



Pennsylvania School Librarians Association

School Library Guidelines & Data

According to the Pennsylvania Guidelines for School Library Programs (c2011) published by the Pa Dept. of Education, school libraries that can adequately meet student learning needs should have the following supports and resources.

- **Staffing** - one full-time school librarian and one clerical staff person (more if student population over 500)
- **Books per Student**

Type	Minimum	Standard	Exemplary
Elementary	20	25	30
Middle School	15	20	25
High School	15	20	25

- **Budget** (per student; includes all types of instructional materials)

Type	Minimum	Standard	Exemplary
Elementary	\$33.21	\$41.00	\$45.11
Middle School	\$36.45	\$45.00	\$49.51
High School	\$40.50	\$50.00	\$55.00

- **Technology** - Adequate numbers of computers for at least one full class to access the online catalog, ACCESS PA, POWER Library electronic databases, and the Internet

ANNUAL BOOK PRICES

Children's Titles	2009	2010	2011
Hardcover (all titles)	\$21.25	\$22.46	\$21.55
Trade paperback	\$11.50	\$11.65	\$11.25
Mass market paperback	\$7.10	\$7.20	\$6.91
Young Adult Titles			
Hardcover (all titles)	\$23.48	\$23.98	\$24.97
Trade paperback	\$13.81	\$13.91	\$14.52
Mass market paperback	\$7.05	\$7.42	\$7.77

NOTE: Data provided annually by *School Library Journal* in the March issues.