



What research data defends certified School Librarian's impact on learning?

What research data is available demonstrating the impact of certified librarians on student literacy and general achievement?

- Currently available research about the impact of school libraries shows a strong correlation between libraries and student achievement growth. Many states, including TX in 2001, have replicated the results: students in schools with certified librarians and school library facilities do better on mandated standardized testing than students in schools without librarians.
- Scholastic offers this convenient summary of administrative perspectives on what libraries contribute to schools.
- http://www.scholastic.com/SLW2016/resources/documents/SLW_Sample_PA.pdf
- Scholastic's **School Libraries Work! 2016** <http://www.scholastic.com/SLW2016/> This compendium updates and builds upon the 2008 edition, reinforcing the most relevant themes from that report while highlighting recent research at both the national and state levels. At a national level, this report highlights key findings from the National Center for Literacy Education, along with the *School Library Journal's (SLJ)* national analysis of the relationship between librarian staffing and the National Assessments of Educational Progress (NAEP) fourth-grade reading scores.
- **Improving Literacy Through School Libraries** <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/lsl/index.html> US Department of Education (last modified June 2014)
- https://www.lrs.org/documents/school/school_library_impact.pdf Overview Infographic from Library Research Service in 2013.

What does a certified librarian bring to students that untrained library staff do not?

- Minimum 2 years classroom teaching experience
- Minimum 18 hours library coursework
- Texas certification exam

This powerful combination of knowledge impacts the librarian's impact on daily curriculum design and implementation, collaboration with classroom teachers and campus administrators, awareness of student needs and enthusiasms. K-12 librarians are on the front lines of connecting student readers to the best books to expand their literacy and their love of both reading and learning. Library staff without training do not have all of these knowledge elements available as they work to support students; one or several important components of the library program will be missing if the library staff is not led by a certified librarian.

What should a campus administrator expect of the school librarian and the school library program?

- Colorado's Library Research Center offers this analysis of a Highly Effective School Library Program which includes a rubric for evaluative purposes. <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib//highlyeffective>
- The School Administrator Toolkit: A Guide to Hiring School Librarians <https://sites.google.com/site/hiringlib/>

How do school librarians and campus libraries fit into ESSA funding priorities?

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission offered this PDF [The School Library Program: The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 \(ESSA\)](#). Further details about ESSA are being worked out, and updates will be available.