



New York's School Library Systems

Innovation, Collaboration, & Education. Since 1985

Empowering New York's School Librarians



Established in 1985, the 40 School Library Systems of New York State provide equity, access, and learning opportunities to the 4,236 school libraries serving over 3.2 million students. School Library Systems are one of the three types of New York State-funded library systems.

Each BOCES and Big Five city has a School Library System that provides leadership, technical services, resources, and professional development among other services.



As a program unique to New York, School Library Systems are seen as a national model for empowering school librarians and maximizing the investment in critical school library programs.

This year **the innovative resources and expertise provided by systems have been critical to the success of school libraries** pivoting to new service models during the pandemic.



The NYC SLS developed a **Translation of Practice for School Libraries** that provided leadership on shifting to digital library services and programs.

School libraries have leveraged resources from their systems including **instructional guides**, resource lists, and safety sheets.



School Library Systems provide **equity for students in member school libraries through collaborative purchasing** programs and regional access to digital collections secured through consortium pricing and made available to all public and non-public member schools.

Resource sharing between schools made possible by School Library System facilitated interlibrary loan saved districts over \$4.85 million last year.



School librarians and teachers throughout the state are supported through **the professional development and other educational programs** of the School Library Systems.

Libraries have provided guidance on information literacy instruction based on the **Empire State Information Fluency Continuum** developed by School Library Systems and endorsed by