

# SCHOOL LIBRARY STAFF SHARE:

IF I HAD MORE...

- ✓ Time
- ✓ Staff
- ✓ Space
- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Manned library hours
- ✓ Team teaching
- ✓ Online resources
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Support



THEN I COULD...





- ✓ Promote reading for pleasure
- ✓ Provide dedicated library lessons
- ✓ Support research & assessments
- ✓ Deliver information literacy programs
- ✓ Promote the collection
- ✓ Create flexible learning spaces
- ✓ Deliver digital citizenship programs
- ✓ Implement makerspaces
- ✓ Connect students to reading
- ✓ Create a welcoming space
- ✓ Provide more activities
- ✓ Update the collection
- ✓ Host more events


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respondents!


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 "More time and money would allow me to offer a greater range of services to the school (like book clubs, one-on-one research assistance and resource gathering) as well allowing more time for me to learn about new technologies and resources." - South Australia

 "I would like a bigger space for dedicated areas rather than one multipurpose area." - Queensland

 "I would like to have more hours so I can have time to have more exciting things happening in the library."  
- New Zealand


 "I would love to be able to update my library's digital resources and its furnishings to provide a more welcoming environment for all, and a great hub for our school's learning environment." - New South Wales


 "I would increase my hours so I had time to teach library skills to students. I would add some research computers."  
- Western Australia

I'D HAVE A  
REGULAR ASSISTANT TO  
WORK ON FABULOUS AND  
INTERESTING DISPLAYS TO  
EXCITE LEARNERS AND  
READERS  
NEW SOUTH WALES

I NEED MORE TIME  
TO DO EVERYTHING  
I WANT TO DO!  
NEW ZEALAND

I'D LIKE MORE  
TIME WITH STUDENTS TO  
TEACH LIBRARY AND  
RESEARCH SKILLS IN  
SMALL GROUPS  
VICTORIA

 "I would like increased hours to cover student's free time in the library at recess, lunch etc." - South Australia


 "I would like there to be more specialised staff in our library to provide expert assistance with regard to research skills and access to information. The teachers and students are always pleasantly surprised when I conduct sessions which move away from search engines such as Google, to the use of online databases, digital references, and curated resources. I would love to do more of this, and have the qualified staff to help me do more of this, in our school. I'd also like to provide assistance to classroom teachers with new resources and tools that they may not be aware of."  
- Victoria


 "I would like to be given more time to focus on the innovative use of technology throughout the curriculum." - Australian Capital Territory

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I WOULD LOVE MORE TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION TO ADDRESS ALL OF THE NEEDS I SEE - RESEARCH, INFORMATION LITERACY ETC  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY


I'D LIKE TIME TO ASSIST AND CULTIVATE READING AND THE LOVE OF IT  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA


 "I would like more time to plan and collaborate with teachers on resources and how to best use them." - South Australia


 "I would like an increased budget to allow for e-content and subscriptions." - New South Wales

 "I would love better collaboration with staff to utilise our resources effectively." - New Zealand


 "I like to increase library hours so children can borrow every day, not just on the days the library is opened." - Victoria


 "More access to technology would allow us to move our library into the 21st Century!" - New Zealand


 "I would like to maximise space for books with creative shelving and seating for students. I have very keen readers but a very small library, so have absolutely no room for makerspaces, break-out rooms, drawing centres, etc - spaces for students to really relax and explore." - New South Wales


 "I would like to have a dedicated library assistant or technician so that my role could focus more on teaching and less on library administration and management of the physical space." - Australian Capital Territory


 "I'd like more time allocated to library management of resources and new collections." - Tasmania

 'I would like more physical space to give more small tutorial/study rooms, a quiet reading space, a relaxation space - to cater for the needs of all students.' South Australia


 "I would like more hours in order for me to be able to offer more services e.g. lunchtime activities/clubs, more time to find quality resources and to accession the current backlog of resources." - New South Wales


 "I'd like to make greater use of technology and social media to promote the library/reading/information literacy." - New Zealand


 "I would like to collaborate and co-teach to fully integrate information, technological, and digital skills into learning across the school." - New South Wales


 "I would change the physical space - new furniture and shelving to create flexibility." - Victoria


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 "I'd like a larger space to accommodate all activities/dynamics e.g. individual study, collaboration, teaching, and social." - Tasmania


 "I would like more team teaching in the use of information and digital literacy." - New South Wales

 "I would like more admin support or staff so we can be out guiding and supporting students more." - New Zealand

 "I would update our aged and very large collection. I've slowly been curating a more modern and quality collection but the lack of funds available is restrictive." - Western Australia


 "I'd like better collaboration with teachers in designing inquiry learning projects." - New South Wales


 "I would love to see more staff collaboration between teachers and the TL, allowing the TL to co-teach lessons. I would also like additional access to classes to allow the TL to deliver programs based on information literacy, digital citizenship, and critical thinking." - New South Wales


 "I would love to have more time with teaching staff to promote library resources." - New Zealand

**I'D LIKE MORE  
TIME TO FOCUS ON READING  
FOR PLEASURE AND MATCHING  
BOOKS TO STUDENTS.  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

**I'D LIKE  
A BIGGER BUDGET FOR  
BOOKS, AND MAYBE EVEN  
INCLUDE E-BOOKS.  
NEW ZEALAND**

 "The staffing levels are not enough to be able to adequately and meaningfully work with teachers and students to enhance learning. We do not have time to value add; we can only get basics done.' - South Australia

 "I would increase the size of the library so that more students are welcomed to a space that is not just reading and studying. I'd like more "boys" resources (car magazines, footy magazines, etc.). I would like a crafty makerspace." - Australian Capital Territory

 "I would like an increase in library assistant hours so I could do more work around reading for pleasure and working with classrooms." - New Zealand

Based on responses in the 2019 Softlink Australia, New Zealand, and Asia Pacific School Library Survey, this infographic presents the key themes in answer to the question "What is the one thing you would change about your school library or your role?"

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