



Promoting all libraries in Indiana and fostering the professional growth of our members

How Indiana's School Libraries Advance and Support Educational Outcomes

1. **Academics** – School librarians provide supports to teachers in planning curriculum aligned to standards, incorporating digital and print resources. School librarians serve as instructional coach as well as content source curator.
2. **Assessments** –
 - a. Libraries offer areas of games, trivia and electronic tools to help practice for assessments, which is especially important for disadvantaged learners who may have language or socio-economic barriers.
 - b. Librarians prepare assessments with rubrics and other items to support learning opportunities.
 - c. School librarians provide one-on-one support for students who are needing help in preparing for assessments.
3. **Accountability systems** – Some school librarians maintain student databases for English and reading, providing data for teacher and school accountability. School librarians provide resource lists of texts aligned with standards to help with school accountability.
4. **Effective Teachers** – School librarians serve as instructional coaches to fellow educators, helping them incorporate digital and print resources into the classroom more effectively and helping align their assignments and materials to the standards.
5. **School supports** –
 - a. School libraries and certified librarians are critical to helping students who are reluctant readers or ELL.
 - b. School libraries provide a safe space for students to study and explore ideas.
 - c. Some school libraries operate or staff literacy programs.
 - d. School libraries are critical to students of families who live in poverty or on the edge of poverty, as today's students need access to the electronic tools to get assignments and projects completed.
6. **School improvement activities** – School librarians provide professional development to teachers, especially in integrating technology and standards-aligned materials. The School librarian provides materials to teachers that help to meet School Improvement Goals.

Every Student Succeeds Act – ESSA includes multiple provisions that include school libraries and certified librarians in implementation. School librarians are allowable uses of funds in the professional development and school improvement strategies allowed under ESSA. School librarians may provide professional development of fellow educators, making cost effective use of limited taxpayer funds.

External Support for Effective School Libraries –

- Employers in our community are desperate for graduates with basic skills that are developed in the library.
- College and university faculty are sharing how students arrive without basic reading, exploration and research skills they would learn in the library.

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