

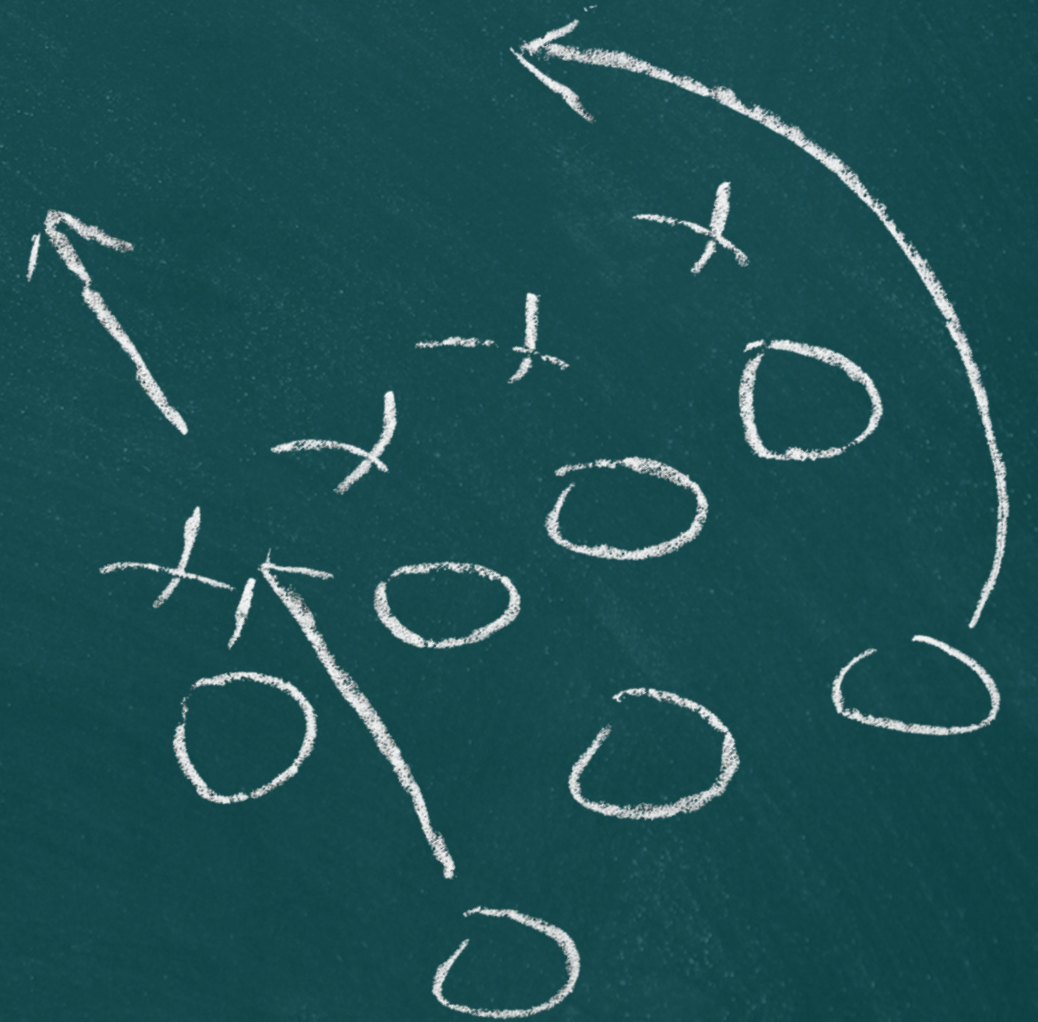
STRONGER TOGETHER

TEAMING UP WITH YOUR CAMPUS LIBRARIAN

Session Description:

When teachers and librarians work together, they form the ultimate instructional team. In this session, participants will explore ways to partner with the library to create meaningful learning opportunities that support any curriculum and help every student succeed. Leave with practical collaboration strategies and fresh ideas—and share how your librarian can best support you—**every play, every day.**

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INTRODUCTIONS: WHAT POSITION DO YOU PLAY?

What is your Name, Campus, and Position?

