



Where do I start? Creating an Online Media Center

1. Design it on paper-include links, graphics, and information. It is much easier to create it on paper than to go back and redo it on your computer. Keep these questions in mind while designing your webpage:
 - Where should your buttons go?
 - What should they link to?
 - What databases do you subscribe to?
 - How fast will your page load?
 - Where should you keep your bookmarks so you can edit them?

Keep in mind that you would like your students to be able to use this from home. Limit your graphics to what will load quickly for those who are using dial up.

2. Choose a webpage program. FrontPage & Dreamweaver are the most common. Your district should have licenses for one or the other. If you can't find any professional development for webpage design available through your district, look on the web. The Quickstart & Dummies series always provide good information.
3. Remember while designing your webpage that it is a tool for you to use as well. You should be familiar with all aspects of your website. This is a portal to your library as well as a glimpse of what your library provides to the public. Check your website when you are off campus to see how it looks and loads. You might want to ask other librarians to take a look at it and provide feedback.



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Books on Webpage Design

Databases-Databases your school subscribes to or that are available through your state. (After conference, I am thinking you might want to add a blog for current events. I will probably experiment with this later in the year if you want to check back with me.)

Online bookmarks-easier to use & edit:

<http://www.mybookmarks.com/>

<http://www.ikeepbookmarks.com/>

Free or low cost web products:

Online Teen Book Club

<http://www.dearreader.com/>

Good examples of Online Media Centers:

Corning East High School

<http://www.corningareaschools.com/east/library/index.htm>

Corning West High School

<http://www.corningareaschools.com/west/library/index.htm>

Diven Elementary School

<http://www.elmiracityschools.com/diven/library/home.htm>

Horseheads High School

<http://webopac.sctbores.org:210/m3/apps/m3opac/hhhs?command=getSession&session=3fd1f0cb-2070-11da-9235-96f85097667e&style=ui>

Marketing ideas for your website:

Bookmarks

Open House

Coteaching handouts

School newsletters