

### What is a learning commons?

A learning commons is a whole school approach to building a participatory learning community. The library learning commons is the physical and virtual collaborative learning hub of the school.

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This learning guide is designed for use by instructional leaders and professional learning communities or as a self-paced study to explore learning commons.



Use this learning guide after the webinar "Byting into the Learning Commons" 2,

**Synopsis:** The webinar "Byting into the Learning Commons" 2 presents suggestions for gathering and sharing evidence of learning commons success and sharing of submissions and questions from participants, as well as ideas and resources for further professional growth and LC networks.

### Key understandings:

- Gathering evidence of LC impact on student learning using a variety of strategies and tools and share what students are learning, making and doing in the LC.
- Create professional goals that are manageable, inspire practice, and have the greatest impact on student learning aligning with school, district, policy and standard goals/outcomes.
- Courses, books, journals, web sites, associations, networks, conferences and colleagues in the field are resources for professional growth.
- Local LC networks inform and support professional growth, address local, timely issues and facilitate LC project/development sharing.

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- How do you gather evidence & measure success that your LC goals impact your student's learning?
- What would you really like to focus on going forward?
- How could you form a local LC network in your district? If you have one, what new ideas or structures could you incorporate?

### Additional resources:

To access many professional growth resources, evidence gathering tools and standards of practice *Leading Learning* see Canadian School Libraries.

<http://www.canadianschoollibraries.ca>

Also, awareness and understanding of Alberta Education Learning Commons Policy & Guidelines

<https://education.alberta.ca/learning-commons/?searchMode=3>

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