What role do you feel you play on your campus team?

- Coach
- Motivator
- Strategist
- Rookie
- Leader
- MVP
- Hype Team

WHY COLLABORATION MATTERS

Teachers already juggle curriculum, testing, intervention, differentiation, technology, and engagement on a daily basis - librarians are instructional partners - not just book managers - who can collaborate with you in a variety of ways.

Collaboration increases:

- Student engagement
- Inquiry and critical thinking
- Literacy across content areas
- Creativity and ownership
- Teacher support and shared workload



"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH." ~ HELEN KELLER

THE CONDENSED LIBRARIAN PLAYBOOK

Your librarian can support you throughout all phases of the learning cycle. Some ideas and past collaboration strategies will be provided and can be used to support learning in each of the following three categories:

Pre-Game Preparation

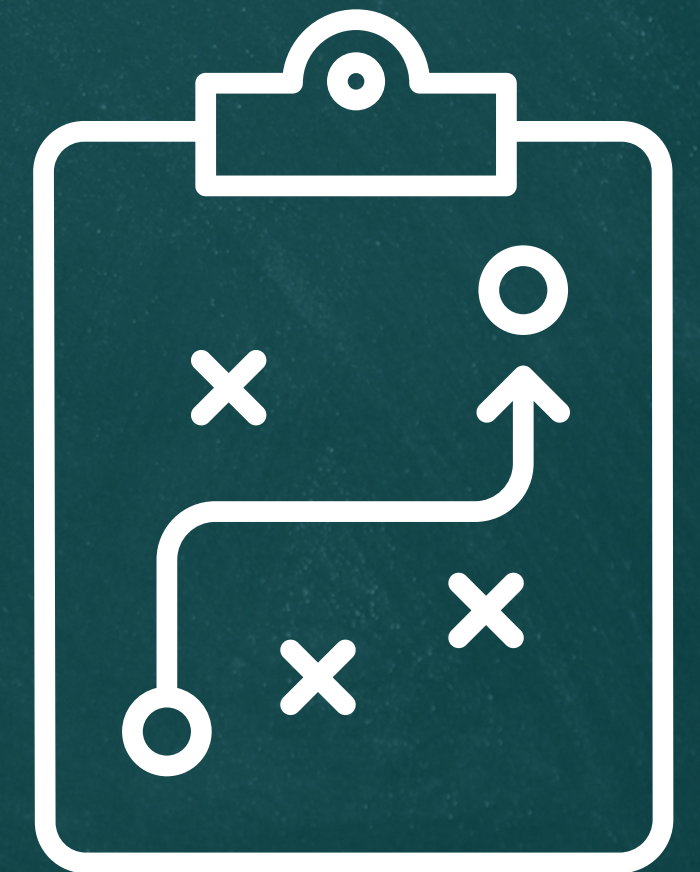
Setting the team up for success before students ever enter the classroom.

Game Time Collaboration

Where instruction, engagement, and teamwork happen in real time.

Post-Game Support & Extension

Continuing the momentum after the lesson is over.



PRE-GAME PREP: PLAYBOOK IDEAS

Your librarian can:

- Collaborate on lesson plans and activities in the planning stage
- Discuss or brainstorm tools and strategies you can use to support a specific goal
- Pre-teach students about databases, researching, and plagiarism for an upcoming unit.
- Pull books or equipment needed for units
- Curate articles, databases, and websites
- Create digital resource collections
- Build choice boards and topic collections
- Find high-interest materials for struggling readers



