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Supporting Literacy for Diverse Learners through the School Library

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Twenty school library media specialists, ten from Henry County Schools and ten to be recruited statewide (focusing on underserved rural districts), will participate in a four-week, twelve-session workshop during Summer, 2017: *Learning to Support Literacy for Diverse Learners through the School Library* offered fully online by Dr. Nancy F. Knapp (Project Director) and Dr. Christy Desmet (English A & S Expert).

Using a variety of professional resources, presentations, and real-time interactive activities, workshop participants will develop deep content knowledge of literacy acquisition, development, and use, and potential barriers to literacy encountered by diverse students. They will focus on practical, proven strategies for meeting student literacy needs through school library media centers and work collaboratively to develop personal Action Plans using research-supported strategies to improve literacy skills and engagement of students in their own schools.

As participants implement, adapt and evaluate their Action Plans throughout the academic year (finishing by May, 2018), they will be supported through regular, structured collaboration and sharing in online large and small group meetings, as well as individual on-site visits and consultation with project personnel. They will report the results of their plans through online portfolios, summarizing project goals, documented student needs, implementation processes, evidences of student learning, and future plans.

This project is an online iteration of three recent Teacher Quality projects serving school library media specialists and a continuation of a line of successful Teacher Quality projects 5 offering personalized professional development in literacy from 2004 - 2016 to educators across the state of Georgia.

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