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When asked recently to present the role of a teacher librarian to a group of student teachers, I did not want to simply stand up and talk to them. Instead, I decided to model how important it is to be a lifelong learner. Remembering an article published in The Medium in the Spring of 2010

(http://www.ssla.ca/medium_articles/medium_spring2010.htm), I set out to make a Prezi.

Prezi is a web tool that enables you to build and show presentations. Unlike the linear progression of slides in a PowerPoint presentation, Prezi allows you to put all your ideas into one large grid workspace. You show how the ideas relate to each other and zoom out to see the big picture or in to highlight smaller details. Developing a Prez is like constructing a brainstorming or mind map and then designating the path to work your way through the ideas. Colours, shapes, pictures, videos, and sound can all be inserted.

I spent two hours learning from the online tutorials (<http://prezi.com/learn/>), browsing the examples (<http://prezi.com/explore/>), and making my first Prezi. Like every learning experience, I know more now than I did when I started. Next time, I will begin with a smaller idea, work on a larger scale, and only vary the size of my ideas and link my pathway when I am almost finished. When I preview the fine examples online, I realize I have a lot to learn. However, a basic Prezi can be accomplished without too much difficulty or time.

This link will show you my first Prezi. I hope it will inspire you to try one too!

<http://prezi.com/05dqsswnxb2c/teacher-librarian/>