

LIBRARIES WORKING TOGETHER

Public and School Libraries Working Together to Provide Complementary Services

Common Purposes and Goals

- **Provide access to information**
- **Promote and encourage love and appreciation of reading**
- **Develop and support lifelong learning**
- **Develop and encourage critical use of information and technology**
- **Provide a safe, welcoming environment**
- **Provide appropriate resources**
- **Provide on and off site access to technology and databases**
- **Provide responsive, knowledgeable, well-trained staff**

Although each type of library works in similar ways to achieve these goals, important differences exist.

Different roles

Public Library		School Library
To meet the learning, recreational, and informational needs of our customers, providing an open environment for our community	MISSION	To prepare students to become effective and efficient users of resources, ideas, information and other intellectual properties
General Public all ages- preschoolers to senior citizens.	USERS	Specific known community of youth and those who teach them
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports broadest spectrum of community needs and interests • Supports popular interests • Supports homework/research assignments 	FOCUS OF COLLECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports curricular and instructional needs • Complements course work • Supports and enhances personal interests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan a broad spectrum of materials • Reference services • Homework/research support • Community networking and outreach • Independent selection of resources • Year-round after school, evening and weekend programming 	PRIMARY SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruction in information/research skills and use of information technology • Curriculum planning, development, and support • Guided selection of resources • Collaborative planning and teaching • Distance learning programs/courses • School year programs
Providing access to books, information and programming that support community needs and interests.	PRIMARY ROLE OF LIBRARIAN	Teaching information literacy skills: accessing, evaluating and using information, while respecting intellectual property rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting rooms • Primary hours include evenings 	FACILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class instruction space • Primary hours – school day

and weekends • Open public access		• Limited access to provide safe environment
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To meet the needs of the entire community, both school and public libraries are vital.

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