



# **School Libraries and Librarians: The American Perspective**

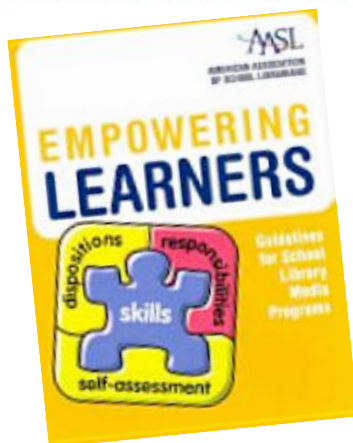
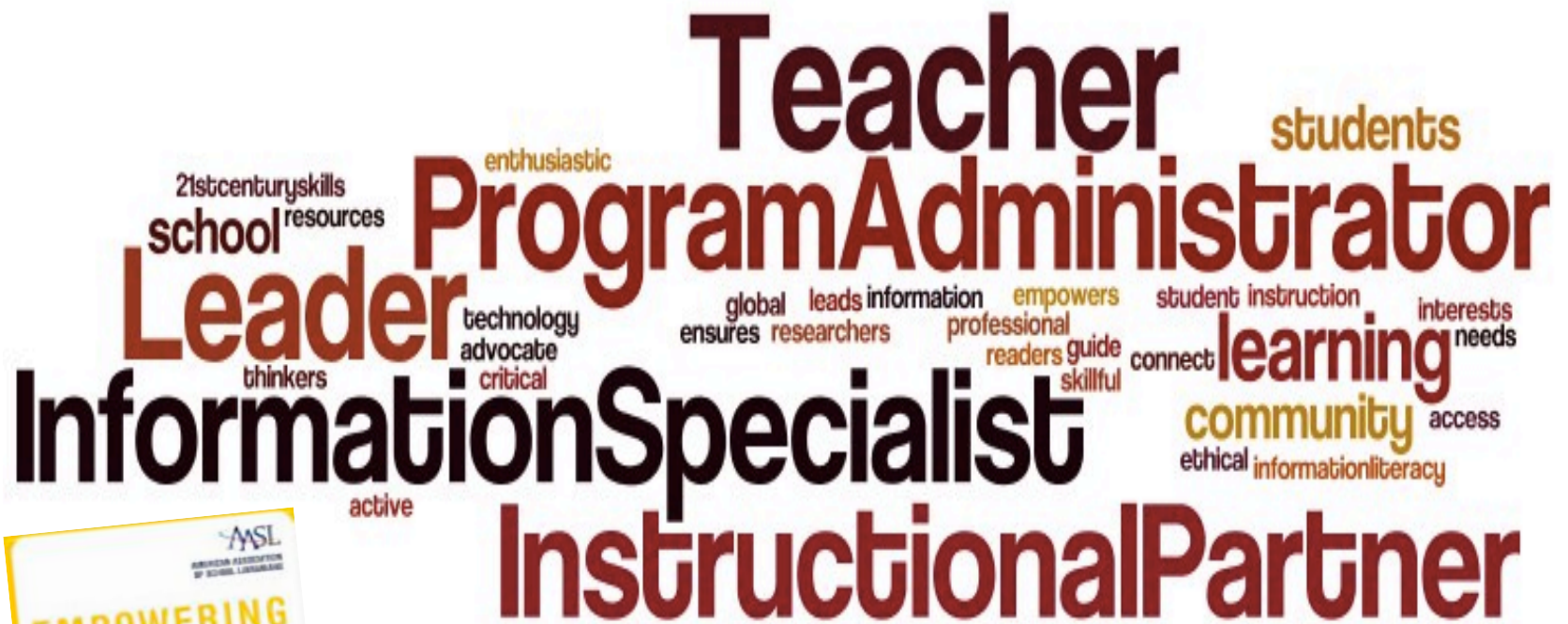
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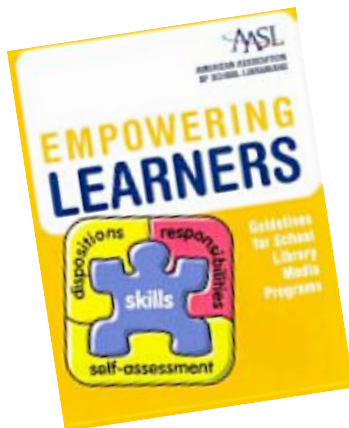
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# Roles of the School Librarian in the United States



# Die Rolle des Schulbibliothekars in den USA



# The Vision Tour



Visited 35 outstanding school libraries.

