



**Evidence shows that CPD helps retain staff and the School Library Association believes that attendance at the SLA weekend course allows for this vital professional development, training and networking.**

*Please use any of these statements that you think may help influence an argument for you attending the annual weekend course for CPD and networking opportunities. Let us know if a particular argument has worked for you, and may therefore help others.*

**In terms of professional development library staff should:**

- Have the same entitlement to INSET and Continuing Professional Development opportunities as teaching staff
- Be allowed time to network with other school librarians and actively participate in professional groups outside their school
- Be able to keep up to date with current library and educational trends, enabling the school library to subsequently play a full part in school development and act effectively and in a proactive manner to support the developing needs of all curriculum departments within school

**Comments from delegates at the 2020 Online SLA Weekend Course:**

- Always love the conferences! They always have up to date reliable information that I can learn from and take back and institute in our library
- Interesting content not covered at any other conferences I have attended
- Some very good practical advice that is relatively easy to put into practice straight away
- I'll be sharing some of what I learned as well as the book recommendations
- Gave me some great ideas I can adapt for my sixth form students
- Fantastic enthusiasm, knowledge and insight
- FULL of free ideas - he understands our context exactly as he IS a school Librarian. A true inspirational practitioner
- For absent Library colleagues I shall advise them not to miss next year's conference
- THANK YOU for an amazing conference
- Simply fantastic!

**School libraries have been found to positively impact the below, and to do this effectively library staff need access to CPD, networking and book and educational knowledge, all of which is provided at the Weekend Course, making it cost effective and efficient.**

- Pupils' general academic attainment
- Reading and writing skills
- Wider learning skills
- Pupils' scores in history, mathematics and science
- Pupils' reading enjoyment, reading behaviour and attitudes towards reading
- Motivation and attitudes
- Personal and interpersonal outcomes, such as self-esteem and the feeling of success and accomplishment

(The National Literacy Trust, 2017)