



School Library Service

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Brief outline of service

SLS works with schools to contribute to schools' goals for attainment and improvement by:

- Encouraging children and young people of different abilities to develop a love for books and enjoy reading more widely
- Using reading to develop learning and information skills and how to learn independently
- Enabling staff to be further enthused and equipped to inspire their pupils
- Achieving excellent school libraries for the benefit of children, young people and their families.

Schools across Devon and Torbay are served through SLS centres based at Great Moor House, Exeter and Barnstaple Library, Barnstaple. School Library Advisers work from these centres and mobile libraries can visit rural primary schools as part of the service.

What does the local authority currently provide without additional charge?

The Schools Library Service is a fully-traded service and, as such, must be wholly purchased by schools

What LDP provides for schools to purchase

- We are keen that schools are aware of the full range of SLS services and how to make the most of their annual subscription
- While more than 90% of our subscribers enjoy the wider benefits of the comprehensive annual subscription, our menu of services is designed to give you choice
- If your school is likely to have changing needs, or is federating, or you anticipate rethinking your subscription for 2012, please contact us before you decide so that we can help and talk through options.

Annual Subscription:

SLS Level 3:

Comprehensive subscription service

Your subscription provides expert advice and practical support from SLS staff, and can include any of the following, depending on your needs:

- A visit from your School Library Adviser, and more input for specific projects, e.g. planning and creating new or refurbished school libraries
- Help and advice on bookstock and promoting and evaluating your school library
- Advice on resources to support your reading activities
- Work with pupils of all ages and abilities e.g. reluctant readers
- Reading promotion activities such as Reading Roundabout (primary), the Reading Game (secondary), themed book sessions and storytelling
- Talks to parents or governors in individual schools or in learning communities
- Training of staff and pupil librarians in library and information skills
- Peer support group for your school librarian/literacy co-ordinator.

And all these high quality resources for curriculum support and enrichment:

- A long-term deposit book collection of at least 200 books or more based on your pupil roll, to build your school library
- Two book exchanges a year, total books based on number of pupils, with up-to-date titles and attractive resources to refresh your library – you can choose your books or ask SLS to do it for you
- Topics every term, tailored to individual teachers' requests on demand, and with up to 20 books per topic, giving flexibility to deliver your curriculum
- Collections for pupils with different abilities or specific needs: hi-lo texts, large print, dual language, Braille, symbolised text, gifted and talented resources
- Online resources on our website to give your teachers a toolkit: best practice guides e.g. transition, multi-cultural, SEAL, inspirational reading spaces, parents sharing reading, storytelling, book weeks; booklists, e.g. Hot reads and primary and secondary blogs; a speedy way to order your topics.



SLS Level 2: Library Support Service

This provides a deposit book collection refreshed by two exchanges during the year. If you prefer only one exchange, this can be arranged at an adjusted price based on the size of your current exchange. The subscription also includes password access to the SLS website, and if you need topics, or advisory support as listed in SLS3 above, these are available on a pay-as-you-use basis.

SLS Level 1: Curriculum Topic Service

This provides topic collections (up to 20 books per box) to support teachers' curriculum and project needs. If you need any advisory support, this is available on a pay-as-you-use basis. Please note that if you choose the Curriculum Topic Service, or choose to opt out of subscribing to SLS altogether, the school will relinquish their existing library deposit book collection.

Pay to Use:

If you subscribe to Library Support or Curriculum Topic services, or you are not an SLS subscriber and want to use the service in a flexible way, we offer pay-as-you-use options to benefit your school:

- Adviser support
- Taster subscription for primary schools wishing to try out the SLS comprehensive service for the first time before subscribing fully : for a year providing a half-day visit from a school library adviser, 4 topic collections per term and bulk loan of 100 books
- Tailored collections and services, including a choice of: **a.** Reading promotion events for primary and secondary schools; **b.** Key collections: a bespoke themed collection on termly loan; **c.** Pick-and-mix loans: 100 books to top up your library
- Curriculum topic collections to boost school resources each term
- Password access to the SLS website
- Support for school library management systems, i.e. Junior Librarian and Alice, including initial training, professional development on system facilities, stock checks.

Why purchase this service?

Your school can benefit from:

- An all-round, unique combination of services provided locally
- Experienced staff with professional expertise, able to provide advice and practical hands-on support to help you achieve your objectives
- SLS has a proven track record of being able to respond flexibly to demand, and delivering direct to your school in 10 working days of your request, so that you get what you need when you need it
- Value for money and saving your staff valuable time: Topic boxes to keep up with the changing curriculum, saving effort and cost in investing in books with a short shelf life; Exchange service, not provided by commercial outlets; Support to keep your book knowledge and purchasing up to date with our experience and continuity in sourcing new books, in reading and book promotion and in managing stock.

Case study / feedback

New primary school and new library: "As always this was a very welcome and useful visit. The amount of work completed in this visit was staggering! We now have back our library with proper organised stock and all the rubbish removed. This is and will remain the most successful and reliable of Devon's Services – can't praise you all enough!" Headteacher

Making a difference for children and young people: "I am really keen to continue the fabulous work that you supported us with in our library last term. As part of our school improvement plan I have asked our teaching assistants to 'develop the library as an area which can support learning', leading the pupils towards using the library in its true sense rather than simply being another room in the school." Headteacher

"School Library Services are a cost-effective way of providing expertise, skills and resources around reading and information literacy to schools."



What does the service cost?

Annual Subscriptions:

Primary & Special

SLS Level 1: Curriculum Topic

£725 per school

Ref. CESL3023

plus **£11.44** per pupil

Ref. CESL3023

SLS Level 2: Library Support

£680 per school

Ref. CESL3024

plus **£12.88** per pupil

Ref. CESL3024

SLS Level 3: Comprehensive

£955 per school

Ref. CESL3030

plus **£15.18** per pupil

Ref. CESL3030

Secondary

SLS Level 1: Curriculum Topic: N/A

SLS Level 2: Library Support

£1,482 per school

Ref. CESL3025

plus **£4.55** per pupil

Ref. CESL3025

SLS Level 3: Comprehensive

£1,754 per school

Ref. CESL3032

plus **£5.18** per pupil

Ref. CESL3032

Packages of Support: (See annual subscriptions and pay-to-use options)

Pay to Use:

Adviser Support. Daily rate: **£266**

(6 hours' delivery and support)

Adviser Support. Half day: **£142**

(3 hours' delivery and support)

Taster annual subscription: **£1,000**

Tailored collections and services, including a choice of:

a. Reading Promotion: **£350/£450**

b. Key collections: **£50** per term

c. Pick-and-mix loans: **£500**

Curriculum topic collections to boost school resources each term: up to **£62** per topic

Password access to the SLS website: **£45**

Support for school library management systems: Subscribers **£266** per day, Non-subscribers **£300** per day (less for half-day or specific sessions)

Contact for further information

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