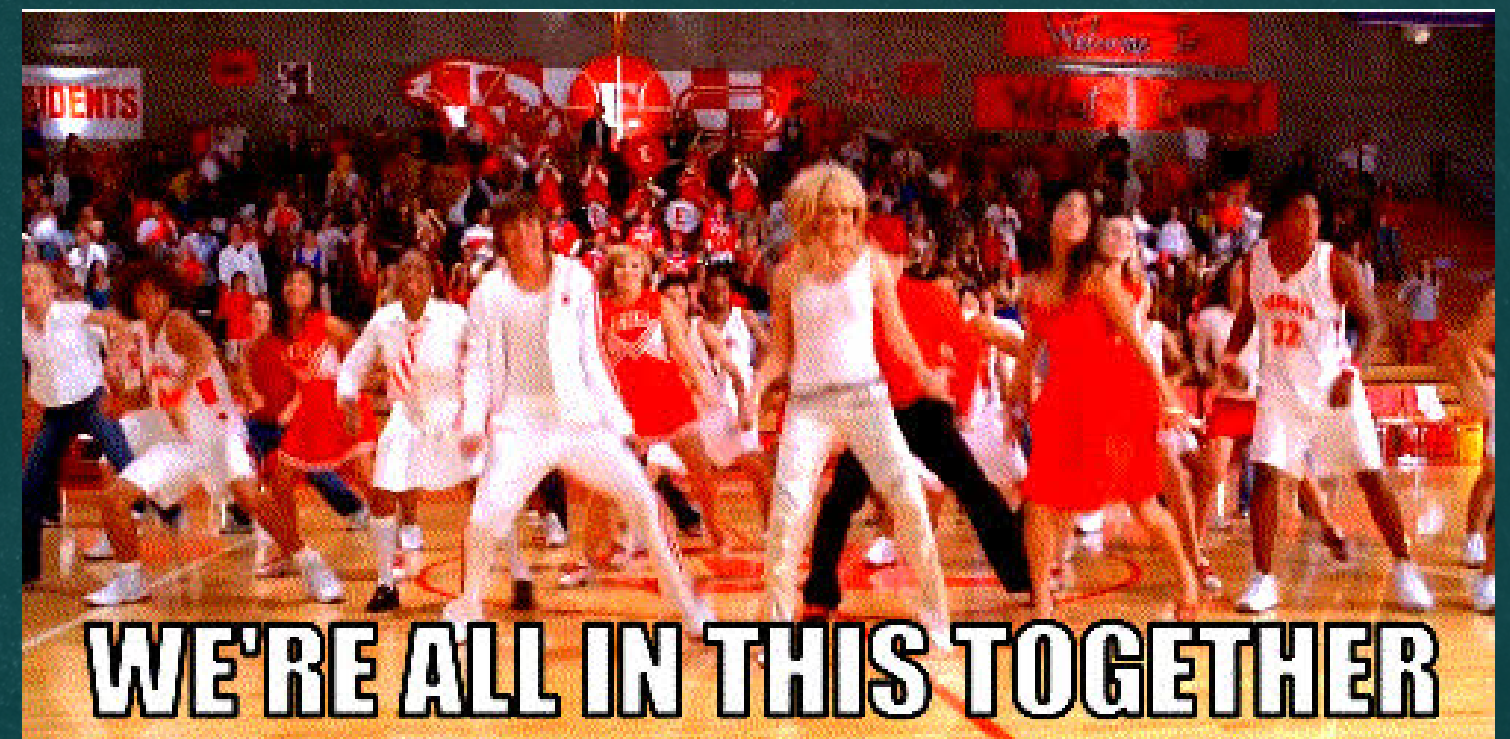
COLLABORATION PLAYBOOK:

- RESEARCH/ CITATION SUPPORT: NOODLETOOLS AND DATABASES
- DBQ/PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS SUPPORT
- DATABASE DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOMS
- REAL-WORLD CONNECTION PROJECT USING REALISTIC/HISTORICAL FICTION
- GENRE TASTINGS/GENRE CARD SORT
- FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY
- ESCAPE ROOMS
- DIGITAL BREAKOUTS
- JEOPARDY REVIEW GAMES
- REAL-WORLD DATA INVESTIGATIONS
- SPORTS STATISTIC ACTIVITIES
- INFOGRAPHICS AND MEDIA PROJECTS
- CAREER EXPLORATION PROJECTS AND RESOURCES
- ART COLLABORATIONS (DRAW THE COVER)

RUNNING THE PLAY TOGETHER:

Ways Teachers & Librarians Can Co-Teach:

