

PSLA Legislator@Your Library Program

Suggested Activities List

The following is a partial listing of activities that could be interesting events for a legislator to observe or participate in as he/she visits a school library.

1. Use of laptops funded by a state LSTA grant or Classrooms for the Future project
2. Books purchased with LSTA collection development grant funds and how they address PA Academic Standards
3. An Internet lesson (could ask the legislator to show his website)
4. In addition to a library tour, set up a schedule for the legislator to visit social studies classes to discuss the importance of voting
5. Have the legislator read a book to students
6. An evening program where students attend, such as book clubs, literacy event like Read Across America, National Library Week activity, Teen Read Week, etc.
7. Kick off a new reading or writing contest
8. A lesson on a Power Library database-have students teach the legislator
9. Have students show a legislator how to borrow a book through ACCESS PA
10. Have legislator present awards for an essay-writing contest or a book-reading contest
11. Ask students to conduct a library tour
12. Ribbon-cutting ceremony for a newly renovated or constructed library
13. Show student use of technology in the library
14. A lesson that supplements the school curriculum and/or helps prepare the student for standardized testing
15. Invite them to a new book preview you might have for staff and have coffee and donuts - show how few books the amount of money buys and the curricular tie-ins the books have.
16. Have them participate in a Reader's Theater production with students.
17. Have students conduct an interview for the school newspaper, webpage or blog
18. As part of the visit, ask legislator to address the student body via televised morning announcements concerning a special event, such as voting, conservation, literacy or other issue awareness message, even doing the Pledge of Allegiance. (Could be taped to use later, with legislator permission)
19. Ask your legislator to pose with his or her favorite book for an ALA READ poster.
20. Have legislator judge student work created/displayed in the library.

NOTE: Please be sure to inform both the Event Planner and the legislator what activity is being planned and if you would like the legislator to participate in any way. This should be communicated before the visitation.