

School Libraries



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% of schools with teacher-librarians

Year	% elementary schools	% secondary schools
1998	80	
2001		78
2011	56 (80% part time)	66

School Libraries and Information Literacy, People for Education, 2011

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Parents are largely unaware of the quality of their children's school library program,

and

how the lack of this program in their school is negatively impacting their children's education.

*Ideas Exchange, Book and Periodical Council & Ontario Library Association,
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The library, administration, and parent community must work together in order to reverse the trend of the disappearing school library.

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“In line with Board policies, parents can play a significant role in supporting their school library. First, they can get to know the larger library system and procedures...and inform other stakeholders of the importance of school libraries to student learning.”

Student Success @ Your School Library: A Community Guide, TDSB, 2007

Joy of Reading Concern

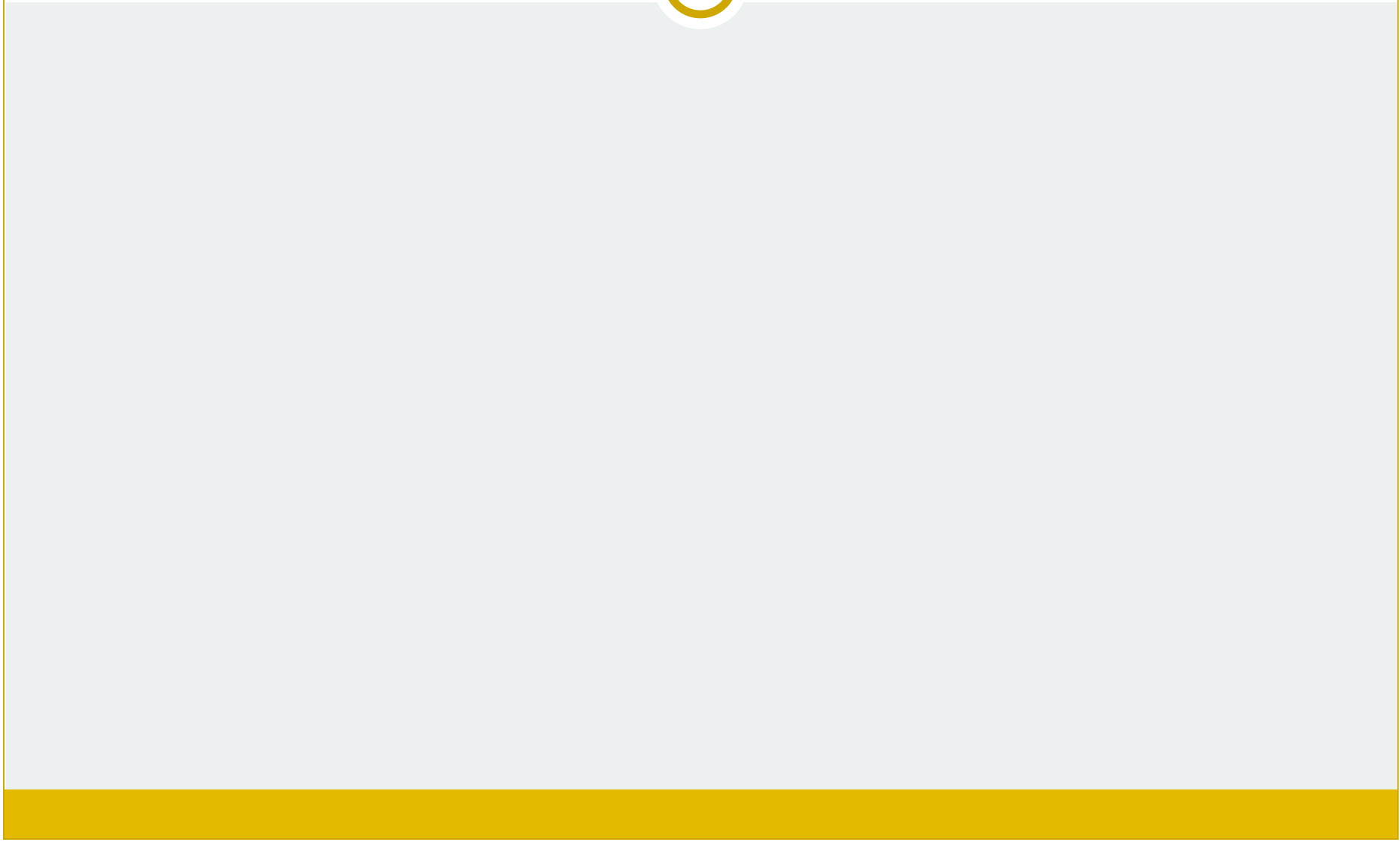


Percentage of students who reported they like to read

Year	% of Grade 3's	% of Grade 6's
1998/99	76	65
2010/11	50	50

Reading for Joy, People for Education, 2011

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2. Passwords bookmark

- Used to access password-protected library website content remotely



Visit to the

TDSB library website

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3. Community Guides

- ***Online Resources @ Your School Library***

Supports students, teachers, administrators and parents to use quality online resources at home and school

- ***Student Success @ Your School Library***

Supports students, teachers, administrators and parents to understand the role of school libraries

- ***Developing School Library Collections***

Supports communities to understand how quality school library collections are developed and maintained

TDSB Resources Available for Parents

4. *Procedure 531: Selection and Approval of Learning Resources*

- Library resource materials will be selected and approved by using the same criteria that are applied to the selection and approval of supplementary learning resources for classroom use:
 - ✦ Appropriateness to program
 - ✦ Suitability for students
 - ✦ Nature and degree of bias
 - ✦ Canadian content
 - ✦ Quality of visual and physical format
 - ✦ Cost and durability
- Internet resources are considered supplementary resources

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5. Standards for Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- “...it [is] essential for students to become computer literate and to develop information literacy skills.”
 - Provide a road map for students, teachers, and administrators, on what students will achieve
 - Provide consistent student achievement of these skills throughout the TDSB
 - Teachers will apply the ICT standards within all subject curricula, as ICT skills are best learned within the context of subject applications

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7. *PR613 Academic Honesty*

- “To provide direction to staff and students on the issues of academic honesty, including cheating and plagiarism”
- Assigns responsibilities to the Board, schools, teachers and students in order to ensure academic honesty

TDSB Resources



8. Instructional Leaders

- Provide support to over 500 T-Ls across the system
- Promote the love of reading, research skill development, and critical literacies via resources and programs
- Help schools transform their print-oriented libraries into learning commons for the 21st century
- Will provide instruction to parents at council meetings or other information nights

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Goal:

Facilitate achieving the enormous opportunities a properly resourced school library provides to the school, students and teaching staff.

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- **Method:**

- Worked with school administration
- Researched state of other school libraries (online and conversations with administration at other schools)
- Received funding from school council for initiatives
- Delivered information literacy education via a professional librarian on committee
- Created a wiki to share, store, and organize resources within committee

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Additional Initiatives for All Schools



1. Freedom to Read week
2. TD Canadian Children's Book Week
3. Kid's Lit Quiz

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- Reach out to Ward 10 school councils and parents to spread the benefit of resources and initiatives already in place