

The Power of the SCHOOL Librarian



TEACHER-LIBRARIAN LEARNING EXPERIENCE

70%-100%

of students met or exceeded the highest expectations for a learning experience co-taught by the classroom teacher and teacher-librarian.

Cohen, Stephanie, Ivey Poitras, Khalia Mickens, and Anushka Shirali. Roles of the School Librarian: Empowering Student Learning and Success. Northeast Comprehensive Center, 2019.



STRONG LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Data from more than **34 statewide studies** suggest that students tend to earn better standardized test scores in schools that have strong library programs.

Curry, Keith Lance and Debra E. Kachel. Why School Librarians Matter: What Years of Research Tell Us. Phi Delta Kappan, March 26, 2018.



HIGHER WRITING PERFORMANCE

Elementary schools that spend more on their libraries average almost **10% higher writing performance**, and middle schools that invest more in their libraries average almost **13% higher writing levels**.

Kachel, Debra E. and Graduate Students of LSC 5530 School Library Advocacy School Library & Information Technologies Department. School Library Research Summarized: A Graduate Class Project. Mansfield University, 2011.



LIBRARIANS GIVE THE BEST IDEAS

40% of students ages 9-11, **30%** of those ages 12-14, and **19%** of ages 14-16 say that the school librarian gives them the best ideas about books to read for fun.

Krashen, Stephen. Why School Librarians Matter. Skrashen.blogspot, April 17, 2017.



ABOVE AVERAGE STUDENT SCORES

2x as many schools with above average scores had full-time media specialists. One study showed **68% schools with above average student scores** on the Grade 3, 5, and 8 reading tests had a full-time media specialist.

Schools with Above Average Reading Scores Frequently Have Full-Time Media Specialists. America Library Association.



STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS

More than **60** education and library research studies have produced clear evidence that school library programs staffed by qualified school librarians have a positive impact on student academic success.

School Libraries Make the Difference. lovelibraries.org, 2014

