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**Library  
Learning  
Commons**

**Creating Lifelong  
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## Mission

“The mission of a Teacher-Librarian is to encourage and support all students in becoming lifelong learners and agents of change, who are self-motivated, thoughtful and literate.”

-School Libraries in Canada

## Role of Teacher-Librarians

### What we do:

- expand curriculum experiences
- improve student achievement
- promote equity of access
- accommodate students with varied learning strengths and needs
- provide explicit instruction in inquiry and research skill development
- foster a love for reading
- provide opportunities for critical literacy
- integrate effective use of new technologies
- integrate collaborative online tools into teaching and learning
- catalyst for authentic learning

## Library Learning Commons

A **Library Learning Commons** integrates the new and the old in a seamless physical and virtual space in which all formats can be assimilated and studied. The Learning Commons liberates the exploration of ideas and concepts, encouraging inquiry, imagination, discovery, and creativity through the connection of learners to information, to each other, and to communities around the world. For schools, the Learning Commons incorporates the classroom, the school library, and the school board to connect students to the real and virtual worlds that are growing and maturing around them.

Just as the online world has created a web of global connections, information, and interactions, the Learning Commons creates a network of information, people, and programs for learning within a school and beyond. Universal access ensures that learning is within reach of everyone at all hours... day or night.

(ONTARIO SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (OSLA), TOGETHER FOR LEARNING: SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE LEARNING COMMONS, 2010, P. 6)

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## Our Library ~ Program Highlights

Our library is a dynamic, active hub of information, inspiration and community. Students are welcome to access the LLC before classes begin and after school. We offer an accessible environment with varied collaborative spaces, and a myriad of technologies for completing assignments and creating portfolios.

Research & Inquiry is our world; we are keen to offer support in locating resources and navigating the research process.

Our resource collection grows along with the needs of our students and staff. We offer the latest in fiction and non-fiction to suit various interests.

Our library has a section dedicated to French resources, which appeal to students in the Immersion, Extended, and Core French programs. In addition to our physical space, we offer access to our online library resources from home. Students can pick up Learnmarks from our library to take home. A Learnmark provides login and password access for all digital resources.

WIFI is available throughout HCI - students are welcome to bring their wireless devices and login through their secure TDSB accounts.