



Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians

Letter of support

I have been working in my school Library for the past 9 years, on a part time basis. I have teaching qualifications but not Library qualifications. Each time I wanted to formalise my library experiences something would happen either at work or at home which would prevent me undertaking studies.

I can't begin to say how over the years I have tried to fulfil my duties as best as I could; desperately relying on tapping into teacher Librarian Listservs, going to T/L meetings(feeling like an impostor!) , reading articles, web searching for latest developments in the T/L field, but always in the back of my head feeling that I was not doing as good a job as a qualified Teacher Librarian.

Now I am thrilled to be studying in the field and already it is influencing my teaching. I am only sad that it took me so long and I, and my students, have missed out on so much. The teacher / librarian plays such an important role in the school, I actually feel the Library is the heart of the school and if does not function well it has repercussions on the rest of the school.

Please consider placing a trained Teacher Librarian in every school to gain the best educational outcomes possible for all students.

Kind Regards
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