Media Mentorship: The Role of Librarians

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Overview of presentation

Media mentorship and young children

Little eLit survey

Media mentorship movement & Diversity in Apps

Media mentorship and youth

Great stories club

Youth voices

Digital Youth Seattle Think Tank and Questions

Young Children, New Media, and Libraries Survey

Background





AAP and Dr. Christakis

Little eLit and ALA

Anecdotal evidence of use and experimentation with technology in libraries

Lack of a position from American
Library Association



Young Children, New Media, and Libraries Survey, cont.

Research Questions

What is the landscape in public libraries around the country with respect to new media use in programming for young children ages 0-5?

To what extent is technology being used in libraries?

What devices are being used?

What kind of funding and selection strategies are librarians using?

What are their plans for the future?

Young Children, New Media, and Libraries Survey, cont.

Results and Implications (see infographic)

415 libraries participated nationwide

Small and large libraries, rural and urban

iPads account for 91% of tablet ownership

71% reported using media in their programs with young children

58% of libraries plan to increase new media availability in programs and services for youth

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Media Mentorship and Youth

Why use social media with teens?

Teach about boundaries and expectations

Develop social & cultural competence

Foster empowerment

Gain personal identity and value

Present positive role models

Teens & Social Media in School & Public Libraries: A Toolkit for Librarians & Library Workers http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/professionaltools/Handouts/sn_toolkit11.pdf

Media Mentorship at KCLS

"Picture Yourself at the Library" contest

#selfieKCLS



Great Stories Club

Students in 50 grant-funded programs across the US read three books and discussed how media shapes individuals and influences whole societies.

Students at Foster High School created media responses for each title they read.

Opportunity to discuss issues of technology use and misuse and the role of the media in social movements.



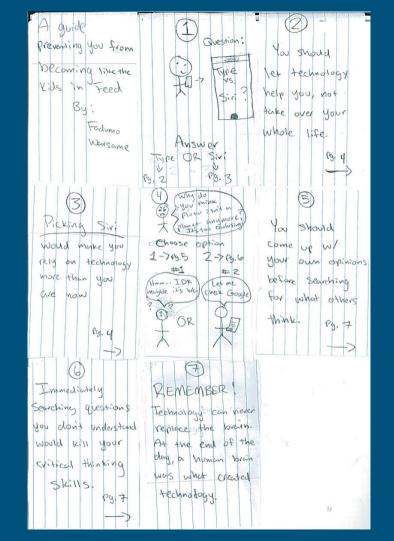
March: Book 1 by John Lewis & Andrew Ayedin



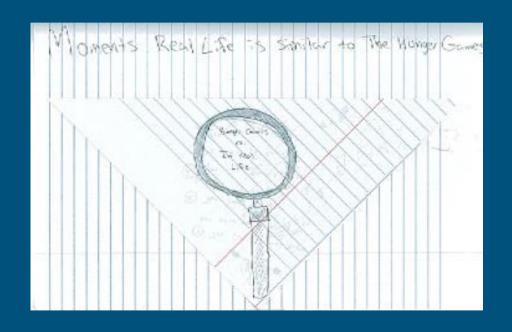


Feed by M. T. Anderson

WE CANNOT ALLOW TECHNOLOGY TO TAKE OVER OUR MIND AND SOUL OR WE WILL BE REDUCED TO MERELY ROBOTS MADE OFFLESH AND BONE HUNGRY FOR MORE



The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins





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Digital Youth Seattle Think Tank

October 16-17, 2014, University of Washington Seattle campus

A gathering of leaders in research, policy, and practice to discuss the role of technology in the lives of today's youth in six areas:

Formal and informal learning

Games and Learning

Digital and Information Literacies

Mind, Brain and Behavior

Social and Mobile Media

Information and Digital Policy

White paper available at *dystt.ischool.uw.edu*