



**More Librarians are needed in NSW Public Schools
Staffing of school libraries is the major problem.**

Our children attended Coledale Public School, a small school of 3 classes with only a part time librarian, so the library was closed more than it was open. And it was hardly ever open at recess, lunch or before school from 1995 until 2006.

Shame on a system that can't staff a library.

I taught for three years at Berkeley West Public School (2007 - 2009) and volunteered to do a weekly lunch duty and keep the school library open as it didn't open at lunch or recesses either. In the three year period I volunteered on this duty , I successfully demonstrated how an open library can give new opportunities to all.

And this is a large school with a non teaching principal. Shame on the system that doesn't provide free time in libraries for children at their disadvantaged public school.

And I think this would be the case for nearly every child in our state system.

Fund, train and staff our schools with librarians.

If this inquiry has any substance, I trust it will survey the appalling lack of staffing in our NSW public schools.