

School Librarians are Uniquely Positioned to Enhance Student Learning



School Librarians, certified as School Library Media Specialists in New Jersey, are professionals who positively influence student learning and help teachers to craft assignments that promote critical thinking and the development of life-long learning skills.

“School librarians are masters at leading from the middle, helping colleagues implement standards and new ideas. Because the librarian has a whole school perspective, he or she can connect teachers to the principal’s vision and to one another, strengthen learning in each classroom by integrating the teaching of information skills and the use of technology, and foster connections between the teaching and learning in the school and the outside world.”

~Barbara Stripling, ALA Past President
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SCHOOL LIBRARIANS ELEVATE STUDENT LEARNING

INQUIRE



Librarians partner with teachers to craft authentic research assignments.

Students develop and refine questions throughout the research process.

READ



Librarians provide free access to fiction and nonfiction titles for reading and research.

Students read for recreation, to expand their knowledge, and to develop empathy.

RESEARCH

Librarians teach how to find, evaluate, and curate relevant, accurate information.

Students conduct short and long research projects using materials that extend learning.

SHARE



Librarians model collaborative work strategies, incorporating diverse perspectives.

Students learn to interact and collaborate with others appropriately.

CREATE



Librarians provide a welcoming and inspiring place to create and learn.

Students use available tools to demonstrate knowledge, share ideas or solve problems.

GROW

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Research Confirms

Research studies from more than 24 states demonstrate that professionally credentialed school librarians and active school library programs have positive quantitative and qualitative impacts on student learning.

"... school librarians are highly involved leaders who play a critical role in their schools through consistent and sustained collaboration with other educators."¹

~ National Center for Literacy Education (2013)

"Findings show that New Jersey school libraries and school librarians contribute in rich and diverse ways to the intellectual life of a school, and to the development of students who can function in a complex and increasingly digital information environment."³

~ Dr. Ross Todd, CISSL,
The New Jersey Study of School Libraries (2012)

"... school libraries can be a very effective tool in closing the achievement gap."²

~ Briana Hovendick Francis,
Keith Curry Lance and Zeth Lietzau, The Third Colorado Study (2010)

"... all K-12 students need and deserve quality school library programs with full-time certified staff. Students are more likely to succeed when they have library programs that are well staffed, well funded, technologically well equipped, well stocked, and more accessible. And, the neediest learners may benefit the most from trained librarians and quality library programs."⁴

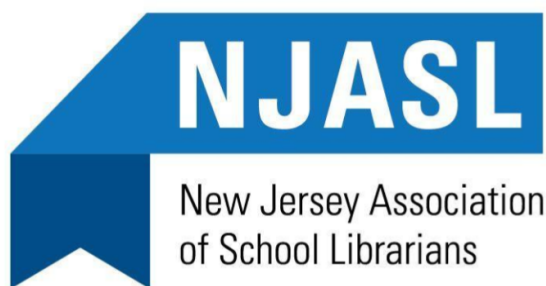
~ Debra E. Kachel and Keith Curry Lance,
PA School Library Project (2012)

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**INSPIRING EXCELLENCE
IN LIBRARIANSHIP
IN LEARNING**

The New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL) believes students achieve success through inquiry-based, collaborative school library programs led by credentialed school library media specialists.

NJASL provides school library media specialists with educational opportunities and current information aligned with state and national learning standards to ensure that all school libraries empower students, faculty, and staff to become effective and ethical users and producers of information.

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