

Teachers and Librarians Unite!

How teacher/librarian collaboration can benefit you AND your students!

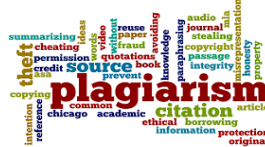
- What books or resources are you looking for? Would you like booktalks in class? Someone to read aloud with students?
- Are your students doing research? Do they know how to come up with search terms?
- Do you know how to use the databases available to ACPS students and teachers?



- Do you want your students to use reliable websites for research? Can you students evaluate websites?
 - Do your students believe everything they read on the internet? I can help students identify fake/ flawed news!
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- Do your students know how to cite the sources they use?
- Tired of reading plagiarized work? Do your students need a copyright refresher?



- Are you interested in integrating Global Read Alouds in your classroom)?
- Do you need help gathering resources (online or print)? We do have free access to the online local newspaper as well.
- **There's no limit to how we can collaborate!**



Classroom teachers: You may be asking yourself what the benefit of partnering with a school librarian for instructional design or lesson delivery might be. While each librarian has his or her own strengths, I think it is pretty safe to say that we are all equipped to help you with:

1. **Curation**—Librarians are trained to collect, organize, and manage content that is both physical and digital. Have you ever wished you could offer more choice in the classroom but just don't have the time to find relevant, reliable, and on-level articles, websites, or books for your students to choose from? Your school librarian would be an excellent person to approach with your ideas and ask if he/she could help you curate some content for your classroom.
2. **Inquiry**—Librarians are trained in the research process and practice it daily as they search for materials to support learning. Whether you ask your kids to complete in-depth inquiry tasks that you've created or you find yourself saying things like "just Google it!" in response to student developed inquiries, odds are that your teacher librarian has ideas, resources, and lessons that can help you and your students develop quality research questions, locate information that is relevant, and then synthesize findings to help answer the research question and communicate learning to a specified audience.
3. **Information Literacy**—Not all information is created equal. Your teacher librarian can show you and your students ways to evaluate the accuracy, relevancy, reliability, authority and validity of the websites you and your students use for information and learning.
4. **Digital Literacy**—The teacher librarian used to focus on skills like locating books on a shelf, utilizing tables of contents, indexes, and card catalogues. As most of our information has moved into digital formats, however, there are a whole new set of skills that students must possess to access content. Your teacher librarian can help your students master basic and advanced web searches, navigation of academic databases, show them how to download eBooks, and model ways to work with the various file types content is delivered in.
5. **Ethical Use of Information**—It is increasingly easier to create and share content digitally. As students cut, paste, borrow, remix, remake, and integrate media together into their own creations, they need to understand the legal and ethical issues around the use of other people's multimedia content. In the same regard, students should be educated on ways to protect their own creative works before sharing them. Your teacher librarian can be an excellent source of information on both traditional copyright and Creative Commons Licensing.

- Taken from the article, "The Librarian as an Instructional Partner" by Kristen Mattson