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## Library Media Teacher: Skills and Competencies

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Libraries are now at the threshold of a new information age. Changes necessitate expanded knowledge, skills, and vision.



# How can a school library ..

- Be a knowledge space?
- Be a center for learning activism?
- Actively contributes to the school as a thinking community?
- Shows that it makes a difference to student learning?



# What is a Good School Library

- ➡ It has a qualified teacher-librarian, it is a place for Learning Activist not a Classroom Escapee
- ➡ It supports the mission and continuous improvement plan of the school focusing on learning outcomes .



# The focus of School Library

**“Celebrate the understood, not the found”**



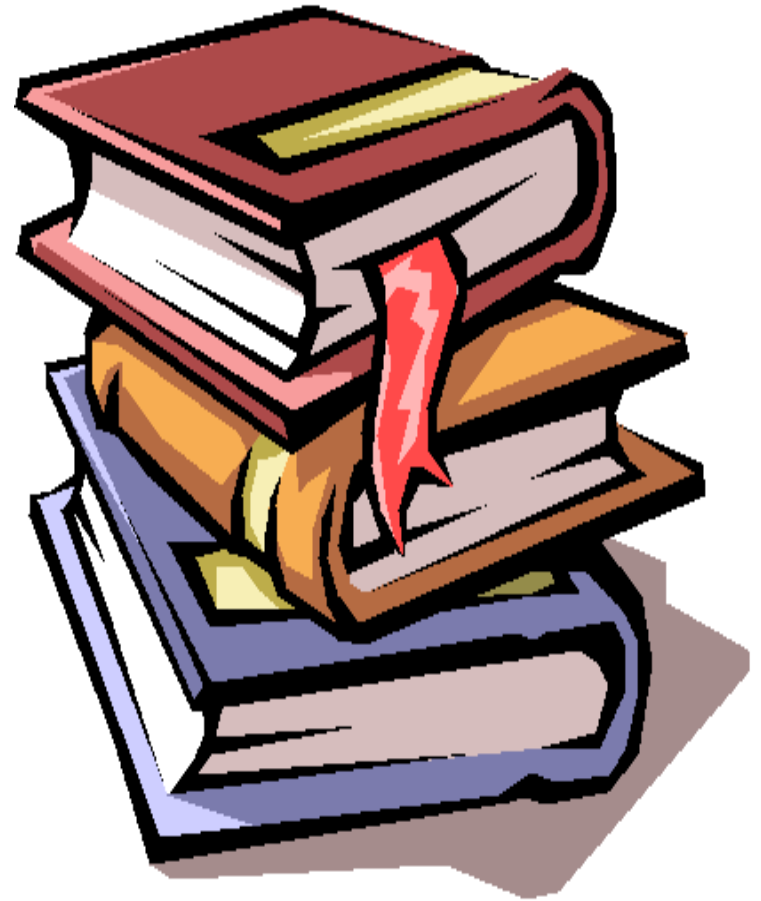
► It actively supports the curriculum providing of up-to-date related resources, in collaboration with classroom teachers.

► It provides individual and group instruction in information and critical literacies (teachers and students)



► It has a vibrant reading program for academic achievement and personal enjoyment

► It collaborates with other libraries: public, government, community resources



► It provides an integrated and rich information technology environment to support teaching and learning

► It provides leadership to students and staff in the use of electronic resources and integrating information technology into learning





# Library Media Teacher

1. Is knowledgeable about content area curriculum standards.
2. Actively participates in curriculum development.
3. Promotes reading.
4. Meets, plans, and collaborates with classroom teachers.
5. Teaches students how to access, evaluate, and use information.



- 6. Trains teachers in the use of information technology.**
- 7. Promotes ethical and responsible use of information.**
- 8. Takes an active role in the instructional program of the school.**
- 9. Effectively manages the library collection and library program to make it an integral part of the school.**
- 10. Positively impacts student achievement.**

School libraries are vital  
to effective learning in an  
information age school.  
Just don't say it, show it!

Ross J Todd

Thank You!

