According to the American Association of School Librarians, students who are information-literate can:

- inquire, think critically, and gain knowledge;
- draw conclusions, make informed decisions, apply knowledge to new situations, and create new knowledge;
- share knowledge and participate ethically and productively as members of our democratic society; and
- pursue personal and social growth.

These skills will make your child or teen a lifelong learner.

Research has proven that:


“Strong school library programs are essential to create a fair balance between children who have access to books outside of school and those who do not. Not all children have easy access to a public library or can afford to visit bookstores for their reading and research needs. Even for students near public libraries, access to resources has been reduced as public library budgets and hours have been cut.”


― Research also shows that quality school library programs under the direction of a certified/licensed school librarian result in higher levels of academic achievement as evidenced by improved standardized reading and writing test scores. “Quality school library programs and librarians help children and teens by teaching them how to find reliable information, think critically, make informed decisions, work productively with others, use the Internet safely and ethically, and communicate ideas effectively.”

Using relevant school library guidelines as a foundation, this brochure outlines goals and key questions that detail what you as a parent should expect from your school’s library program and ways that you can become involved. In their lifetime, our children will need to solve problems that we cannot yet even imagine. Already they are using new communication and information technologies that make students of today global citizens who will compete internationally for the jobs of tomorrow. Working together, parents, school administrators, and librarians can develop a top-notch school library program that is the hub of learning in the school to give students the necessary tools, instruction, and resources to achieve—now and in the future.


Savvy parents and educators know that the school library is key to having their students not just to read but to practice the skills they need to work, evaluate, and use information throughout their lives. In fact, research shows these students from schools with professionally staffed, fully equipped libraries score higher on achievement tests.