

Library
Services for
Schools

Services for Secondary Schools



Inspiring reading and supporting literacy



About Library Services for Schools

Our aim is to make a difference to the reading and learning experiences of all young people by providing responsive and innovative services geared to the needs of schools, staff and pupils.

We provide high quality book resources as well as advice, training and practical support to improve school libraries and raise the profile of reading within secondary schools.

We provide:

- Cost effective long or short term book leases
- Access to "Spellbinding" our highly regarded Secondary School Book Award
- Support for recruitment, induction and training of library staff
- CPD for new and existing library staff
- Training for teachers, support workers and parents
- Advice and support for school staff and senior management on all aspects of resource provision, school library design and self-evaluation
- Support to establish policy and development plans
- · Practical help with all aspects of school library provision, usage and stock development
- Pre and post OFSTED advice and support
- Information skills training sessions for pupils and support for schools in the development of a whole school framework



Library support and development

Effective well-resourced school libraries play a key role in raising standards of literacy

A growing body of evidence shows that school libraries can have a positive impact on literacy and attainment. Continued investment is key to maintaining this valuable resource and ensuring that your pupils are supported and independent reading and learning is nurtured and developed.

Our staff are specialists in school libraries and children's books. We can help you to create and maintain a library to be proud of that will enrich your pupils learning and reading experiences. Our service includes:

- Practical help and advice with stock management and development to ensure your library is effective, wellresourced and budgets are maximised
- Planning and undertaking self-evaluation to ensure continuous improvement
- Assistance with library policies and development plans
- Assistance with raising the profile of the library in school to make sure all departments are supported
- Effective information literacy training
- Staff recruitment and selection
- Advice when designing your new library

The findings reveal a considerable body of international evidence showing that school libraries impact on:

- Higher test or exam scores equating to academic attainment
- Successful curriculum or learning outcomes, including information literacy
- Positive attitudes towards learning

Impact of School Libraries on Learning, Robert Gordon University Institute for Management, Governance & Society (IMaGeS) October 2013



Continuing professional development for secondary school librarians and library staff

By subscribing to our service, school library staff have access to our professional team who can provide valuable advice and support, keep them informed of the most up-to-date new research, key reports and publications as well as provide opportunities to attend courses, workshops and user groups.

Staff can also attend CPD meetings to discuss and debate various topics related to libraries, reading, student attainment and information literacy with the added benefit of enabling networking with other library professionals to share good practice and to discuss recent issues that may have impacted on their library. The meetings are hosted in different school libraries allowing staff to see what others are doing and to showcase their own library.

"Where the library is fully integrated into the life and ethos of the school, the potential benefits that a good professional partnership with teaching staff can bring to the quality of teaching should not be underestimated."

The Beating Heart of the School APPG Report
May 2014 Improving educational attainment through school libraries

"A school library programme that is adequately staffed, resourced and funded can lead to higher student achievement regardless of the socio-economic or educational levels of the community."

Scholastic 2008 School Libraries Work! Research Foundation paper 3rd Ed. Scholastic Library Publishing

"Thanks once again for all your invaluable support over the past academic year!"

Books

Our stock is selected and continually updated by specialist staff. We can ensure the best possible coverage and guarantee a wide choice of resources to enhance your own school's stock provision.

Our termly book boxes are ideal to support teachers who need extra resources to support specific projects. Our long term loans can be exchanged regularly to ensure that your library is supporting the curriculum needs of your school with quality books that are relevant and up-to-date.



It is much more cost effective to borrow resources than it is to buy them and have to replace them as subject requirements change or when the material becomes dated.

"The best way to ensure your non-fiction remains up-to-date, current and relevant." Dowdales School

A loan of 50 non-fiction books from the Schools Library Service costs £175 per year. To buy 50 non-fiction books you would have to spend over £750!

Spellbinding

Spellbinding is Cumbria's Secondary Schools' book award. The aim of the award is to foster a love of reading and broaden reading horizons by exposing students aged 11-16 to exciting new authors and titles and giving them the opportunity to read, review and vote for their favourite book out of a shortlist of ten student-nominated titles.

The interactive website allows students to share their views and opinions with participants from other schools across the county.

Secondary Spellbinding runs in the summer term and the awards day is always a very well attended and much anticipated climax to the event for both students and staff.

"It's a great reading award for schools. We hugely appreciate the knowledge it gives us and the support we receive, thank you!"

For the latest information about our Spellbinding book award and further information about all of our services please visit our web site: www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/schoolslibserv or call 01228 227277



"As children move into secondary school their reading in and outside the classroom should be increasingly wide, varied and stretching."

Reading: the next steps, supporting higher standards in schools, Department for Education March 2015

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