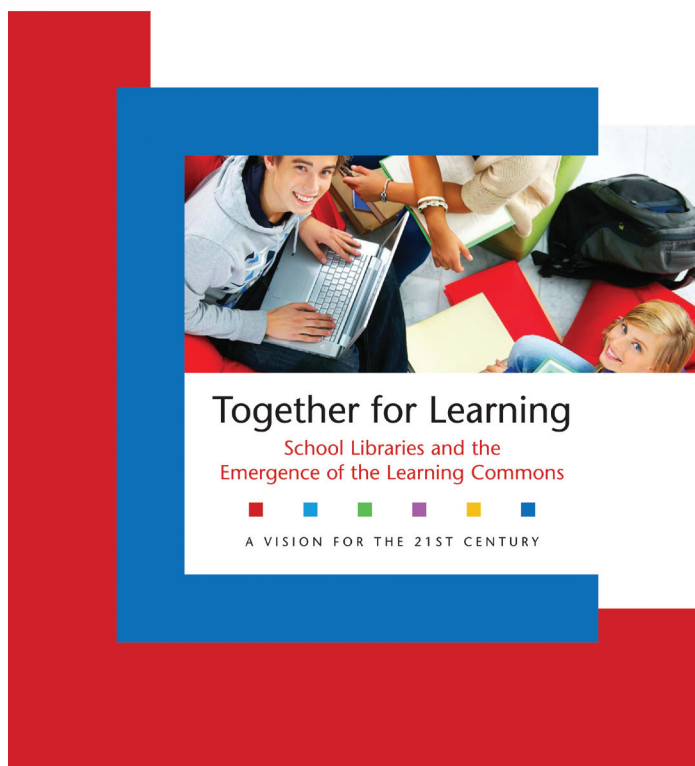




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Together for Learning... Together We Can



Since the publication two years ago of *Together for Learning: School Libraries and the Emergence of the Learning Commons: A Vision for the 21st Century* from the Ontario School Library Association, teacher librarians across the province have been trying out its ideas as they work to improve their programs. With the help of their Director of Education, John Kostoff, (who won the Ontario School Library Association’s Administrator of the Year Award for his efforts), teacher-librarians in the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) have been implementing a three-year plan to use the document. Lori McCannel describes its action plan with our readers. If you wish to read more specific details about her board’s approach, please write to Lori.Mccannel@dpcdsb.org for a copy of the original, 8-page description.

Background on the Board

Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board is a district with 120 elementary schools. Every elementary school library is assigned a minimum of a 0.5 teacher-librarian, with larger schools assigned more. Supporting the elementary teacher-librarians is an active local Teacher-Librarian Association that has played a pivotal role in ensuring that the Together For Learning vision can become a reality.

Year One

At the annual meeting with the Director, we agreed that the initial year was to be a time to become familiar with the document. The Director purchased copies of the T4L document for every TL, which they received at the annual First Day TL In-Service. The document is small in stature but large in scope — it wasn’t possible to implement all

