Connected Learning
The Essential Mindset
to Serve Rural Youth in America

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Agenda

- Intro to Connected Learning
- Intro to ConnectedLib
- Share from our panelists:
  - Sonya Harsha
  - Hillary Huggins
  - Jae Steinkuhler
- Discussion in Breakout Rooms
- Large Group Discussion
Connected Learning in a Nutshell

Interest Driven

Supported by Relationships with Peers and Mentors

Opportunity Rich Environments

More Info: https://clalliance.org/about-connected-learning/
# ConnectedLib

[ConnectedLib Logo]

## Connected Lib: Helping Library Staff Make Learning Connections with Youth

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[Visit the ConnectedLib Website](https://connectedlib.github.io)

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Add Thoughts to IdeaBoardz

https://go.umd.edu/CLSideaz
What's resonating? What's surprising?

Don't forget to +1 other thoughts as you see notes appear!

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Our Panelists

Sonya Harsha, Young Adult Librarian
Algona Public Library, Iowa

Hillary Huggins, Teen Services Specialist
Central Skagit Library District, Washington

Jae Steinkuhler, Warrensburg Branch Manager
Trails Regional Library, Missouri
What’s Changed/Changing Through CL Understanding
1. Mentoring starts with building relationships
2. Find them where they are

learning Through ConnectedLib
1. Participatory Design
2. Dream with them
Hillary Huggins - Central Skagit Library District, WA - Teen Services Specialist

CL Mindsets
1. Outcome-Driven Mindset
2. Collective Impact Mindset

What’s Changed/Changing Through CL Understanding
1. Purposeful Planning & Planning Ahead
2. Building Relationships in the Library & Community

Learning Through ConnectedLib
1. Collaborative Process
2. Scalability
Jae Steinkuhler - Trails Regional Library, MO
- Warrensburg Branch Manager

CL Mindsets
1. Youth Development
2. Community Mapping

What’s Changed/Changing Through CL Understanding
1. Teens using social media to develop their identity
2. Rural areas have to partner outside their community

Learning Through ConnectedLib
1. Structured activities
2. Building bonds with the community
Breakout Rooms

Introduce yourself: Name, Institution, a few words about your work

Where do you see intersections between the library staff presentation and your own experiences with CL

- How can the discussed CL mindsets be instituted at your own setting?
- What other opportunities and challenges exist for incorporating CL into library practice?
Group Discussion
Thank you!

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