

Libraries Transform

What is iQ: smartparent?

iQ: smartparent is an Emmy-winning multimedia television and web series designed for parents that will empower them with new knowledge, tools, and abilities to successfully guide their children through the changing landscape of digital media and technology. It's a growing community of caregivers, national experts, educators, and parent bloggers who want to understand the opportunities and challenges of media as it relates to the development of their children. *iQ: smartparent* was created by WQED Multimedia in 2012.

About this Episode

Think your local library is a dusty old place filled with books no one reads? Think again! Maker spaces, 3D printers, media mentors, research databases, and ebooks, are just the beginning to how libraries are getting upgraded and transformed! This episode of *iQ: smartparent* explores how libraries are adapting for the 21st century!

Discussion Questions

1. How has your local library changed over the years? If it hasn't changed, what are some ways that it could change and improve?
2. After watching this episode, would you increase how often your family went to the library?
3. Do you see yourself and your child benefiting from 21st century libraries? Which of the resources mentioned in this episode would you use?
4. Next time you go to the library, what is a resource that you as an adult will personally look into?
5. Marie Bell Vargas said that it was alright to be honest with students and say that you don't know everything and that you're learning together. How does this change the learning experience?
6. Why is it important to teach children to use libraries as a resource for out of school learning (aside from homework help) and learning in adulthood?
7. What are some ways you can role model lifelong learning for students and children?
8. Does your library have media mentors? How can you be a media mentor? Or how can you learn from your library's media mentor?

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About the Guests



Felton Thomas, Jr. is the director of the Cleveland (Ohio) Public Library (CPL) as of January 2009. Prior to accepting this position, Thomas served as director of Regional Branch Services for the Las Vegas-Clark County (Nev.) Library District and President of the Nevada Library Association. He has served on PLA's Board of Directors since 2012 and standing committees since 2006, including PLA's 2007 National Conference Program Committee and the 2010 Annual Conference Program Coordinating Committee. Most recently, he served as Chair of the 2013 Demco New Leaders Travel Grant Jury, and continues to serve on the ALA Chapter Relations Committee. In 2013, Thomas was named to the Aspen Institute's Task Force on Learning and the Internet. Additional awards and accomplishments include being named a "Mover and Shaker" by Library Journal, and acting as a fellow in the Urban Library Council's Executive Leadership Institute. Thomas lives in Shaker Heights with his wife and two daughters, is an accomplished musician, and has become a devoted Cleveland sports fan since his arrival on the shores of Lake Erie.



Mary Frances Cooper is the 11th President and Director, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. A nationally recognized library leader, Cooper served as the Library's Deputy Director for nearly four years, where she led a community engagement process and oversaw Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Main and Neighborhood Library Services, Youth Services, Teen Services, Technical Services, Volunteer Services and Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped. She has led service innovations including the CLP-LYNCS (the Library in Your Neighborhood, Community and School) outreach program. She also served as the District Administrator for the state-designated Pittsburgh Library District where she oversaw support services supplied by the District Center to 44 independent libraries in Allegheny County. Cooper is the current chair of the board of the Electronic Information Network (EIN), which provides network and computer integration services to all libraries within Allegheny County. She is a member of the American Library Association, Public Library Association and Library Administration and Management Association. Cooper holds a M.S. in Library Service from Columbia University School of Library Service and a M.Ed. in Community Counseling from the University of Louisville.



Marie Belle Vargas is currently the Library Media Specialist at PS1x in New York City. She holds Master's degrees in Library and Information Science and in Bilingual education, and has more than 20 years of experience working with bilingual and mainstream students. She is passionate about empowering her students to become lifelong learners and responsible digital citizens. Mrs. Vargas has worked with students and teachers across New York City to help develop creative ways for technology integration in the classroom. She has presented at various educational technology conferences. She is an Edmodo Certified Trainer, Certified Common Sense Education Ambassador, PBS Learning Media Master Teacher, 2015 NYCDOE Excellence in School Technology Award recipient and the 2016 Common Sense Media-Educator of the Year Award.

Online Resources

American Library Association

Media Mentorship in Libraries Serving Youth www.ala.org/alsc/mediamentorship

Media Mentorship Guidebook

www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/2015%20ALSC%20White%20Paper_FI_NAL.pdf

Libraries Transform www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/

State of America's Libraries Report 2017 www.ala.org/news/state-americas-libraries-report-2017

The Libraries Transform Campaign www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/

A Librarian's Guide to Makerspaces: 16 Resources

<http://oedb.org/ilibrarian/a-librarians-guide-to-makerspaces/>

Exploring The Role Of The 21st Century Library In An Age Of E-Books And Online Content

www.knightfoundation.org/articles/exploring-role-21st-century-library-age-e-books-and-online-content

21st-Century Libraries: The Learning Commons

www.edutopia.org/blog/21st-century-libraries-learning-commons-beth-holland

Libraries at the Crossroads: The public is interested in new services and thinks libraries are important to communities

www.pewinternet.org/2015/09/15/libraries-at-the-crossroads/

Libraries and Learning

www.pewinternet.org/2016/04/07/libraries-and-learning/

How Librarians Are Rockin' the Makerspace Movement

www.common sense.org/education/blog/how-librarians-are-rockin-the-makerspace-movement

In Omaha, A Library With No Books Brings Technology To All

www.npr.org/sections/alltechconsidered/2016/05/31/477819498/in-omaha-a-library-with-no-books-brings-technology-to-all

Children's Librarians As Digital Media Mentors

www.fredrogerscenter.org/2014/04/14/childrens-librarians-as-digital-media-mentors/

New Media Training for Library Professionals

<http://teccenter.erikson.edu/tec/new-media-training-for-library-professionals/>

More than E-book vs. Print: The Concept of 'Media Mentors' joanganzcooneycenter.org/2014/09/04/more-than-e-book-vs-print-the-concept-of-media-mentors/

Library of Congress
www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/libsci/

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