

# 101 Best Strategies to Increase the Effectiveness and Impact of Your SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM (Grades K-12)

*Getting your library program ready for the new school year*



A Unique, One-Day, Live Online Seminar Presented by

**Cathy Smith**

Outstanding School Librarian and Presenter

**Specifically Designed for School Librarians, Media Specialists,  
Library Aides, Resource Teachers, and Administrators Serving  
Grades K-12**

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## Live Online Seminars

**July 28**

**9 AM Eastern**, 8 AM Central,  
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**July 29**

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CEUs and Graduate Credit Available  
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# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

*'This is a great seminar. The resources provided are going to help me reach more students.'*

LAURA REINERT



## Who Should Attend

School Librarians, Media Specialists, Library Aides, Resource Teachers, and Administrators Serving Grades K-12

### 1. Increase the Effectiveness of Your School Library Program: Get Your Program Back on Track in the Upcoming School Year

Learn how to make your library program more engaging and an essential part of the school ... Ways to get your library program back on track after the disruptions resulting from COVID-19

### 2. Explore the Latest Trends in School Libraries – What Are They and Do You Need Them in Your Library?

Makerspaces, coding, gaming, escape rooms, 3-D printers, STEM and STEAM activities are now in many libraries ... Find out if you need to invest time learning about them, and money purchasing them

### 3. Reclaiming and Reimagining Space You May Have Lost Due to Social Distancing Requirements

It's not your grandmother's library anymore! Make changes that make your library POP in ways that are effective and inexpensive

### 4. Utilize the Best Tech Tools that will Engage Your Students and Support Their Learning

Using technology does not have to be complicated ... Learn the best apps that will meet specific educational needs of your students and teachers

### 5. Reorganize Your Physical Presence and “Desktop” to a “Virtual” One

Students need access to various library tools when you are not available to help ... Learn practical ways to reorganize library resources for easier online access by your students

### 6. Support Your Curriculum and Teach Information Literacy Skills at All Levels

Discover powerful literature to captivate students while introducing subject-area content and information literacy skills

### 7. Increase Interest in and Usage of Your School Library

Making your library the “hub” of the school is easier than you think! Here's how! Develop a “Culture of Reading” throughout your school

### 8. Promote Independent Reading with Students at all Levels

We want our students to be good readers ... Find ways to get them in the library and into a good book!

### 9. Strengthen Your Students' Information Literacy Skills Using the *National School Library Standards for Learners*

Be sure that what you are teaching is relevant, reasonable and worth remembering by understanding the new standards from AASL

### 10. Receive an Extensive Digital School Library Media Resource Handbook

Leave the seminar with a comprehensive digital handbook that you will refer to in the days ahead to revisit ideas presented in this seminar ... These current ideas, strategies and materials will strengthen and enhance your school library program

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use to Improve Your Library Program in the New School Year

## What You Will Learn ...

- **101 of the best ideas** for strengthening your entire school library media program ... Proven ways to reinvigorate and re-imagine your library program for the upcoming school year
- **Tips to save time and energy** so you are better able to work with students
- **The latest trends** in school library services that would be most meaningful for your students and will highly impact your students' learning
- **Ways to update** your library and make it more student-centered
- **Proven ideas** for creating a culture of reading for your school, beginning in the library
- **Tips for scheduling** to maximize student learning
- **Examples of lessons** based on *National School Library Standards for Students*
- **Highly recommended apps** and help in deciding which ones apply to your students' learning needs
- **Ways to use readily available data** to tell the story of your library
- **How to gain greater support** for your school library program
- **Exemplary library policies** that are inclusive, not exclusive
- **Engaging methods** to attract student readers
- **Procedures** that make daily library practices flow
- **Innovative suggestions for collaborating and co-teaching online** when face-to-face is not possible



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– PAULA EVANS, LIBRARIAN

## Practical Ideas and Strategies to Recharge Your School Library Program in the New School Year

The role of the school library media specialist continues to evolve. Once thought of as mere “keepers of the books” or presenters of good stories, they are now called upon to be academic collaborative instructors with expertise in developing 21st Century information literacy skills. In this timely and highly practical seminar, experienced school librarian and district leader **Cathy Smith** will share how to use a highly effective, multi-faceted approach to librarianship. She will provide more than 100 innovative ideas, practical strategies and resources to increase the effectiveness and impact of your school library program. Cathy will share proven ways to better advocate for your school library to increase community and family partnerships. She will share proven ways to rethink collaborative projects and update library spaces to create a more future-ready, student-centered library environment. **You will leave this seminar with a plethora of practical, best practices for both the novice and the experienced librarian.**



