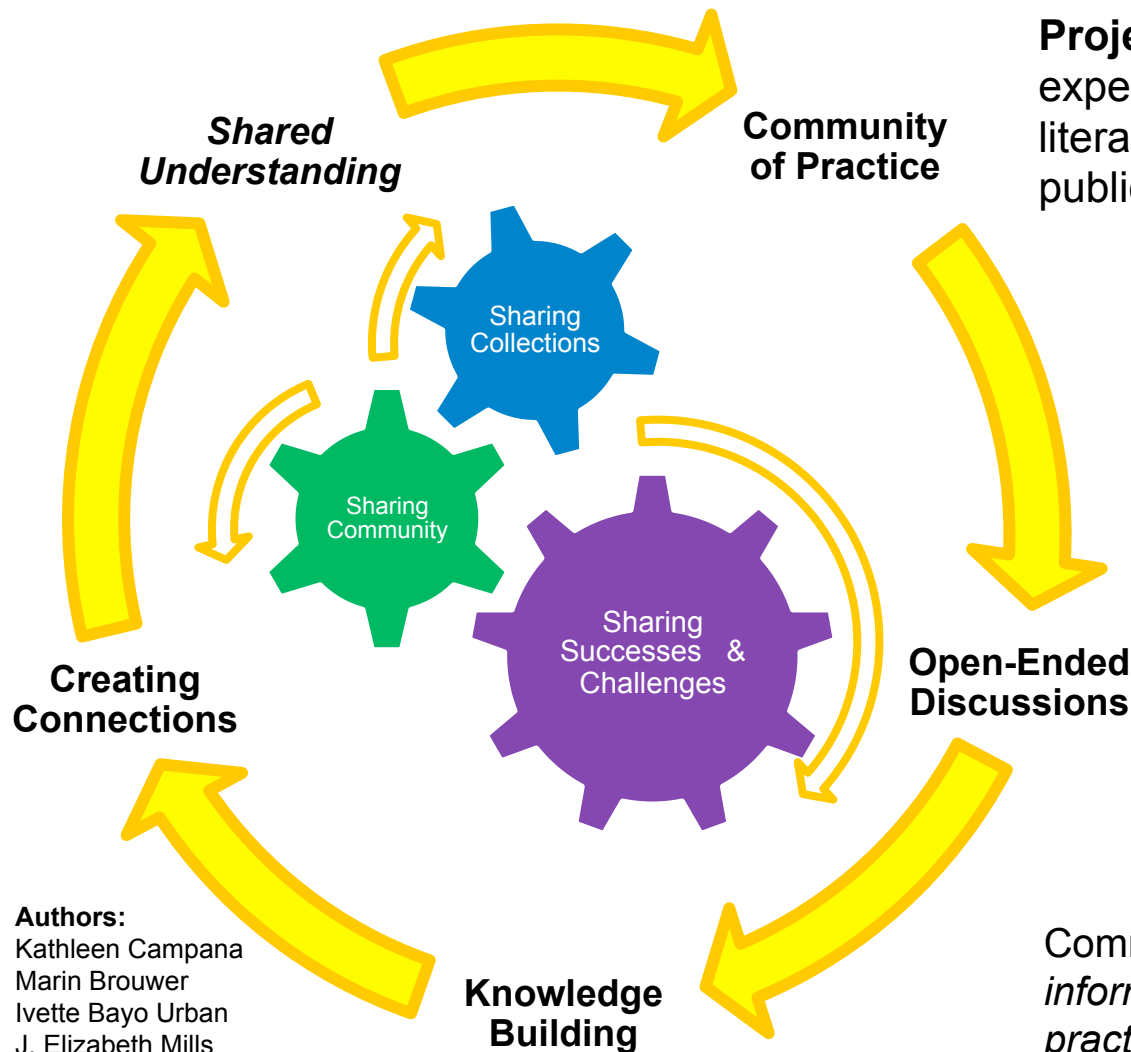


Connecting Collections and Cultures By Creating a Community of Children's Librarians Around Early Literacy Storytimes



Project: VIEWS2 – a 3-year quasi-experimental study examining the early literacy outcomes for children who attend public library programs

Participants: 20 children's librarians across the state of Washington

Plan: Deliver an interactive web-based training program to the children's librarians that supports the development of a virtual Community of Practice

Purpose: Understand the children's librarians' perceptions of the virtual Community of Practice they created as part of the web-based training program

Communities of Practice are *"collaborative informal networks that support professional practitioners in their efforts to develop shared understandings and engage in work relevant to knowledge building."* (Hara 2009 p. 118)

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