School Librarians Answer Questions

From Students:
- Can you help me find an idea for my science project?
- Where can I find a diagram of the muscle structure of a cat?
- How can I get a book sent from another library?

From Administrators:
- Will you help me find anti-bullying resources?
- Where can I find websites and articles about differentiated instruction?
- Will you conduct a professional development session on using World Book Online?

From Teachers:
- Will you collaborate with me on a unit about marine life?
- Can you get me six extra copies of *The Outsiders*?
- Will you teach my students about citation and bibliographies?
- Will you help my students find informational texts online?

From Parents:
- What books would you suggest for a gift for my child?
- Can you help me understand texting lingo?
- Will you help me learn how to keep my child safe on the Internet?

What does a School Librarian do?
- Welcomes each student to the library to explore and learn
- Teaches students how to find information from many sources
- Teaches students and staff to use databases and access online information
- Teaches students the research process
- Is a link to other libraries
- Provides equal access to information
- Prepares students to be lifelong learners
- Locates current research information for students, staff, and administrators
- Promotes reading
- Collaborates with teachers to plan, teach, and evaluate instruction

School Librarians Impact Student Achievement

School libraries staffed by certified School Library Media Specialists (school librarians) make a measurable difference on student achievement and test scores as shown in studies in nineteen states.


School Librarians Have an Important Role in Teaching

School librarians are important instructional partners with other educators, helping to develop and support the curriculum by using the library’s resources to enhance learning.

School Libraries Inspire Literacy

School libraries are the educational hub of the school community and are sophisticated learning environments, offering print and electronic resources that provide equal learning opportunities to all students, regardless of socio-economic or education levels.

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