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Group Project: School Learning Commons Website Web Page Screenshots

Home

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Learning Commons logo and a menu with links: Home, Emerging Trends, Benefits, Budget, and Solutions. The main heading is "What is a 'Learning Commons?'"

A 21st century library space
A learning commons supports modern students in the age of information and technology. Open flexible spaces encourage active learning by:

- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Discovery
- Sharing

Your library's mission and the learning commons

The Library's Mission

Provide	Support	Promote
Information services Resources 24/7/365	Student achievement Personalized Professional Developmental	A Global Community Mutual respect Understanding Diversity

Video

Ideas and resources for planning your learning commons


- American Library Association Libraries Transform
- Abeny High School Library Join the movement: Let's transform school libraries, by Lambert, W. J.
- School Library Journal Flip this library: School libraries need a revolution, by Loercher, D.
- School Library Connection Create your learning commons with Pam Harland, by Harland, P.

The screenshot shows the Learning Commons logo and navigation bar. The main heading is "Transform your middle school library into a learning commons!"

Three rows of images illustrate the transformation:


- Row 1: A black and white photo of a traditional library with rows of bookshelves and a desk, with a blue arrow pointing to a modern, colorful library space with a large table and chairs. Photo credit: Turner Valley School.
- Row 2: A black and white photo of a library with a desk and a person, with a blue arrow pointing to a modern library space with a large table and chairs. Photo credit: Pacific Trails Middle School.
- Row 3: A black and white photo of a library with bookshelves, with a blue arrow pointing to a modern library space with a large table and chairs.







Emerging Trends

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Emerging Trends


Narrated presentation



Education	Technology	Libraries
		
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advancing cultures of innovation• Inquiry-based learning• STEAM learning• Participatory culture• Redesigning learning spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internet access• Mobile technologies• Virtual reality• The Internet of things• Robotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrons as creators• Reimagining library spaces• Valuing the user experience• Prioritization of mobile content and delivery• New roles and skills of librarians

Middle School Learning Commons

The middle school learning commons is the ideal solution for addressing emerging trends and meeting the information needs of students.



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Benefits

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Learning Commons Benefits



Students

A sense of belonging, access to resources, and higher test scores



The learning commons should be the heart of the school where students can go to research, create, and share projects along or collaboratively as a

Teachers

Resources and Professional Development



All these great physical and digital resources are available for teachers to use along with the collaboration and opportunity for co-teaching lessons with the teacher librarian and other specialists.

Budget

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Working with a budget

Prioritize your needs



LEARNING COMMONS BUDGET

No \$

- Virtual Learning Commons website (Web, Google site, etc.)
- Parent messaging that to service students where they are
- Create social media presence to market and share work at Learning Commons
- Build content collection to make space for relevant materials and tools
- Take one textbook for each class to be used in CC

HELP!

Reuse and share tools and furniture the school already has or look for donations!

SOME \$

- Paint the walls
- Buy used furniture

Learning commons essentials



There are many options for your Learning Commons

Solutions

Learning Commons

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Solutions

Funding solutions

Our school budget is limited- what can we do?

- Build relationships in your community
 - Policy makers
 - Parents
 - Local businesses/organizations
 - Grants and awards
- Fundraising Ideas!

Websites with fundraising ideas

- American Library Association: Fundraising Ideas
- TechSoup for Libraries: Creative fundraising ideas
- SimsDyne: Creative tips for library fundraising
- Library Strategies: 7 unconventional library fundraisers that worked
- Levelsknow School library fundraisers

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About

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Who we are

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I am the librarian for St. George's International School in Switzerland, which serves students aged 3-18. I am currently a candidate for a Master of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University of California, and I expect to graduate in autumn 2017. I have resided in Switzerland with my husband and three children for 10 years. Formerly, I was a professional opera singer and I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre. I am a member of the American Library Association, New York Library Association, and the American Association of School Librarians.

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Links to Video and Narrated Presentation

Middle School Learning Commons (Powtoon video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU0_UpPDH3c

Emerging Trends Affecting School Libraries (Prezi narrated presentation)

https://prezi.com/xhw_z41rru8d/emerging-trends/

Details of Infographics

Library Mission Linked to Learning Commons

The Library's Mission

<p>Provide</p>  <p>Information services:</p> <p>Resources Skills Tools</p>	<p>Support</p>  <p>Student achievement:</p> <p>Personal Academic Professional</p>	<p>Promote</p>  <p>A Global Community:</p> <p>Mutual respect Understanding Tolerance</p>
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Principles of a Learning Commons

	<p>Creativity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inspires personal growth * Supports academic achievement * Motivates learners
	<p>Collaboration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Enables richer academic experiences * Nurtures professional skillset * Develops global citizenship
	<p>Discovery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Enhances digital literacy skills * Inspires personal/professional development * Encourages life-long learning
	<p>Sharing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reinforces learning * Cultivates communication technology skills * Develops personal and global relationships

A Recipe for Success


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A learning commons supports the school library's mission.

Start planning a learning commons for your school today!

Library Learning Commons Addresses Emerging Trends

