



Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Legislator@Your Library Program

The PSLA Legislation Committee has organized an efficient procedure for its members to invite their local state legislators to their school libraries. The purpose of the visits is to:

- Inform legislators about the importance of school libraries in helping students achieve academically,
- Show them school library facilities and the learning that takes place in them,
- Illustrate the new roles that school librarians play in teaching, integration of technology, and providing professional development for teachers, and to
- Advocate for more financial support and state requirements for school libraries and staffing.

PSLA has trained “event planners” who are retired PSLA members willing to advise and help working PSLA members with the planning and communication needs of legislator visits. Event planners will be the liaison between the school and the legislator’s office staff and assist with arranging media coverage. These visitations give our legislators an opportunity to meet constituents and students, observe the learning that occurs in school libraries, and understand current needs of schools and libraries in preparing today’s students.

For More Information

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PSLA

is a not-for-profit, 900+ member organization, primarily composed of public, private, and parochial school librarians and library educators that promotes:

- The love of reading, the teaching of 21st Century information literacy skills, and a commitment to lifelong learning.
- Collaboration between school librarians and all other advocates of learning in our schools and communities.
- The application of best practices in school librarianship.
- The ethical use of information.
- The highest standards of professional integrity and service.