



# Benefits and Impact of School Libraries

## Literacy and Achievement

- Young people who read fiction have significantly stronger reading skills than their peers who do not. Institute of Education, October 2018

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/news/2018/oct/fact-or-fiction-novels-come-top-reading-skills>

- *When schools have high-quality library programs and librarians who share their expertise with the entire school community, student achievement gets a boost.*

Keith Curry Lance and Debra E. Kachel 2018

<http://kappanonline.org/lance-kachel-school-librarians-matter-years-research/>

- School libraries have been found to impact pupils' general academic attainment, reading and writing skills, plus wider learning skills, as well as their scores in history, mathematics and science. School libraries have also been found to have an impact on pupils' reading enjoyment, reading behaviour and attitudes towards reading. Motivation and attitudes in particular have been connected to school library use.

Teravainen, A & Clark, C. School Libraries : A literature review of current provision and evidence of impact. National Literacy Trust, 2017

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/research-services/research-reports/school-libraries-literaturereview-current-provision-and-evidence-impact-2017/>



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## Lifestyle

- “...research presents overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship with a person’s happiness and success.” NLT Dec 2018

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/research-services/research-reports/school-libraries-why-children-and-young-people-use-them-or-not-their-literacy-engagement-and-mental-wellbeing/>

- “The mere presence of a librarian is associated with better student outcomes, but what librarians do also has positive effects.” The Lance studies 2018

<https://www.lrs.org/data-tools/school-libraries/impact-studies/>