This workshop is designed for school librarians to explore play-based learning and its application within the elementary school library. It will focus on how school librarians can support inquiry, collaboration, and creative exploration through play. Participants will learn strategies to design standards-based learning opportunities that incorporate play, examine teaching practices that foster curiosity and engagement, and utilize formative assessment techniques to evaluate and enhance play experiences. This workshop emphasizes the library's role as a space for discovery, critical thinking, and joyful learning for elementary-age children.

PLAY-BASED LEARNING FOR

**SCHOOL LIBRARIANS** 

For elementary school librarians

**January 30, 2025** 

9:00 am - 12:00 pm ACES Staff Development 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT \$90.00 per person

## **Outcomes:**

- Develop a foundational understanding of play-based learning and its connection to the school library's instructional program.
- Plan standards-based, play-centered activities that promote inquiry, collaboration, and creativity for elementary learners.
- Identify and implement effective teaching practices that support play-based learning and foster student engagement and critical thinking.
- Utilize formative assessment techniques during play experiences to guide instruction and measure learning outcomes.

