

# School Library Technicians Dream Big: Working Together to Bring More to the School Library

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## Reading activities

- ★ Promoting reading and understanding of texts taught in the classroom.
- ★ **Murder Mystery:** Pre-reading activity for *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie. Introduces the concept of clue-following and the murder mystery genre, as well as research and library skills.
- ★ **Blackout Poetry:** Using old copies of books studied in the classroom to show student understanding of the text.
- ★ **Book Tasting:** Promoting reading for pleasure. Different variations and selection depending on the time of year.



## STEAM Night

- ★ Promoting cross-curriculum deep learning.
- ★ A collaboration between teachers and the Learning Commons to bring a fun evening of Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, and Math to grade 7 & 8 students.
- ★ Night ends with an engineering challenge in the Learning Commons run by the Library Technician.
- ★ Activities include catapult building, boat making, computer programming, fruit DNA, mystery boxes, UV art and more.

## Low-Tech Makerspace Collaboration

- ★ Challenge students in groups to work together to connect their creations/activities to a read-aloud or a unit being taught in class or simply let students create freestyle.
- ★ Create stations with different materials/activities for students to rotate through.
- ★ Promotes creativity, collaboration and making connections with what students read.



## Suggestions for Low-Tech Makerspace

- ★ Perplexus
- ★ Kapla 1000 piece wooden blocks
- ★ Playstix
- ★ Dado Squares
- ★ Squigz
- ★ Button-making

## Partnership with Public Libraries

- ★ Promoting literacy outside of school through exposing students to public library programs, including the TD Summer Reading program.
- ★ Bringing in local children's librarians to collaborate.
- ★ Expanding your school library collection availability through utilizing public library books and resources.
- ★ Promoting ESL resources for students offered at the public library to help with learning new languages.

