



AASL Standards Framework Applied to Developing Creative Collaborators Activity Guide

Developing Creative Collaborators, Flexible Partners, and Resilient Citizens, an activity guide developed by the 2024 ALA Emerging Leaders, uses the National School Library Standards and the Shared Foundation of Collaborate as a lens to support professional development and instruction as school librarians guide learners' working within diverse teams toward common goals. Use this framework application as a secondary table of contents to navigate to relevant scenarios, activities, and resources. To access the complete resource guide, visit standards.aasl.org/project/collaborators.

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Domain	LEARNER SCENARIOS AND ACTIVITIES	SCHOOL LIBRARIAN SCENARIOS AND ACTIVITIES	SCHOOL LIBRARY SCENARIOS AND ACTIVITIES	Domain
THINK	<p>Scenario: Sharing the Research Process with Others</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating a Shared Group Contract: Learners create a shared vision for how to work together and complete tasks. 2. Using Group Discussion to Develop New Ideas: Learners will build connections between ideas using hexagonal thinking. 3. Identifying Solutions in a Group Discussion: Learners will develop solutions to a problem using the Question Formulation Technique. 	<p>Scenario: Collaborating Toward Scaffolded Learning</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brainstorming Keywords for Iterative Searching: Guide learners towards developing keywords for research. 2. Micro-Lessons to Address Gaps in Professional Development: Train content-area educators in incorporating information literacy principles into assignments. 3. Critically Analyzing Web-Based Sources: Support learners' analysis of authority in social media sources. 	<p>Scenario: Collaboration Beyond Our Schools</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborative Creativity Challenge: Coordinate a cross-disciplinary "creativity challenge" that involves information, media, visual, and technical literacies. 2. Peep into the Library: Coordinate with a local or state-level birding group to develop resources that broaden and deepen learners' STEM understanding and exploration. 3. Career Week in the School Library: Collaborate with educators, caregivers, and the broader community to deepen and broaden learner understandings of career opportunities. 	THINK
CREATE	<p>Scenario: Using Technology to Connect with Others</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharing and Building Prior Knowledge in a Group: Learners will create a mind-map to build and organize ideas in a group setting. 2. Creating Social Media Posts to Share Ideas: Learners will create Instagram-style posts to convince others of an idea or topic. 3. Creating a Collaborative Book Using Book Creator: Learners will build a collaborative book using art and writing samples. 	<p>Scenario: Creating an Online Professional Learning Community</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Put on Your Virtual Oxygen Mask First!: Create an online PLN to collaborate with other educators and model the use of resources. 2. Collaborating on Library Love! for a Learner-Centered Library: Cultivate a network of learners who care for and learn from the school library by facilitating an "adopt a shelf" program. 3. Welcome to Your Public Library: Partner with the public library to help introduce learners to a lifelong resource and community. 	<p>Scenario: Collaborative Strategic Plans as Advocacy</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community-Driven Strategic Plan: Develop a collaborative strategic plan to guide future school library initiatives. 2. Curriculum Mapping: Identify key times for school library involvement in school curriculum. 3. Demonstrating Impact At-A-Glance: Create an infographic on school library resources as an advocacy tool. 	CREATE
SHARE	<p>Scenario: Developing a Community of Diverse Readers</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Readers Advisory Zines: Learners share books, research, and ideas with their peers using zines. 2. Generate Literary Thinking and Displays: Learners generate and analyze questions that become headlines to inspire their peers. 3. "You Are Here," Advocacy Project for Local Literature: Learners collaborate to create media that advocates for local literature within the school and wider community. 	<p>Scenario: Building Relationships with Colleagues</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infographics for Visualizing Collaboration: Promote collaboration between school librarians and other educators with the power and magic of infographics. 2. Surveying Students to Hear their Voice: Invite diverse learner perspectives and feedback through interest surveys in the library. 3. Student Designed School Library Displays: Showcase diverse perspectives in the school library through learner-created displays and social media. 	<p>Scenario: Creating a Library Learning Commons</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rotating Displays to Showcase the School Library: Broadcast library information, programs, and services on a digital bulletin board. 2. Expanding Your Professional Network: Cultivate a local or regional community of school librarians to share digital and physical resources. 3. Highlighting Literacy Resources: Model the importance of information-use skills by promoting available services and resources on the school library website. 	SHARE
GROW	<p>Scenario: Maker Education in the School Library</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applying Design Thinking: Learners applying design thinking to literature. 2. Using Equity Maps During Socratic Seminars or Harkness Discussions: Learners use Equity Maps to track student participation in group discussions. 3. Participating in KQED Youth Media Challenges: Learners create media to participate in a national conversation. 	<p>Scenario: Creating an Inclusive Environment</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Book Clubs: Coordinate learners into book clubs based on their interests. 2. Magic: The Library Gathering: Collaborate with educators, learners, and others to bring "Magic" to the school library. 3. Inclusive Reading Challenges: Collaborate with other educators and community members to develop an inclusive reading challenge and engage reluctant readers. 	<p>Scenario: Making the Library a Community Space</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding a Functional, Flexible School Library Workspace: Search for grants to fund the redesigning of the school library space. 2. Creating Collaborative Student Workspaces: Provide flexible spaces for learning and collaborating and make the library the HEART of the school. 3. Creating an Open Space for Community Use: Create a welcoming, functional space for all stakeholders to engage. 	GROW