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**CBE Libraries: A Transformation to Learning Commons Project**  
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Excitement about the potential of the transformation from Library to Learning Commons continues to spread throughout the CBE. We have several schools in the initial planning and discussion phases and several more that are moving ahead with an exploration of what the virtual learning commons could look like within a CBE setting. Exploration continues to reveal the importance of starting this process with a strong learning commons leadership team comprised of school administration, a lead learning commons teacher, collaboration with school-based subject and technology teachers, and library support staff.

Work continues at the Research & Learning Commons (RLC) to create a model for both the physical space of a learning commons, exemplars of collaboration within the space, and the creation of a Virtual Learning Commons. The move of the RLC to the new Education Centre will cast new light and attention on these initiatives. We are attempting to create a more dynamic shared community so that CBE experiences may be shared.

Strategic work continues with the Alberta Education School Library Services Initiative <http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/slsi.aspx> and the upcoming *NEXT: A Library Futures Symposium*, sponsored by The Alberta Library and Alberta Education promises to provide more guidance and insight into future provincial directions.

To follow the CBE Learning Commons journey, please regularly check this site:  
<http://www.innovativelearning.ca/sec-rlc/slib-learncomm.asp>