



10 ELEMENTARY LIBRARY IDEAS FOR SUMMER (PD EDITION!)

Idea #1: 4 Reasons to Love Online PD in the Summer

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)



Summertime is a great time to get in some professional development, but it's also time for you to relax!

Online PD is just what you need to learn on your own terms!

Read on for 4 reasons you should consider online professional development.

[\(Read the full article on The Trapped Librarian\)](#)

Idea #2: PD That's Relevant for Librarians!

by Collette Jakubowicz (Mrs J in the Library)

Let's face it, school-wide PD isn't always relevant to school librarians. If you have the opportunity to design your own professional development, advocate for yourself and your department to have that time!

This article has 15+ different ways to grow professionally, and some offer certificates to submit to your district for "credit" towards PD time.



[\(Read the full article on Mrs J in the Library\)](#)

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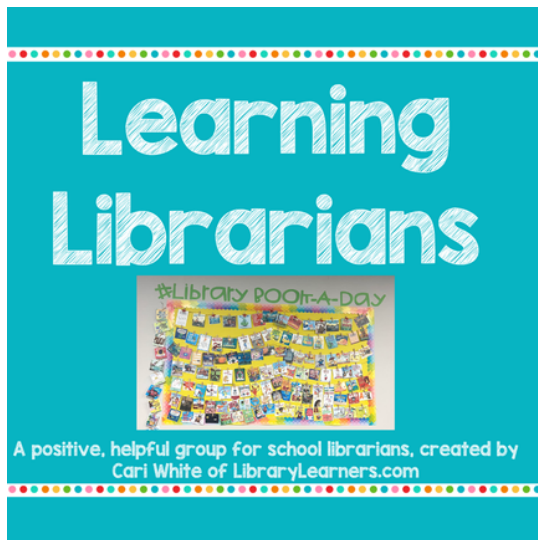
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Idea #3: Collaborate with Other Librarians

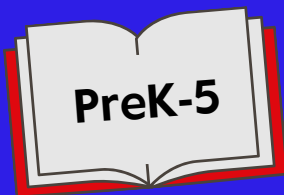
by Cari White (Library Learners)



The Learning Librarians Facebook group is a great online community to help you learn and grow as a librarian.

Use the search bar to look for the topic you'd like to learn more about, and you'll access several years of discussions on that topic!

[\(join the Learning Librarians Facebook Group\)](#)



Favorite New Book Releases

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)



PICTURE BOOKS

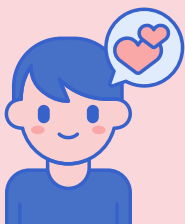
- *Big* (Harrison)
- *Simon and the Better Bone* (Tabor)
- *Summer Is for Cousins* (LaRocca)
- *From Here to There: A First Book of Maps* (French)
- *Bibi* (Weaver)
- *Oh No, the Aunts Are Here* (Rex)
- *The Good Hair Day* (Trimmer)
- *Hello, Mister Blue* (Peoples)
- *The Wishing Flower* (Irving)
- *The World's Best Class Plant* (Vernick)

CHAPTER BOOKS / NOVELS

- *Four Eyes* (Ogle)
- *The Firefly Summer* (Matson)
- *Ellie Engle Saves Herself* (Johnson)
- *A Work in Progress* (Lerner)
- *The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow* (Dimopoulos)
- *Ruby Lost & Found* (Li)
- *The Labors of Hercules Beal* (Schmidt)
- *Shakti* (Sindu)
- *The First Magnificent Summer* (Toalson)

SO MUCH PD! WHAT SHOULD I FOCUS ON?

Not sure what to focus on for Summer PD? Think about your interests! Many librarians gravitate toward specialties within the field. This could be research skills, promoting databases, booktalking, creating better lessons, storytime, teaching your own PD, displays, cataloging...whatever you love, focus on that skill and become an expert at it!



Idea #4: Try Some New School Librarian Apps

by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)



This easy, self-driven PD has links to explore 12 apps that are sure to help busy librarians add a little tech to library lessons.

Some are old favorites, but others may be new to you! Enjoy!

([Read full article on That Library Girl](#))

Idea #5: Take Some Time OFF!

by Julie Olson (That Library Girl) and Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)

When was the last time you went to the theater by yourself? Have you ever done it? If not, you are really in for a treat!

Summer is a GREAT time to enjoy a new movie that YOU want to see!

Treat yourself to some popcorn, an icy beverage, and some SnoCaps!



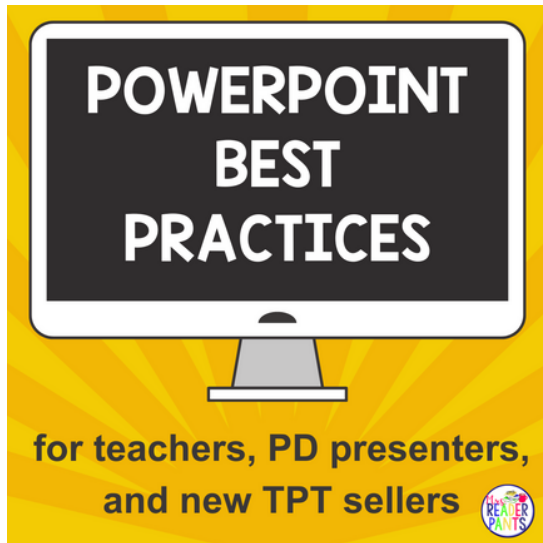
LINKS TO STATE READING LISTS

Want to focus on kids' reading this summer? Check out these state reading lists!

