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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 is quickly spreading throughout the CBE. We have several schools in the initial planning and discussion phases and three that are moving ahead with an exploration of what the virtual learning commons could look like within a CBE setting. Exploration has revealed 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.

Many CBE representatives attended a full-day Learning Commons exploration: [Creating 21st Century Libraries: Moving Towards a Learning Commons](#) session with learning commons experts Dr. David Loertscher and Carol Koechlin at this year's April CRC Reaching & Teaching event. The emphasis was on the creation of the physical space in a learning commons, a Big Think, and the potential for creating a virtual learning commons. Other presenters included Judith Sykes (presenting on the [Alberta Education School Library Services Initiative](#)) and Erin Hansen, who presented on the [CBE Learning Commons journey](#).

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