



# Librarians & Library Workers are a Teacher's Best Friend!

**Librarians and library workers know that teachers are busy and, as trained professionals, they are happy to help you develop and implement your lessons. Here are just some of the ways they can help:**

**Public Librarians** (in particular Children's, Youth and/or Teen Services Librarians, most of whom have a bachelor's degree in a subject area as well as a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science):

- When given notice, they can ensure that materials are available for school projects, homework assignments and summer learning
- Provide training to staff or students on how to effectively use and evaluate any of the library resources, such as online databases, web sites, magazines, reference materials, digital tools, books and more
- Assemble thematic collections of materials, which are checked out to the teacher for classroom use
- Find needed materials outside of the library via interlibrary loan
- Assist with planning and carrying out activities on a range of topics, such as college & career prep, digital citizenship, and text-based literacy
- Recommend appropriate resources and digital tools for specific age groups or for a specific topic
- Visit your school or classroom to do things like issue library cards, sign students up for summer learning, give booktalks and more
- Develop a curated list of recommended resources for students to use for a particular research topic

**School Librarians** (also called Library Media Specialists, Teacher Librarians and/or Media Specialists, who are certified teachers who take additional training in library and information science in the form of a certificate and/or an advanced degree.) They can provide all the services and resources mentioned above as well as:

- Assist with unit and lesson planning, including suggesting library resources appropriate to the curriculum or standards being addressed
- Help incorporate key research and digital literacy skills into a unit or lesson
- Supply faculty with a professional library of materials in the field of education
- Provide staff development on topics such as instructional technology, digital citizenship, online safety and privacy, etc.
- Recommend resources for your classroom library and/or recommend the best vendors for purchasing items for classroom libraries
- Help select and incorporate appropriate instructional technologies into your lessons

**Academic Librarians** (also called College or University Librarians)

- Give your students a tour of the library and highlight some key resources
- Help your students learn advanced research skills
- Provide your students with access to advanced or specialized materials on a particular academic topic