

## **Strategy and Success in the Library Media Center Through Collaboration**

### **Target Audience: Elementary/Secondary Library Media Teachers**

Collaboration is an essential strategy for the successful library media center. By collaborating with the school librarian, teachers can improve instruction and obtain additional resources to supplement their curriculum. This workshop will consist of 4 parts: 1) research, 2) collaboration in instruction, 3) collaboration among library media teachers, and 4) collaboration to increase funding opportunities.

- I. Research
  - A. Information Power
  - B. Utah's State Standards
  - C. Current Research
  
- II. Collaboration in Instruction
  - A. Show departments how to more effectively use library resources
  - B. Help teachers be more effective using Pioneer
  - C. Integrate the Big 6 into specific research projects
  - D. Use Instructional Architect, webquests, blogs, and wikis in instruction
  - E. Bridge the research skills gap between secondary schools and college

(Joanne F. Christensen has successfully implemented a series of strategies for collaborating with departments at Weber High School-attending departmental meetings, library orientations, instructional units with teachers, assisting teachers with research strategies.)

- III. Collaboration to Increasing Funding Opportunities
  - A. Help teachers develop projects and assignments based on specific objectives in the core curriculum
  - B. Assess the library collection and suggest areas for improvement in specific research areas
  - C. Locate new books to fill in research gaps
  - D. Suggest ways of funding

(Last spring, Marianne F. Bates helped 4 teachers obtain research books totaling \$3,000.00 which are being housed in the library. This fall she has already helped 4 teachers find books and write grants for funding totaling \$2,000.)

- IV. Collaboration Among Library Media Teachers
  - A. Collaborating among library media teachers in the district
  - B. Collaborating with library media teachers from other schools in the state
  - C. Accessing the state library-media list serve or LM\_net
  - D. Facilitate collaboration among teachers, the school media center and the public library

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