

INSTRUCTION
SCHOOL LIBRARIES/MEDIA CENTERS

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The primary function of a school's library media center is to implement, enrich and support the educational program of the school. The center provides a wide range of materials at various levels of sophistication with a diversity of appeal and the presentation of different points of view.

To this end, the primary responsibilities of the library media center are:

1. To provide materials that will stimulate the acquisition of factual knowledge and the development of literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;
2. To provide a source of information which, when consulted may enable pupils to make informed judgments;
3. To provide materials containing a wide range of views on issues so that students may develop the practice of critical reading and thinking;
4. To provide opportunities to integrate into the curriculum various perspectives and contributions which continue to shape the community, the Commonwealth, the nation and the world;
5. To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library media center.
6. To provide a collection that meets individual learning needs, abilities and learning styles.
7. To provide background materials to supplement classroom instruction.
8. To stay current with media technology.

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Legal References: 8 VAC 20-131-190