What does a School Librarian Do?

- provides equal access to information
- teaches how to find information from many sources
- teaches how to analyze information
- provides electronic access to information
- trains students to use library computers
- acts as a link to other libraries
- assists in the research process
- prepares students to be lifelong learners
- locates current research information
- supports the curriculum with additional resources
- promotes reading
- collaborates with teachers to plan, teach, and evaluate instruction
- develops systems to help provide access to Internet resources

School Librarians Answer Questions

From Students:
- Where will I find out about life on Mars?
- Do you have a picture of a manatee for art class?
- How do I use the Internet?
- Can I send e-mail to my friend in France?
- How do I get information from another library?

From Teachers:
- Will you do an ERIC search?
- Would you help me with a unit on marine life?
- Do you have six extra copies of The Outsiders?
- Will you help my students use the Internet?
- Will you put together some books by Bill Peet for my room?

From Administrators:
- What can you find out about block scheduling?
- Can we build a web page for our school?
- What listservs would keep me current on education?
- Are there any web sites that would be helpful to me?

From Parents:
- What books would you suggest for gifts?
- Do you have anything about communication between parents and teenagers?

...a school librarian directs students to resources.

...a school librarian can help you e-mail your friend in France.

...a school librarian can help you prepare a unit on marine life.

...a school librarian can help you navigate the World Wide Web.

...a school librarian can help you find information about communicating with your child.
A School Librarian:
- has a Bachelor’s Degree
- has a Master’s Degree
- is certified by the New York State Education Department
- has taken education courses
- is committed to excellence in school library service for all students

Support staff in the library includes non-certified aides, clerks, or assistants.

A School Librarian remains a leader by:
- fostering use of new technology
- attending workshops
- being active in professional organizations
- participating in professional development
- participating in School Library System programs
- attending conferences
- reading professional materials
- serving on school-related committees
- participating in community activities

Who needs a School Librarian?
You Do!!

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