

# THE VALUE OF School Libraries

## Recommended Student-to-Staff Ratios

(per ISBE Evidence-Based Funding Formula)

### Librarians

- Elementary 450: 1
- Middle 450: 1
- High School 600: 1

### Librarian Aides/ Media Techs

- Elementary 300: 1
- Middle 300: 1
- High School 300: 1

## School Librarians...

### Innovate

55% of school administrators say it is crucial that librarians and teachers design and teach lessons together.<sup>2</sup>

School librarians are critical for teaching digital literacy skills, online citizenship, and internet safety.<sup>5</sup>

### Educate

Librarians play an important role in teaching and supporting 21st-century skills.<sup>4</sup>

In Illinois High Schools, 11th-grade ACT scores were highest where there was a high degree of collaboration between librarians and classroom teachers.<sup>3</sup>

### Collaborate

Administrators and teachers consistently rated librarians' teaching of Standards for the 21st-Century Learner as good or excellent.<sup>1</sup>

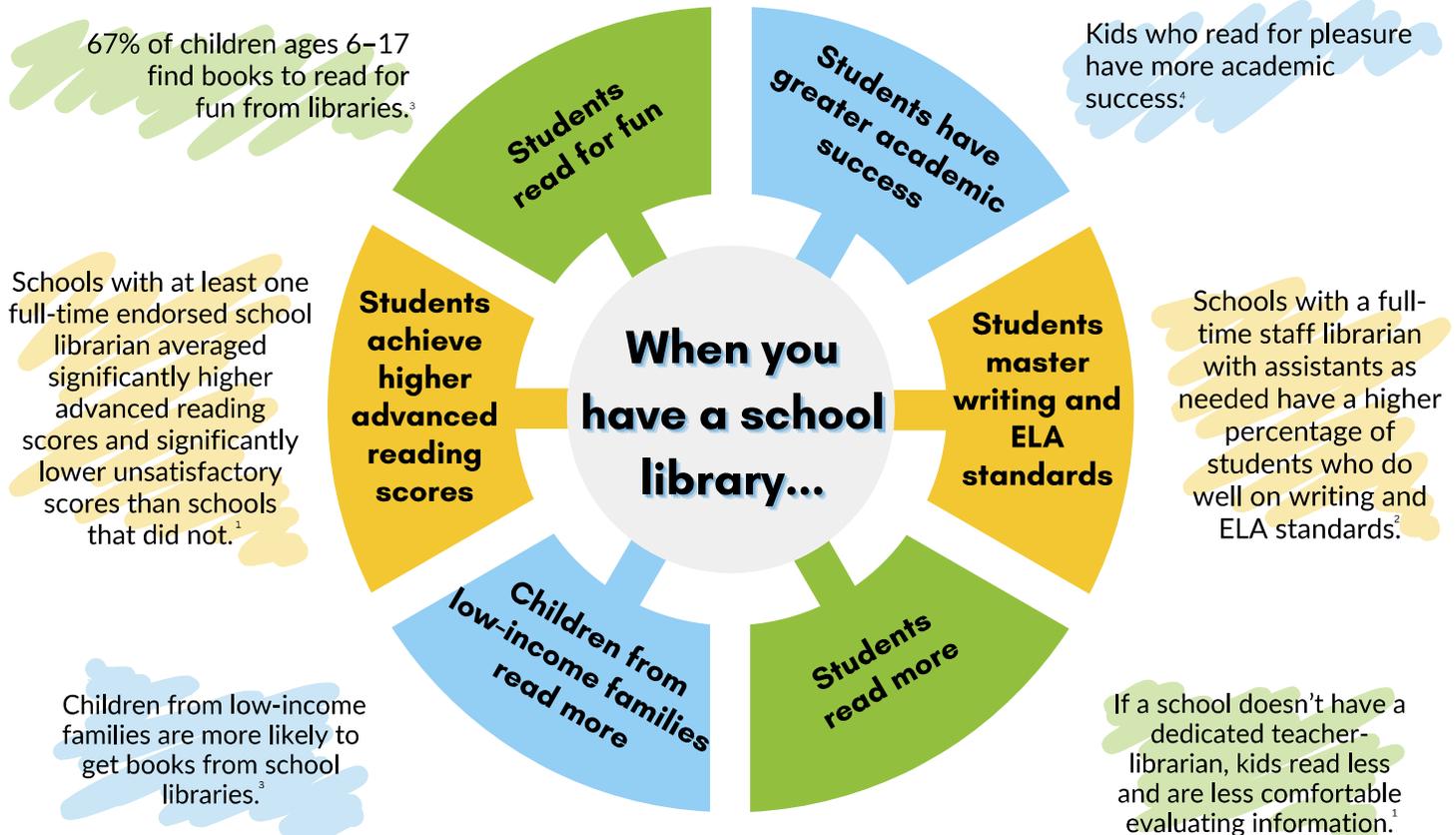
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# Area of Expertise

## Certified School Librarian

## Certified Teacher

## Other Library Staff

### Education & Credentials

State Teacher Certification and LIS Endorsement (18 credit hours or MLS + passing exam score)

State Teacher Certification

No professional education training or certification

Literacy



Curriculum & Instruction - Students



Curriculum & Instruction - Pedagogy



Technology



Collection Development & Management



Intellectual Freedom & Privacy/Equity



Professional Library Community



Community Engagement



Professional Leadership



\* Some non-certified library staff could provide this service. Adapted from Hand, Dorcas, *A Guideline to Staffing Choices in School Libraries*, 2017.



Proceed with confidence in training and expertise



Proceed with caution; no training guaranteed



No professional education or library training

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