- [Vermont](#)
- [Tennessee](#)
- [Utah](#)
- [South Carolina](#)
- [Pennsylvania](#)
- [New York](#)
- [California](#)
- [Florida](#)
- [Georgia](#)
- [Pacific NW](#)
- [Ohio](#)
- [Kentucky](#)
- [Connecticut](#)
- [Colorado](#)
- [Arizona](#)
- [North Carolina](#)
- [Maryland](#)
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- [Hawai'i](#)
- [Oklahoma](#)
- [Texas](#)
- [Louisiana](#)
- [Illinois](#)
- [Michigan](#)

Idea #6: Learn Some PowerPoint Best Practices

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)



How many times have you been forced to sit through a terrible PD presentation? Did the presenter read the PowerPoint? Did they have text-heavy slides that you could not see? Did they use swirly cursive fonts on a red background? Yikes!

This is a new series of PowerPoint (and Keynote and Google Slides) best practices for teachers. The tips are also great for PD presenters and anyone thinking about creating presentations for TPT.

(see the first video in this FREE series on YouTube)

OUR FAVORITE SUMMER READS FOR ADULTS

- *Mad Honey* by Jodi Piccoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan
- *Carrie Soto is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter
- *The Gilded Ones* by Namina Forna (YA)
- *Reckless* by Cornelia Funke (borders on YA, but the characters are adults)
- *Fair Play* by Eve Rodsky
- *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah (audiobook is a MUST!)
- *Mythos: The Greek Myths Retold* by Stephen Fry
- *Allegedly* by Tiffany D. Jackson (YA)
- *The Hotel Nantucket* by Elin Hilderbrand
- *The School by the Sea* series by Jenny Colgan
- *Her Royal Spyness* mystery series by Rhys Bowen
- *Marmee* by Sarah Miller (*Little Women*, from Marmee's point of view)
- *The Best is Yet to Come* (and everything else) by Debbie Macomber
- *Sooley* by John Grisham
- *A Mile in My Flip-Flops* by Melody Carlson
- *The Happy Camper* by Melody Carlson
- *The Whistler* (Bk 1) and *The Judge's List* (Bk 2) by John Grisham
- *Bookshop by the Sea* by Denise Hunter
- *She Gets That from Me* by Robin Wells



Idea #7: Learn on Your Own Terms

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

This online school librarian PD series will help you become a more confident and effective school librarian.

You'll get practical ideas to help you meet the needs of your school community, make your library the center of your school, and consider national standards.

Learn from home anytime, bunny slippers optional!



[\(see this PD course in The Trapped Librarian TPT store\)](#)

PD Idea #8: Focus on Library Centers

by Collette Jakubowicz (Mrs J in the Library) and Cari White (Library Learners)



This brand new online course from Cari & Collette at Librarians Teach will help you explore library centers as a framework to create more engaging and effective learning spaces in your school library.

The first lesson is free, and just \$37 to take the full 90-minute course, which includes a note-taking guide and 11 library centers.

[\(Read more about the Library Centers Course\)](#)

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for teacher-librarians

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Idea #9: Dust Off Your Library's Cricut!

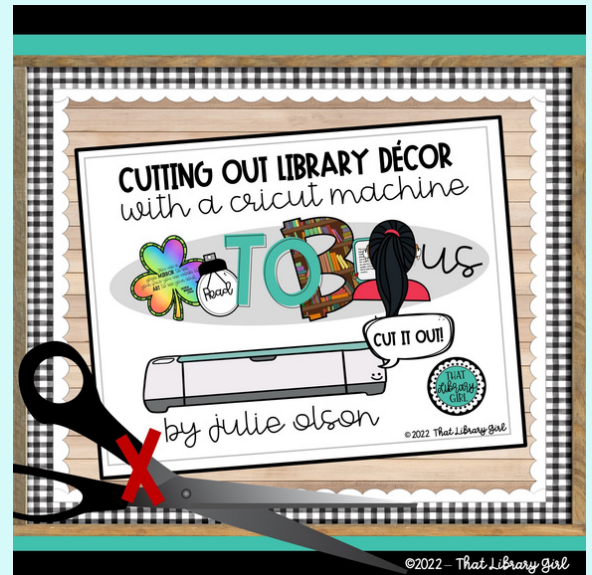
by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)

Is your Cricut still hiding in the box?

Get it out this summer and let me show you how to "print-and-cut" cute decor for your library!

My YouTube video will show you what to do step-by-step!

[\(read the article and see the video\)](#)



Library PD Idea #10: Advocate with Confidence

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

This free school librarian training will help you feel confident while advocating for your school library program.

Get simple, actionable tips for library advocacy. Download your free training today!

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