

# How Can the School Library Media Specialist Best Prepare for the Next Decade?

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# MY LENS

- ▶ An awareness that students have complex histories that influence their learning
- ▶ A strong belief that the school librarian is a teacher, first and foremost
- ▶ The school library is a safe space
- ▶ An expectation that change is the only constant

*“How can a school library media specialist best prepare professionally for the next decade?”*

“The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century are not those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.”

# TRANSLITERATE STUDENTS CAN...

- ▶ Identify the type of information they need
- ▶ Identify the correct method, format or medium for accessing that information
- ▶ Select the correct method, format or medium for sharing newly analyzed or generated information with others
- ▶ Do so safely, appropriately, and legally



“A culture with relatively low barriers to artistic expression and civic engagement, strong support for creating and sharing one’s creations, and some type of information mentorship whereby what is known by the most experienced is passed along to novices.”

– Dr. Henry Jenkins

# GROWTH MINDSET QUESTION

Why would a growth mindset be necessary for our profession? What does “Failing Forward” mean to you in the context of preparing for professional change and upheaval?

# FIXED MINDSET

Believing that your qualities are carved in stone creates an urgency to prove yourself over and over. Every situation calls for a confirmation of your intelligence, personality and character. Failure is not an option.

# GROWTH MINDSET

Believing your qualities can be developed creates a passion for learning. Instead of wasting time proving over and over again how great you are, you spend that time getting better. The passion for stretching yourself and sticking to it, even if it's not going well, allows you to thrive even during some of the most challenging times.