



## *Recommendations for School Library Programs 2011- 2012*

*Pennsylvania School Librarians Association*

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- Reinststate the Division of School Library Services in the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, PA Department of Education, to provide the leadership and professional development so that all students have access to quality school library programs and services that has been proven to increase academic achievement.
- Staff every school minimally with a full-time, certified school librarian.
- Create a statewide model information literacy curriculum incorporating digital literacy, media literacy, digital citizenship and strategies for supporting reading instruction within the school library program.
- Develop and implement in all schools a written K-12 sequenced information literacy curriculum based upon the statewide model curriculum that aligns with K-12 subject area curricula and is approved by the school's local governing board.
- Fund the ACCESS PA online catalog and the POWER Library databases so that ALL students have equal access to educational electronic resources and technology with which to learn.
- Assess school library programs on an annual basis, using appropriate evaluation methodologies and tools.
- Provide all K-12 students with access to a school library that meets the *Pennsylvania Guidelines for School Library Programs (c2011)*, particularly at the elementary levels where early reading initiatives show the most gains.
- Support independent reading by providing school libraries with financial resources to purchase up-to-date, high interest, grade-level appropriate books for students.

NOTE: The *Pennsylvania Guidelines for School Library Programs (c2011)* can be found at [http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/school\\_library\\_advisory\\_services/14531](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/school_library_advisory_services/14531)

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