



Primary SLA

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Who We Are

The School Library Service's purpose is to support schools to have vibrant school libraries that play a central role in helping children and young people gain the knowledge, skills and attributes needed for learning, life and work. We support school libraries through the provision of resources and advice. Through the use of our professional expertise and practical assistance, school staff save time, allowing them to focus on core activities. This document highlights some of the work that we do. Read on to discover how your school can benefit from our expertise and contact us to find out more.



"Teachers are helping pupils improve their reading skills well. They use interesting texts to engage pupil's interests and support their learning across the curriculum. For example, pupils were engaged by a book telling the story of a woman leading environmental activism in Kenya. Such stimulating texts help develop pupil's reading comprehension while deepening their awareness of different cultures, roles and responsibilities"

- Ofsted Inspection Report, February 2019

Advisory and Support Services

SLS offers specialist professional support for your library and librarian including planning a library, stocking it, and editing its resources. We will help you create library strategies which ensure the resource is used to its full potential in embedding literacy across the curriculum and encouraging reading for pleasure. We help with staff briefings, recruitment, and policy-making, and can provide Reviews of Service and conduct individual surveys.

A subscription for a typical school of 210 pupils includes access to resources with a value of £9,184 - and that's without any advice, guidance and support from our team!

Books and Resources

SLS provides high quality, specially selected information and fiction texts for long-term loan in hardback, paperback, eBook and eAudio formats. Schools may visit one of our bases to exchange up to 200 resources at a time or receive 200 resources delivered to school twice a year. Up to 4 group sets of 7 books can be borrowed for a term, supporting pupil's experience of reading with each other in the classroom.

Hambase, a downloadable database of titles recommended by SLS, helps staff select the best resources to meet their needs and budgets, and also saves time when cataloguing.

Current Awareness

Subscribers can keep up to date via the SLS Moodle. This VLE contains news, booklists, IT help sheets and resources for reading and writing. Good practice examples for promoting reading for pleasure and guidance relating to all library operations are maintained in this one site, available to all school staff. Termly Library Teach Meets keep school library staff updated on the best books and resources, library IT and educational and literacy developments.



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Enrichment Activities

SLS offers the opportunity to take part in three Book Awards for Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5. Book Awards support the Curriculum, promote the enjoyment of reading and give enthusiastic readers the opportunity to shine in their chosen field in the same way other students are encouraged in their aspirations in sport, music or drama. They promote debate and discussion and the pupil voice can be seen in the chosen winner. Our Meet the Author programme runs annually and SLS also publishes self-led reader development challenges. A wide range of booklists are available to fulfil the current curriculum and reading for pleasure needs. Guidance can be given when organising Book Weeks, Author Visits or Book Clubs.

"I just wanted to convey a huge thank you to you and your team for all your help this year. I would not have been able to get through this year without you - that is the honest truth! You went beyond the call of duty to support me and have provided me with some fantastic advice."

- Email from a School Librarian

"I couldn't do my job without Hants SLS. I have £10.5k of stock in my library, over 1200 resources for £3.5k a year. We also have eBooks too! I exchange topic books every half term & the staff are so supportive and knowledgeable! It's incredible value for money!"

- Twitter Feedback

"The introduction of high-quality texts has led to a rapid improvement in outcomes in reading across the school."

- Ofsted Inspection Report, March 2019



Digital Offer

SLS provides access to eBooks as part of our subscription, removing the cost and complications of establishing a platform locally. Texts include eAudio, hi-lo, classics and general interest titles. eResources are also available to support teaching and learning. Our digital team provide advice for getting the most out of your library management system and out of IT in the Library.

Training and CPD

A comprehensive training programme offers courses at all levels and for all staff. Courses are delivered by experienced SLS staff at very competitive rates. eLearning packages are being developed via our Moodle giving the opportunity for self-directed learning requiring no travel and limited time commitment. Support and guidance is provided to Pupil Librarians, helping them develop their independence, enjoyment and confidence in sharing their love of reading.



SLS offers a Personal Shopper service in which our trained Advisers identify resources for you to purchase according to your local requirements and budget, saving unnecessary workload.

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