



EXPLORING FUTURE READY LIBRARIANSHIP: PRACTICES FOR THE EMERGING LEADER ONLINE COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description

How can librarians support Future Ready Schools® (FRS) and how can librarians and libraries become more Future Ready? This course will explore these questions and introduce you to the Future Ready Librarians™ (FRL) Framework as a means to examine your professional practice as a school librarian and identify ways to lead, teach, and support innovation within your school or system. Using the research-based FRL components identified by the Alliance for Excellent Education, you will explore areas of strategic focus for schools with a goal of aligning your practice and program to support digital age learners. You will identify specific areas for growth in each of the FRL wedges and develop a plan of action for your professional or program improvement.

Beginning with a self-reflection on current professional practice, you will map out a plan for professional inquiry and growth based on the FRL Framework. After a short overview of Future Ready, you will examine the 'wedges' of the framework through the lens of Collaborative Leadership -- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Space and Time, Robust Infrastructure, Budget and Resources, Data and Privacy, Personalized Professional Learning, and Community Partnerships. Using videos, case studies, and other resources, you will work to develop an understanding of how these systemic topics are essential to FRS. Additional connections will be made to the ISTE educator and student standards. Based on this understanding, you will make connections to librarian practice and identify specific areas for your professional and program growth. Activities will include reading/viewing and reflection, examination of current thinking and practices, development of growth goals, and the creation of a focused actionable implementation plan connected to a program or professional objective.

Course Structure

This self-paced course is designed to be completed in 15 hours, which includes reading, viewing, reflective responses, engagement activities, creation of practical artifacts, discussions, and a capstone growth and action plan. The course is structured around the core FRL components which focus on different systemic and organizational topics specific to K-12 schools. Activities will provide an overview of each area including opportunities to connect current and future library practice to those wedges. Participants will identify areas for growth in each area and develop a detailed plan for professional and/or program growth around one specific strategic priority.



Course Goals and Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Reflect on your current state of professional practice, skills, and knowledge.
- Explore Future Ready Librarians™ Framework components as a means to understand systemic challenges and opportunities for innovation in K-12 schools
- Identify specific ways to lead, teach, and support work connected to FRL Framework and other standards.
- Create and implement your actionable growth plan aligned to FRL Framework.

Participant Profile

This course is written for educators working in a school library with an interest in reflecting on and improving their professional practice. Previous knowledge of the FRL Framework is not necessary. Librarians who do have an understanding of or who have implemented some or all the FRL Framework will have an opportunity to deepen understanding and identify additional areas for growth.

ISTE Standards and Competencies

The course is designed and developed around ISTE's Standards, with a strong emphasis on the [ISTE Standards for Educators](#).

Module Descriptions

MODULE 1: WHERE DO WE START?

In this module, you will examine your current practices and knowledge in order to validate successes and begin exploring areas for growth, and begin examination of FRL framework.

MODULE 2: WHAT DO FRL NEED?

In this module, you will examine what students learn, how they learn, and how their learning is assessed. Then examine best practices for student-centered teaching that emphasizes both creative and effective use of technology to meet students' learning goals.

MODULE 3: WHAT DOES MY FRL LIBRARY NEED?

In this module, you will examine flexible learning spaces that support the tenets of a Future Ready School®. Reflect on library spaces and how to best align to the needs of digital age students. Leverage digital tools to maximize the use of instructional time within learning spaces.

MODULE 4: WHAT ENABLES FRS?

In this module, you will listen and reflect on district leaders discussing how infrastructure, budgets, planning, and collaborative leadership enable their schools and classrooms. Identify areas where you can lead, teach, or support your school's digital technology initiatives.

MODULE 5: HOW CAN WE LEARN TOGETHER?



In this module, you will explore how personalized professional learning leverages digital tools to innovate learning. Identify ways in which librarians can support professional growth in schools and classrooms.

MODULE 6: WHO'S MY FRS PARTNER?

In this module, you will consider the various categories of FRL partners and how each one has the potential to impact your practice. Learn how to facilitate and support a collaboration with FRL. Plan for engaging a potential partner.

MODULE 7: WHAT'S MY FRS PLAN?

In this module, you will reflect on the actions you've identified for each of the FRL wedges. Select one action and develop a plan with specific enabling conditions and steps for successful implementation.

Course Completion Criteria

Successful completion of this course will require approximately 15 hours of work. You will be expected to:

- Read and interact with content in seven modules.
- Complete formative and reflective activities.
- Complete activities connecting your practice with Future Ready Librarians™ Framework
- Identify growth goals related to the FRL Framework.
- Complete a capstone growth goal plan including identification of enabling conditions.

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