



PARTNERSHIP FOR
21ST CENTURY SKILLS

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Existing Programs

Description: The Massachusetts School Library Media Program Standards for 21st Century Learning (2003) presents inquiry-based learning as the method for integrating the structured, collaborative teaching and assessment of information and communication technology literacy competencies with Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks content. It proposes the structured, spiraling teaching of information and communication technology literacies within inquiry-based curriculum lessons to ensure that all students know and are able to meet PreK-12 ICT literacy outcomes. This document and its companion assessment rubric are available at:
<http://www.mslma.org>.

Highlighted Examples

An Integrated Information Literacy Skills Learning Scenario which demonstrates the building of 21st Century Learning skills is presented on pages 13-14. Olympics RAP is a collaborative, month long, 6th grade interdisciplinary unit simulating the process by which the site for the Olympic Games might be chosen. Students learn about culture, lore, climate, geography, venue design, and utilize a wide range of research and ICT literacy skills. A webquest that students use to access their assignments and related resources can be viewed at: The unit was collaboratively designed by the 6th grade team and the library teacher from the Carlisle Public Schools in Carlisle, MA. It was the recipient of the American Association of School Librarians 2001 ICONnect prize.

Implementing ICT and/or Technology Literacy Requirements

These standards provide an education model which integrates MA frameworks curriculum, learning skills, and 21st century tools, content, and assessments to help all MA schools create a vibrant education for their students. Effective school library media programs promote the engagement of students in meaningful and educationally rich learning experiences.

Terms Applicable to Initiative or Research

- Information and Communications Technology Literacy (ICT)
- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy
- Communications Literacy
- Telecommunications Literacy
- Technology Literacy

Additional Terms: Inquiry-based learning