



School Libraries Matter!

School Libraries Teach Future Citizens How to Think Critically

Through access to the extensive material available in school libraries, students learn how to analyze diverse sources of information, think critically, explore new ideas, and make decisions.

School Libraries Level the Playing Field

Libraries provide unbiased and unlimited access to all students and help students cross the digital divide by offering places to access technology and the Internet when they may not be available at home.

School Libraries Provide a Safe Oasis for Learning

School libraries provide safe spaces for intellectual curiosity where students may explore their interests without judgment and embrace learning as a life skill, not just an academic necessity.

School Libraries Encourage Reading and Exploration with Curriculum Connections

School libraries are resources for students and teachers alike. Libraries support the classroom curriculum, and research shows a strong connection between school library infrastructure and student achievement.

School Libraries Provide Community Space

Open before school begins and after the final bell, school libraries offer safe and secure spaces for students to meet for extracurricular clubs and planning committees or to work on group projects.

School Libraries Improve Student Literacy

Students may select books that match their interests and reading abilities from school library shelves. Research shows that students are more likely to read more when they can choose their own books.

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