

# Share Your Ideas: Library Promotion

Saskatchewan School Library Association

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Responses Gathered from the 'Share Your Ideas' Google Form



### Reading: The Height of Comfort

Once a week, during the noon recess, I invite the students to read in the library, if they wish to do so. Those who want to read individually and quietly gather in a semi-secluded area of the library. Those who wish to share a book or a magazine with a friend or two, or to read aloud, gather in the general part of the library. The students are allowed to choose any book available to them. I have a number of cushions they may use during this time. Some children sit on chairs around a table, or under the table or in a corner, or...

-Vivianne Lesko  
Elementary Teacher-Librarian  
Conseil des écoles francsaskoises

### Book Clubs in High School

I use a wide variety strategies to promote our school library including: guest speakers and authors at least once a month, book trailers to promote new books, book clubs, students choice book meetings, and a graphic novel club.

-Jacqueline Helman  
High School Teacher-Librarian  
Saskatoon Public Schools

### Widgets on the Web

I use a [GoodReads](#) widget on my web site and I direct teachers to peruse my latest acquisitions (listed on GoodReads) through a blanket e-mail.

-Terry Pon  
High School Teacher-Librarian  
Regina Public Schools

### Library on the Web!

This past school year, I took some time to create a library website which is linked to our school webpage. The library website connects to other school library webpages, story sites, homework help sites, etc. It also links to forms for students and teachers to send in "Hot Picks" or make requests. The "Welcome" page tells the history of our library and answers some of the questions on the library scavenger hunt which is also available on-line. So far, the library webpage has received only positive feedback and is proving to be quite useful in promoting our school library.

-Joan Falk  
Elementary Teacher-Librarian  
Prairie Spirit School Division

### Breakfast and a Book

Every Thursday morning from 8:15 - 8:55 a.m. we have Breakfast and a Book in the library. Our Community School EAs provide breakfast and books/posters for a draw. We provide the library and set it up with newspapers and books on each table. Parents and/or teachers/EAs read or listen to children read after they have eaten. Sometimes guest readers are invited to read.

-Diane Barsi  
Elementary Teacher-Librarian  
Saskatoon Public Schools

### Access 24/7

A LRC that is open 24/7 - through my Web site, blog, and virtual classroom, students can access the resources needed to respond to inquiries, assist with homework, or enhance literacy.

- Carlene Walter  
Elementary Teacher-Librarian  
Saskatoon Public Schools

### Library Thing

I use "Library Thing" as a virtual library tool to showcase new books that are added to our library. There is a link on our school Wiki - which I maintain - and both students and teachers can see the books and read information about the books that we have added to our library.

-Chantelle Anderson  
Elementary Teacher-Librarian  
Prince Albert Catholic Schools

### Library Contests

Each year in semester two I host a library contest. I find it's a good time of year to generate some interest around books and reading. This year my contest is called Alpha Omega. Students enter either the first or last sentence of a book they have read into a draw for prizes like movie passes, books, and school t-shirts. Chatting about the contest at the circulation desk gives me a way to connect with students. A daily advertisement in student announcements brings the library and the contest to people's attention.

-Chris Arnstead  
High School Teacher-Librarian  
Regina Public Schools