ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND LIBRARIES

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Who is NJASL?
The New Jersey Association of School Librarians is the statewide professional organization for school librarians.

We advocate for high standards for librarianship and library media programs in the public, private and parochial schools in New Jersey to inspire excellence in school librarianship and learning.
NJASL Members
NJASL membership includes almost 1000 school library media specialists from public, private, parochial schools from all across the state of New Jersey.

We also have student members and members from higher education and library graduate programs.

NJASL Board of Trustees:
http://www.njasl.org/BoardTrustees

Current President, Lisa Bakanas,
HS Librarian, Cherokee HS
NJASL's Mission
To ensure that students and staff:
● become critical thinkers,
● effective and ethical users and producers of information

Support:
● NJ Student Learning Standards
● National Standards: AASL, ISTE and other national standards
NJASL’s Vision
• That every student in every school in New Jersey is served by a certified full time School Library Media Specialist.
• All NJ students are empowered to achieve college and career readiness through active and collaborative library programs.
• School library media specialists are indispensable resources in their school communities.
Guiding Principles of NJASL
• Reading is essential for lifelong learning
• Individuals have a right to access ideas and information
• Teaching students how to learn from information in a variety of formats and platforms is the central role of SLMS
• All students, regardless of community demographics, achieve greater academic success when effective school library media programs are integrated into their learning.
Statistics
• English Language Learners (ELLs) make up 10% of public school populations.
• Students who are ELLs participate in language assistance so they can attain English Language proficiency.
• The percentage of students in ELL programs is much higher in urban than suburban areas.
• Spanish speaking ELL students makes up the highest percentage of native languages.
Literacy and Libraries
How Are NJ Librarians Helping ELL Students?
Collection Development
Translating Services
Open Access to the Library
Library Instruction
Collaborate
More Resources

- 10 Ways to Support ELL Students in the School Library
  http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/10-ways-support-ells-school-library

- Libraries and English Language Learners -
Makerspaces & ELL Students
Makerspaces Democratize Learning
Makerspaces Offer Open Access to All Students
Makerspaces Offer Authentic Experiences
Makerspace Tools
Created For Speakers of All Languages
Making Provides Opportunities for ELL Students to Interact with Non ELL Students
Free Reading & School Libraries
Student Driven Libraries
Diverse Collections
Graphic Novels in the Library
Audiobooks
Bilingual Print & Ebooks
Library Resources

- Books
- Multimedia
- Databases
- Technology Tools for Learning
Professional Development

NJASL Urban Libraries Group
NJASL Fall and Spring Conferences
Workshops such as:

- Engaging English Language Learners in 21st Century Skills: Home
- Team EdCamp: This year’s topic: Leading Cultures of Literature
NJ State Library Resources
NJ State Library Contact: Sharon Rawlins, MLS
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Bilingual Resources compiled by Sharon Rawlins

List of websites, apps, professional readings, and suggestions for storyhours

Diversity and Literacy Services: Contact Mimi Lee

ESL Classes in NJ Public Libraries - list of libraries and services offered
NJ State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center
Free reading resources for students available who have difficulty reading standard print due to:

- Physical impairment
- Vision impairment
- Reading disability
Fade to Books Program:

- Found in urban areas (most of which serve ELL populations)
- Barbershops give books to young boys and teens
- Mini libraries in barbershops
- Books provided by Bridge of Books Foundation
- Some bilingual materials are available
- Started with Long Branch Public Library
DeWitt, Peter. “Makerspaces: What Can They Do For ELL Students.”

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