

If my love of reading has taught me one thing it is that there is much left to learn and that being open to new ideas is infinitely important. Our job as school librarians is to guide and nurture each child's quest for knowledge. My goals are plentiful; as a school librarian through compassion and acceptance, I will strive to help each student build a foundation for future learning, careers, and life. Of course, my dream is for all students to leave our school with a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

We are tasked with teaching diverse communities with varying styles of learning, which is both challenging and limitless in its possibilities. Unlike the classroom, school librarianship is unique in that we have the opportunity to teach all of the students in our schools. "The focus is now on users and understanding how to provide them with successful outcomes and demonstrating success to those who fund the library" (Moran & Morner, 2018, p.442). By utilizing library resources to embrace the inquiry process, students will learn to be independent thinkers, learners, and collaborators. Students will have access to technology and knowledge to utilize it responsibly. Using books and information technology in the library will allow students to make connections between themselves and the outside world which will shape a generation of accepting and thoughtful individuals.

I will work to build a diverse collection that reflects our student population while also providing access to books, technology, and all the resources the library has to offer. Our school library will be a place where all are welcome, including students, staff, admin, families, and our community at large. In the library, students will learn the importance of acceptance and tolerance of others' beliefs and differences. In our constantly evolving world students must have access to information and must learn how to use that information constructively. My hope is that my students will develop a love and respect for both information and reading. Our library will be a positive and welcoming place for everyone who enters.

I will strive to have a positive impact on student learning by focusing on the AASL shared foundations: inquire, include, collaborate, curate, explore, and engage. School librarians must "discover and innovate a growth mindset developed through experience and reflection" (AASL, 2018, p. 33). I will continue to focus on professional development and share that knowledge with peers. As a school librarian I will do all that I can to make a meaningful difference in my students' lives while promoting lifelong learning for all.

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