Did You Know ... ?

...about the School Library?



... studies link a School Library with Academic Achievement?

Studies of Test Scores

- 20 states in past 10 years
- 10,000+ elementary, middle& high schools
- more than 3 million students

- School Library is <u>2nd</u>
 as predictor of Academic
 Achievement
- Higher than:
 - per-pupil spending
 - teacher/pupil ratio
 - minority education
 - adult education level
- Poverty is only predictor higher than a Library!



... these Library predictors of Academic Achievement?

- Test scores rise with Library usage
 - Flexible access
 - Individual visits

- Increases of:
- 9-10% for MS
- 8-11% per # computers
 w/ Internet access



... these Library predictors of Academic Achievement?

- Test scores rise with a Credentialed Librarian who spends time
- Planning with teachers
- Identifying resources for teachers
- Providing Professional Development to teachers

- Scores rise with <u>frequency</u> of
 - Instructional collaboration, esp. involving technology
 - Providing Instructional Resources
 - Professional development (15-20% increase)



... these Library predictors of Academic Achievement?

- Test scores rise with a <u>Credentialed</u> Librarian who spends time
 - Co-teaching lessons
 - Teaching ICT literacy to students
 - Developing the collection
 - Motivating students to read

- Scores rise proportional to :
 - Currency of collection (up to 14% increase)
 - Licensed databases



... about 21st Century Skills?

- Students will
 - inquire, think critically, draw conclusions, gain/create new knowledge
 - have ICT literacy
 - pursue personal growth through independent learning
 - show social responsibility by sharing information ethically & productively

Did You Know ...
the School Librarian
teaches ALL these skills
through Information
Literacy lessons?



... your School Librarian is an experienced Teacher?

- A School Librarian must be a certified teacher with at least 3 years teaching experience
- A School Librarian takes graduate courses in Library & Information Science to earn a Library Certification or a Master's degree
- A School Librarian can recommend resources for your classroom & the best vendors for purchasing items for your classroom.
- A School Librarian can help you select & teach appropriate instructional technologies for your lessons.