW IT MIGHT BE USED IN THE FUTURE.

TODAY

FUTURE





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PEOPLE YOU WILL INTERVIEW OR SURVEY	QUESTIONS



RESPOND to others' ideas. Who could you interview or survey to gather information before you reimagine library or media center designs?

Perhaps school and community administrators, senior citizens, young families, and students who attend your school? What questions might you direct to various groups? Which questions would be best posed to librarians? What new features would the public like to see and what types of resources would they like to borrow? What interactive and creative experiences would be of interest to students? How might community musicians, drama performers, and visual artists use the space to connect with others?

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CREATE a sketch of a reimagined library or media center based on your ideas and the suggestions you heard from others. Consider ways to build upon what already exists in order to modify the physical space, increase accessibility, expand resources, and extend programs.



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DRAW A REIMAGINED LIBRARY OR MEDIA CENTER.



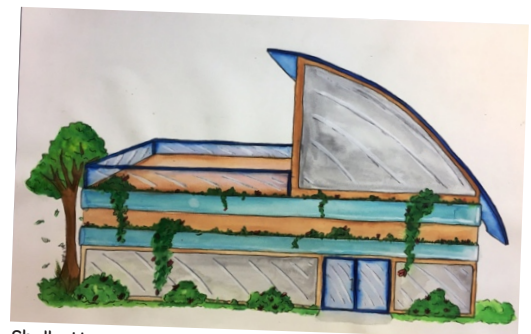
PRESENT your design sketches and innovative thoughts to local decision makers. Who would make decisions about redesigning the school or community library?

Write an advocacy statement that explains the benefits of expanding the role of the library/media center and how a redesigned facility could meet additional needs.

Practice sharing ideas with classmates and use their feedback to polish your presentation before you address the audience who is responsible for policy and funding decisions.



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