

APPENDIX C4 - Librarian Assistant Survey Results

A survey were administered to library assistants at an October 2022 meeting and included both closed and open-ended questions. Respondents reflected on various aspects of the program, including student and staff use of the school library, collaboration between librarians and other staff members, satisfaction with school library services and resources, level of comfort with databases, and perceptions of student skills.

Table 1 – Respondents by grade level

Grade level	Number of Respondents	%	Margin of Error
<i>Elementary</i>	26	87%	7.1%
<i>Secondary</i>	9	90%	10.9%

Table 1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
<i>a) My school's library is a pleasant and comfortable place to visit.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	73%	23%	0%	4%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	78%	22%	0%	0%	0%
<i>b) My school's library is accessible and easy to use for all students.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	62%	35%	4%	0%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	44%	56%	0%	0%	0%
<i>c) Th library is well organized and it is easy for patrons to locate books.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	58%	35%	8%	0%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%
<i>d) The library collection and resources adequately meet my schools' needs.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	46%	46%	8%	0%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	56%	44%	0%	0%	0%
<i>e) The library collection is current and aligns with the curriculum.</i>	Elementary (n=25)	36%	52%	8%	0%	4%
	Secondary (n=9)	56%	22%	0%	0%	22%

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
<i>f) I am familiar with the school's online resources.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	50%	42%	4%	0%	4%
	Secondary (n=9)	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
<i>g) The space accommodates a range of teaching methods, and encourages technology use, leisure reading, and browsing.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	69%	23%	8%	0%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%
<i>h) I am aware of the services and programs that my school's library can offer.</i>	Elementary (n=25)	72%	28%	0%	0%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	78%	22%	0%	0%	0%
<i>i) The circulation management system adequately meets the needs of my school's library.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	54%	35%	4%	0%	8%
	Secondary (n=9)	33%	44%	11%	0%	11%
<i>j) APS facilities resources (e.g.: air conditioning, carpet cleaning, electrical outlets, painting, leak repairs/tiles) adequately and efficiently meet the needs of the school's library.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	15%	46%	19%	19%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	11%	22%	56%	0%	11%

Table 2: What additional needs do you have that are not currently met? (open-ended)

	Elementary n = 9	Secondary n = 5
<i>Space accommodations - new/updated fixtures; HVAC; furniture</i>	22%	40%
<i>Respect for the position - fewer tasks; provide breaks; relationships;</i>	22%	20%
<i>More school support - security; clean up</i>	11%	20%
<i>More support - supplies; books; resources; time with students; training</i>	33%	40%

Table 3: What additional needs does the library have that are currently not being met?

	Elementary n = 12	Secondary n = 6
<i>Staff and library subs are not pulled from tasks</i>	0%	17%
<i>Repairs to space - HVAC; leaks; ceiling</i>	33%	33%
<i>New or repaired furniture - shelving; blinds; chairs</i>	58%	17%
<i>New or repaired fixtures - doors; carpeting; lights</i>	42%	0%
<i>More funding</i>	17%	17%

TABLE 4: TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
<i>I feel like I am a valued partner in the library staff.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	50%	35%	4%	8%	4%
	Secondary (n=9)	78%	11%	11%	0%	0%
<i>I have strong knowledge of how to use Destiny.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	44%	56%	0%	0%	0%
<i>I have strong knowledge of using Destiny Back Office.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	50%	46%	0%	0%	4%
	Secondary (n=9)	44%	56%	0%	0%	0%
<i>I am able to support students with database questions when asked.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	36%	52%	4%	0%	8%
	Secondary (n=9)	44%	44%	11%	0%	0%
<i>I feel comfortable helping patrons with eBooks and Audiobooks.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	20%	60%	16%	0%	4%
	Secondary (n=9)	56%	44%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Library Services staff are accessible and responsive when I reach out.</i>	Elementary (n=26)	69%	31%	0%	0%	0%
	Secondary (n=9)	44%	56%	0%	0%	0%

Table 5: How often are you asked to perform duties outside the library (ex. Bus duty)?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	A few times a year	Never
<i>Elementary (n=26)</i>	69%	19%	0%	8%	4%
<i>Secondary (n=9)</i>	22%	0%	11%	11%	56%

Table 6: How often are you pulled from the library (ex. to help in the office)?

	Daily	Once a week	Once a month	One or twice in a semester	Once or twice a year	Never
<i>Elementary (n=26)</i>	4%	15%	15%	19%	19%	27%
<i>Secondary (n=9)</i>	0%	11%	11%	11%	22%	44%

Table 7: What duties do you perform that are outside of library tasks, if any?

	Elementary n = 22	Secondary n = 6
<i>Recess duty</i>	59%	0%
<i>Bus duty; Arrival/dismissal</i>	77%	17%
<i>Substituting</i>	41%	17%
<i>Administrative assistant tasks</i>	18%	33%
<i>School activities (assemblies, afterschool)</i>	23%	33%
<i>Lunch duty</i>	18%	50%
<i>Testing proctor</i>	9%	67%
<i>Classroom support</i>	18%	0%
<i>Supervising students, in library or in classroom</i>	14%	0%
<i>Hall monitor</i>	9%	33%

Table 8: What is the best thing about your school's library?

	Elementary n = 24	Secondary n = 11
<i>Calming, safe, welcoming space</i>	58%	18%
<i>Diverse/wide collection</i>	25%	36%
<i>Library activities; crafts</i>	0%	9%
<i>Library staff</i>	25%	45%
<i>Working with students and staff</i>	8%	27%
<i>Natural light</i>	17%	18%

Table 9: What if anything would you change about your school's library?

	Elementary n = 20	Secondary n = 9
<i>More book variety - diversity, language</i>	15%	0%
<i>Improve physical space - bigger, better décor</i>	30%	56%
<i>Furniture - better, fixed, more</i>	65%	11%
<i>Repaired fixtures</i>	20%	22%
<i>Improve policies - ratios, book return, not pulling staff student ratio</i>	10%	11%
<i>In-library collaboration</i>	10%	11%

Table 10: What additional support for your school's library would you like to see from your school?

	Elementary n = 17	Secondary n = 6
<i>Parent involvement - book care; volunteers</i>	18%	0%
<i>Teacher and administrative support</i>	35%	33%
<i>Library staff not used for other activities</i>	12%	50%
<i>Appreciation / acknowledgement</i>	12%	17%
<i>Remove library as a special; More time with students</i>	29%	0%
<i>Other</i>	12%	0%

Table 11: What additional support for your school's library would you like to see from the division?

	Elementary n = 12	Secondary n = 5
<i>Training/ PD specific to job</i>	42%	20%
<i>Support from central office / school board</i>	25%	80%
<i>Funding / materials, staffing, substitutes</i>	58%	0%
<i>Other</i>	8%	0%