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It's the beginning of a new school year and what better time for new and seasoned school librarians to read about practical tips for running their libraries. The sixth edition of *School Library Management* includes a wide range of articles contributed by experienced school library professionals. The book is organized into five major categories – Before you Start, The Big Ideas, Program Administration, Professional Growth and Staff Development and Where Do We Go Next?.

Those looking for collaboration ideas will want to read “*Collaboration: It Really Does Work*” by Jennifer L. Youssef. The increased emphasis on testing means teachers must find creative ways to teach content. This article describes an effort to develop a project for 6<sup>th</sup> graders that collaborates across Social Studies, English, and Information Literacy skills and uses the public library as a partner. Though there is no direct correlation mentioned to increase test scores the teacher noted improvement in the overall project results over previous years. If you're looking for ideas on how to re-design a school library media center for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century the text offers several articles on this subject in the Program Administration section that are worth the read. A book like this wouldn't be complete without articles devoted to technology and future developments in the Library Media Center. Among them Theresa A. R. Embrey's article, “*Open Walls to a Larger World: What Handheld Computing Can Do for School Libraries and Media Centers*” describes the challenges of bringing wireless to the library media center.

Several articles are reproducible forms labeled “*Tools of the Trade:...*”. While these can be helpful to the library media specialist, these additions would be stronger if they included an explanation for use, a description of why the form is important, and how it fits into overall library management.

Overall, this compendium of articles is worth the cost and would make a valuable addition to a library media center professional collection.

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