

## **School Library Information and Technology Programs for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning**

**Mission:** To ensure that students are effective users and producers of information and ideas

### **Three essential functions of a school library program**

1. Information Technology Instruction
2. Reading Advocacy
3. Information and Resources Management

*The scope and mix of these functions will depend on the program priorities and goals of each local school district and school building*

### **1. Information and technology instruction**

- Students learn information literacy skills including evaluation and analysis of the credibility, relevance and currency of information
- Students learn to be critical consumers and producers of information
- Students learn to use emerging learning technologies for school and lifelong learning
- Students learn to be safe, ethical and responsible digital citizens

### **2. Reading advocacy**

- Students experience a powerful, fashionable and ubiquitous culture of reading at school
- Students learn to read for enjoyment and understanding
- Students have access and guidance to a relevant collection of fiction and non-fiction in a variety of formats

### **3. Information and resources management**

- Students have open and equitable access to resources, technology and information
- Students enjoy coming to an inviting and effective physical and digital library environment
- Students have access to resources in a variety of formats that support their learning needs and interests
- Teachers have access to resources in a variety of formats that support their teaching needs and interests