

National Library Week Celebrate
April 12-18, 2009

Worlds connect @ your library®

Invite Legislators to Your School Library during National Library Week

What is foremost in legislators' minds? *Finance & Budget*

How can teacher-librarians link up to legislators' agenda? *With One Key Message*

**School library media programs
contribute directly to the bottom
line – student achievement.**

Legislators @ your library ®

Your legislators must know

- Networked school libraries and fully licensed school librarians have a positive impact on student learning and achievement.
- Students learn 21st century learning skills through state-of-the-art school library media programs.
- Interactions with a school library media specialist aid children and teens in becoming confident, competent, and independent learners.
- Students achieve more academically when their teachers and fully licensed school library media specialists collaboratively plan and deliver instruction.
- There is data to support these statements, which has been collected over the past decade in studies across the United States.
- Stimulus money (ARRA) can be spent to benefit school libraries and to hire fully licensed school librarians in every school building, e.g., Title I; Enhancing Education Through Technology; and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds.

AASL Resources

The SKILLS Act http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/SKILLS_Act.cfm

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/woissues/schoollibraries/lsl/lsl.cfm>

Know Your Stimulus www.ala.org/knowyourstimulus

School Library Media Month 2009

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/aasladvocacy/schoollibrary.cfm>

AddItUp: Libraries Make the Difference

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/additup/index.cfm>

Results

Act quickly. Put together a needs list for your district. Share it with your local school administrators and legislators. Take pictures. Write news releases. Let us know how it goes. Send your story to AASL Legislation Committee Members: Mirah Dow mdow@emporia.edu or Mary Moyer mmoyer@delsearegional.us