

School Librarians as Learning Leaders:

An Administrator's Guide

As an administrator, you are asked to be knowledgeable about many facets related to education. An asset for you and everyone in the school community is the school librarian. The school librarian, in collaboration with others, plays a unique and significant role as a leader in the development of the school library as a learning environment conceived to meet present and future needs of students as they become successful, information-literate learners, workers, and citizens.

Assembled here is a focused list of resources that reflect the potential of today's school librarian to be a leader in furthering school instructional goals, building a collaborative culture, and impacting student achievement. Access additional resources at www.ala.org/aasl/learningleaders.



TEACHING

Delivering Effective Instruction



Digital Native ≠ Digital Literacy (Article)

There's a difference between being able to access a device and being able to access, evaluate, and use the available information. This article details how librarians, working with other educators, can transform learning environments to ensure students' digital literacy.⁹

School Librarians Transform Learning (Infographic)

Data show that school librarians are needed more than ever to provide equitable physical and intellectual access to resources and tools within a stimulating and safe learning environment.⁵



Leading In and Beyond the Library (Report)

Digital citizenship and effective use of technology are essential skills for student success. This report outlines how school librarians lend professional expertise to the common goal of improved learning and instruction through technology resources and tools.²



LEADERSHIP

Leading for Innovation and Engagement



AASL 2016 NSLPY Award Recipient (Video)

Visit Veterans Memorial Elementary School in Naples, Florida, recipient of AASL's 2016 National School Library Program of the Year Award, and discover how school libraries and school librarians impact student learning.³

Definition of an Effective School Library Program

(Position Statement)

AASL's position statement clearly states that meeting the personalized learning and resource needs of all students is the core mission of professional school librarians. Fully staffed and supported school libraries foster individual student growth.⁴

Future Ready Librarians (Infographic)

Future Ready Librarians (FRL) are at the forefront of transformational, digital learning as they "lead, teach, and support" school learning goals that result in personalized student learning.¹

Principals Know: School Librarians Are the Heart of the School (Video)

Hear what other administrators, from many different districts and at all levels, have to say about the importance of the school librarian in their schools.¹⁰



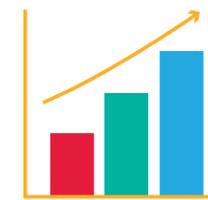
School Libraries Matter: The Changing Role of the School Librarian (Video)

This is not the school library of the past! Principals, publishers, school librarians, and library leaders explain why school libraries of today have evolved and are the heart of the school!⁷



EVIDENCE

Making a Difference for Students



Scholastic's School Libraries Work! A Compendium of Research Supporting the Effectiveness of School Libraries (Research Report)

Research supports the power of school library programs to transform student learning outcomes. That is why School Libraries Work!, which is based on ongoing research, is such a valuable resource for understanding the potential of school libraries.¹¹

School Libraries & Student Achievement (Infographic)

The School Library Impact Studies provide a rich body of research that makes the case that robust library programs positively impact student achievement far beyond the school library walls.⁸



School Library Programs Improve Student Learning: Administrators (Resource)

This resource outlines the role of the school librarian as a collaborative instructional leader, improving student learning and positively contributing to the entire school community.⁶

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