# A Message From Your Seminar Leader, Cathy Smith



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

As an experienced school librarian and the supervisor of libraries in a large district, **CATHY SMITH** has had many opportunities to work a wide range of students, teachers and librarians. A sought-after conference presenter on a variety of school library topics, Cathy encourages librarians to make libraries student-centered, collaborative environments where students are enabled to be strong readers and users of information. She is the author of *101 Best Strategies to Increase the Effectiveness and Impact of Your SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM (Grades K-12)*, the extensive digital resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. Cathy's presentations are energizing and equipped with a wealth of practical plans and resources ready for immediate implementation!

Dear Colleague:

Extensive research and anecdotal records indicate that quality school library programs significantly impact student achievement. As a school librarian, co-teacher and district level library supervisor in a large, diverse school system, I know what it is like to have difficulty finding time to collaborate, plan, build a collection and meet the needs of teachers and learners. I have had the opportunity to learn, share and study best practices at every level.

My goal in this seminar is to provide you with a unique opportunity to take a look at your present practices and build on your successes. Examples of outstanding lessons, project-based unit ideas, school library redesign, and the latest tech trends will be presented. Our day will be filled with useful strategies and suggestions that will enable you to rethink your current practices, expand student-centered learning and enable you to effectively reach students, teachers and the entire learning community.

More than 100 strategies, resources and tips will be presented. I look forward sharing practical ways to help you get your school library program reinvigorated and ready for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Cathy Smith

P.S. This seminar will focus on **the best, most current, extremely practical and student-centered ideas** that you can begin using when you return to school!

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# What Your Colleagues Say About Cathy Smith

*"I am taking some **fantastic ideas** home with me."*

Amanda Kuzminski, Library Media Specialist

*"I love this seminar! I am an administrator and I attended with my media specialist and **we plan to implement several ideas that were discussed today.**"*

Octavius Mulligan, Principal

*"Cathy has such a **wealth of knowledge about school libraries.**"*

Paula Evans, Librarian

*"Cathy Smith presented us with a **tremendous amount of practical, research-based, time-tested strategies and information.**"*

Leanne Brown, Librarian



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*'Cathy presented great ideas. Her seminar invigorated me.'*

MICHELLE FUREY,  
LIBRARIAN

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## Extensive Digital School Library Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital school library resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar. The handbook includes:

- Creative, clear and easy-to-implement ideas getting your school library program ready for the upcoming school year
- Ideas for initiating updates of your library space that are cost-effective and eye-catching
- Information included on best practices, Future Ready Librarians, *AASL National School Library Standards*, ESSA, and advocacy
- Technology tools you won't want to miss
- Pointers for planning promotional events

## Share with Other School Librarians

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other school librarians interested in strengthening their school library program.

## Consultation Available

Cathy Smith will be available at the seminar for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own school library program.

## Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

Participants of both the Live Online Seminar and those completing the Recorded Version online can receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify five continuing education hours. In addition, state CEUs are available for both versions of the course. For details, visit [www.ber.org/ceus](http://www.ber.org/ceus)

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#### Recorded Version of the Seminar

This course will be video recorded and available to take online at your convenience. You'll have access to the entire course and to the extensive digital resource handbook. Optional CEUs and graduate credit available. To enroll, see registration form on page 7.



#### Related On-Demand Online Courses

A related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning course, *MAKERSPACES: Creating Motivating, Engaging Work Spaces for Your Library*, for Grades K-12, is available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit [www.ber.org/online](http://www.ber.org/online)

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## Registration (BSY1M1)

1. **July 28, 2021** (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
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POSITION, SUBJECT TAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration confirmations and login details are sent via e-mail**

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## Program Hours

- All Live Online seminars start times are described on the cover
- Check-in 15 minutes prior to the seminar
- Live Online seminars are five hours in length plus breaks
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100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the seminar. Late cancellations made prior to the event date will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

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**Includes an extensive Resource Handbook**

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## Get Your SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM Ready for the New School Year

**Summer 2021**

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