

# 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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. American Library Association.



## 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.



## 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](http://lovelibraries.org), 2014

