



The Power of School Libraries and Librarians

In addition to filling students' hands with books, libraries provide a world of opportunities to students of all ages. Librarians may find themselves filling other roles within the school, but their unique position can be maximized by focusing on engaging students in the following areas:

Knowledge Building
Libraries are a hub of information and learning opportunities. Librarians are in an exceptional position to facilitate building background knowledge for students by collaborating with classroom teachers on current topics being read about and discussed in class.
Media Exploration
Books in various formats, videos, digital resources, and other multimedia tools enhance student learning and development. Librarians can guide students in learning how to efficiently use devices and tools.
Digital Citizenship
Advances in technology provide a multitude of ways for students to interact, read, learn, and communicate. Librarians can capitalize on those opportunities and teach students how to be responsible, respectful citizens in the digital world.
Social Emotional Learning
In addition to digital citizenship, librarians can use stories to model healthy communication, friendships, relationships, and interactions. Fostering positive self-image and promoting knowledge, attitudes, and skills to help students understand and manage emotions effectively.
Equitable Access
Schools should ensure that there are books and resources available in libraries that extensively represent the cultures and communities represented within the school. Librarians should regularly incorporate culturally responsive texts and tools into activities, instruction, and conversations.
Research and Discovery
Libraries serve as a prime resource for expanding knowledge, conducting research, and discovering new things. Using all of the resources available at the library can enhance and expand student learning.

Schools are encouraged to invest available funds in library systems to support enhancing student learning, development, and citizenship.

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