Personal Learning Networks
Because being your best is a choice

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Why Networks?
Knowledge is formed through interactions and experiences, through connected networks in a community.

Learning is based on interaction and sharing, conversation and participation
Personal Learning Networks help you keep current with the education world and school library advocacy.
A Personal Learning Network is your own network that you choose...it can help you develop your skills, abilities, and ideas. This can consist of your Pinterest boards, blogs (Blue Skunk Blog) that you like to follow, or podcasts (Cult of Pedagogy podcasts) that you listen to. It could simply be a newsletter that you sign up to receive, such as Class Tech Tips or Common Sense Education.

- Informal
- Intentional
- Interactive
- Inspiring
- Individual-directed
- Lonely
- Isolated
- Other-directed
- Discouraging
Special Guest: Thomas Ivie, Master Networker

How do you like to network?

Why do you feel that networking is important?

What are some things to watch out for when you are trying to make connections?

Tools for Developing Your PLN

Paper.li
Pinterest
Google+ Community
Twitter
Edcamps
LinkedIn
School Library Journal Day of Dialogue
Common Sense Education

GoWYLD.net Blog
Wyoming Library Association School Library Listserv
Wyoming State Library Continuing Education Calendar
Wyoming State Library Blog/Facebook page
Information Power Pre-Conference
Wyoming Library Association Annual Conference

Tools for Developing Your PLN

Teachers First
Class Tech Tips
Blue Skunk Blog
Cult of Pedagogy
Wypeadchat
Feedy (RSS feed)
Evernote

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Thank you for joining me!

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