# The Vision Tour

Bratwurst



School librarians organized an event to celebrate their school library program.

# Leader



Is an active member of the local and global learning community and leads in building 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and advocates for student learning.

# Best Practice Example: Leader



Leads in professional organizations.

# Best Practice Example: Leader



Leads reading and technology equally.



# Instructional Partner



Works with members of the school community to guide students learning and develop information literacy skills.

# Best Practice Example: Instructional Partner



School librarians co-plan, co-teach, and co-assess students with teachers.

# Best Practice Example: Instructional Partner



Teachers gave touching testimonials about their school librarians and how they are partners.

# Information Specialist



Uses technology tools to supplement school resources and connect the school with the global learning community. Guides the ethical use of information

## Best Practice Example: Informational Specialist



E-books (Kindles, Nooks, iPads) are being explored.

# Best Practice Example: Informational Specialist

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Our NCHS entries for the American Association of School Librarians' [Why I Need My Library! video contest](#) follow. We have submissions for both age categories (16-18 and 13-15). To post comments, please visit the [New Canaan High School Library's Facebook page](#) or [Think Inspiration Media](#) and [Kyle Conner's channel](#) on YouTube

Why I Need My High School Library

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School librarians extend the school library beyond its walls with social media.

# Teacher



Empowers students to become critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers, and ethical users of information through instruction.

# Best Practice Example: Teacher



Spend many hours a day teaching.



# Best Practice Example: Teacher



Classes are mostly taught in the library but sometimes the librarian goes to a classroom.

# Program Administrator



Ensures that all members of the school community have access to resources that meet a variety of needs and interests.

# Best Practice Example: Program Administrator



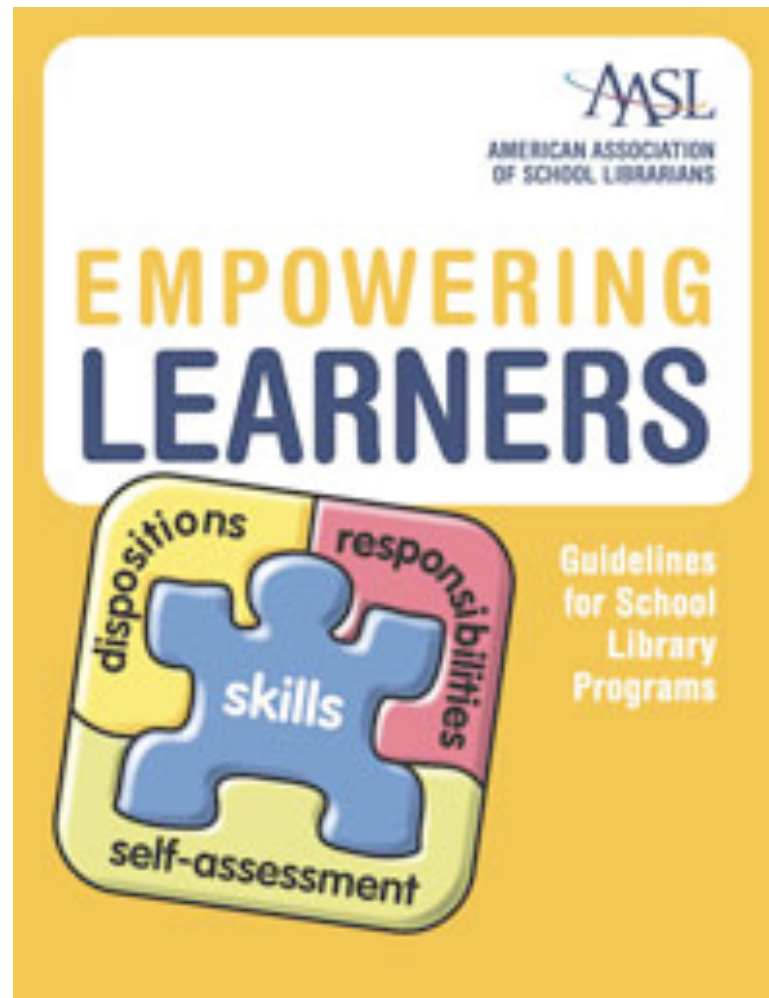
Open before and after school hours – about 8 hours per day.

# Best Practice Example: Program Administrator



School libraries are warm and inviting places.

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