

# A New Vision for Humble ISD Libraries

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*Humble librarians envision a 21st century library program that increases students' achievement and potential for future success.*

- The 21<sup>st</sup> century library has two distinct manifestations. The **physical library** features an inviting, friendly atmosphere staffed by a certified professional who works to help teachers and students navigate an increasingly complex information environment; the **virtual library** provides access to library resources and tools 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Both physical and virtual libraries promote intellectual freedom and provide equitable access to the resources and tools required for learning.
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century library, **reading** is a foundational skill for learning, personal growth and enjoyment. It is encouraged at all grade levels through various promotional and instructional activities designed to develop successful readers.
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century library, **inquiry** provides a framework for learning. Students are taught to locate, select, evaluate and use information appropriately and effectively.
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century library, **collaboration** is fundamental. Teachers and librarians work together to deliver instruction that focuses on critical thinking skills, literacy skills and curriculum connections.
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century library, **learning is social, customized and personalized**. Students are connected with information and each other, while creating new understandings and celebrating accomplishments.
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century library, **technology** is ubiquitous. Library users employ technology to locate materials and information, circulate items, collaborate with each other and create products. Librarians provide leadership and training for teachers and students in the use of current and emerging technologies.
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century library, the **collection is varied, focused and current**. It features “just in time” resources in multiple formats for all needs and interests, supports the curriculum and is appealing to library users.
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century library, systems and routines are established that **break down barriers** and allow students and teachers to use the library independently and at point of need.

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