- Research: Model lessons or provide lessons on searching effectively, the research process, evaluating information, using databases and NoodleTools while teaching students about avoiding plagiarism, and citing sources.
- Creation: Support for creating lessons/projects.
- The library can be utilized for a flexible space to support your lesson needs.
- Ed Tech: Help/support with technology tools or integrating technology into lessons
- Developing scavenger hunt and station activities



BOOK TASTINGS & READING ENGAGEMENT

How Librarians Support Literacy Across ALL Content Areas:

- Nonfiction Lightbox Books (use a class code for all students to have access to an interactive digital copy of the book).
- Historical fiction for Social Studies
- STEM biographies or other titles for Science
- Sports statistics books or world records books for Math
- Career exploration books for CTE

Book Tastings Can Include:

- Speed dating with books
- Genre showcases
- Themed reading stations
- "Blind Date with a Book"
- Unit-based reading menus

TACKLING RESEARCH SKILLS TOGETHER

Research Support Includes: (*ask your librarian about NoodleTools and Texquest Databases)

- Evaluating sources
- Database instruction
- Citation help*
- Note-taking strategies*
- AI literacy discussions
- Fact vs. opinion



Students struggle with:

- Searching effectively (usually relying on the first source they find)
- Determining credible information
- Synthesizing information
- Using correct citations versus copy / pasting the link randomly on a slide

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Gamification
- Digital escape rooms
- Choice boards
- Interactive displays
- Reading competitions
- Makerspace challenges
- Book talks / Book Challenges
- Themed events
- Stations and rotations

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

Mexico	Great Britain	Texas	Gallad
Sam Houston	Declaration of Independence	San Jacinto	Turtle Bayou Resolutions
United States	Stephen F. Austin	the Alamo	Marquis de Lafayette
Davy Crockett	Treaties of Waco	Constitution	Gonzales

TECHNOLOGY & ED TECH SUPPORT

Librarians Can Help With:

- Canva
- Book Creator Tools
- Google tools
- AI tools
- Digital citizenship
- NoodleTools
- Databases
- Screencasting
- Presentation tools
- Breakout EDU
- QR code activities
- Interactive lessons

FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACE

- Collaboration space
- Research hub
- Creative studio
- Makerspace
- Presentation space
- Intervention support area
- Testing prep station
- Small-group instruction space

PLC PARTNERSHIP

- Lesson brainstorming
- Resource recommendations
- Cross-curricular connections
- Data-driven support
- Student engagement ideas
- Tech integration help

BUILD YOUR DREAM COLLABORATION

Group Activity (15 Minutes): padlet.com/nisdtx1/engagelibcollab

Prompt: Design a collaborative lesson or activity using librarian support. Brainstorm ideas you would like your librarian to collaborate with you.

Include:

Content area

Student objective

Librarian role

Engagement component

Technology/resource support if needed

SHARE THE PLAYBOOK:

Team Huddle Discussion

Allow groups to share:

- One lesson idea
- One support they wish librarians provided more often
- One challenge librarians could help solve

BARRIERS TO COLLABORATION

Common Challenges:

- Lack of time
- Communication gaps
- Scheduling conflicts
- Not knowing what librarians offer
- Feeling overwhelmed

Solutions:

- Start small: One lesson/activity at a time
- Shared planning docs
- Quick check-ins
- Flexible support
- PLC
- Give a topic/share resources for your librarian to create activities to go with your unit

**COLLABORATION DOES
NOT HAVE TO BE
COMPLICATED TO BE
IMPACTFUL.**

EVERY PLAY MATTERS

Key Takeaways:

- Librarians are instructional partners.
- Collaboration supports ALL learners.
- Literacy belongs in every classroom.
- Engagement increases when students experience creativity and inquiry.
- Small partnerships can lead to big impact.
- Sports Theme Line:

Championship teams trust each other, communicate, and work toward the same goal. Allow your campus librarian to be a part of your winning team!

LET'S MAKE THIS A SEASON TO REMEMBER

The opportunities are endless when teachers and librarians work together. Whether it's finding the perfect resource, planning an engaging lesson, integrating technology, supporting literacy, or creating meaningful learning experiences—we are on the same team.

THANK YOU



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