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Ways Teachers Can Connect Students to the Library

-  Familiarize yourself with the local library and get acquainted with its staff (they are a great resource).
-  Survey your students' interests. Bring in books that are from the local library about those interests. Provide students with author and title information so they can go and seek out the books at the library.
-  Share and discuss the different genres and formats of reading materials that are available in libraries (e.g., Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biographies, Large Print, Adolescent/Teen/Youth, Children).
-  Form a book club in your class. Students can select, read and discuss a book from the library. (Most libraries will help teachers acquire multiple copies of selected books.)
-  Create a class list of "Recommended Books" based on suggestions from students, teachers and other program staff. Provide students with this list to use at local library.
-  Model your personal use of books, newspapers, and magazines. Make the point that these materials can be checked out or read at a library.
-  Discuss (and show, if available) the layout of the local library so the students will know where they can find what they want. (Also could be done by a visit with a local librarian at your program or as a field trip.)
-  Share and discuss the different genres and formats of other materials that are available in libraries (e.g., music, videos, Internet access, games).
-  Encourage students with families to visit the library together. Many good stories to share can be found in the Children's section.
-  Use Eureka! to find book suggestions based on interest. Some books entries also provide reading level (<http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/>).