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Chapter Twelve: Professional Development

Review Questions

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The importance of developing your personal learning network (PLN) is discussed in this chapter. What is a PLN and who should be included in your PLN?

Oftentimes the task of professional development will fall to the school librarian. With your primary audiences being teachers and school administrators, what are some ideas discussed to plan a successful professional development session?

Thinking back to the professional organizations discussed in this chapter, why is it important to be involved in educational and library associations?

Remember the essential questions from the beginning of the chapter? Now that you've studied this chapter, are you able to answer these questions?

- Why and in what ways should school librarians engage in professional growth following their initial library and information science preparation?
- What are the potential roles of the school librarian in school-wide professional development?

To further deepen your understanding of this chapter, be sure to look at the Challenges to Promote Growth found on page 276.