



How the **Schools Library Service** can help bring children and young people back on track after Covid...

Warwickshire Schools Library Service support primary and secondary schools across Warwickshire and beyond. We work with schools to create lifelong readers and learners.

Here are just a few of the ways we can help...

- **Annual Reading for Pleasure Loans:** Reading levels have been impacted by Covid. Our loans can help develop your reading culture at your school, evidence indicates that reading for pleasure can improve empathy, relationships, well-being and reduce symptoms of depression.
- **Curriculum topic boxes:** These help with lost learning in other areas of the curriculum and are hand-picked to suit your requirements. They include high quality texts at the appropriate key stage and also include artefacts related to the topic.
- **Creating great school libraries:** We can work with you to help you create engaging and inspiring spaces for your pupils. Evidence shows that school libraries and librarians impact positively on reader enjoyment, attitudes to learning/reading and reading outcomes/attainment. Our team help to transform library spaces with typical work involving stock audits, library management system support, design and layout advice and book recommendations.
- **Supporting school staff:** Training programme and support, including regular primary and secondary school network meetings for school staff. Telephone/email support and advice services.
- **Book Awards, initiatives and events:** Various activities for all year groups to inspire and engage your pupils to read for pleasure.

"I just don't know how schools can offer adequate curriculum resources without SLS" Primary School Teacher"

"Thank you for helping us to get our loan sorted...the fiction is flying off the shelves! Everyone at your end has been so helpful" Secondary School Librarian"

Other benefits of using our service:

- **Value for money:** Borrowing books works out much cheaper than buying and ensures that the stock is kept up-to-date and in great condition. We provide a diverse range of books that will engage all readers including hi-lo texts for struggling readers and more challenging age-appropriate titles to extend those children who are progressing well. Our stock is also inclusive to ensure that your pupils can see themselves and others reflected in the books they read.
- **Benefits of printed versus digital resources:** Printed books have a number of advantages over digital resources. They can be easier to comprehend and absorb, particularly for longer and more complex texts, visually less demanding and have spacial and tactile cues that help with processing. Our resources also ensure that the information your pupils are accessing is reliable, trustworthy and appropriate to their age/level.

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