

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

The goal statement for Saskatchewan education states that students in our schools should be encouraged to develop “a body of knowledge and a range of skills and attitudes necessary to function in a changing world.”

In addition, the goal statement emphasizes that a major task of our education system is to produce students who are willing to pursue life-long learning. Resource-based education promotes, and is crucial to, the achievement of these goals. Resource-based learning is defined as “planned educational programs that actively involve students in the meaningful use of a wide range of appropriate print, nonprint and human resources.” The strength of resource-based education is in its flexibility and in the number of options it offers to both the student and teacher who are striving to achieve educational objectives.

A resource centre library program is essential for resource-based instruction. An effective program is dependent on four basic components: personnel, collection, facilities and budget.

1. **PERSONNEL**

1.1 Teacher-Librarian's Role

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1.2 New Careers Library Trainees

This is a jointly-funded program that must be renegotiated twice a year. The focus is to have the trainee do the ‘housekeeping’ tasks in a library, e.g. shelving books. The trainee will expect a job evaluation for possible use as a reference at the end of the program. The teacher-librarian may be the person you select to provide the evaluation.

2. COLLECTION

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of the teacher-librarian to ensure a well-balanced collection. In order to help teacher-librarians, please make them aware of all new bibliographies. These can be used for selection purposes.
- 2.2 An evaluated Book Display with an emphasis on curricular materials is held in February every year. Approximately 75% of the library budget should be spent at that time.
- 2.3 Direct sales at schools are contrary to school board policy (JAA) for the following reasons:
 - 1) Materials are not evaluated.
 - 2) Companies may start contacting schools on a regular basis. This would be very time consuming.
 - 3) If some companies are accepted, all will want the same opportunity.

Book Fairs are fund-raisers. They do not fall under this category.

3. FACILITIES

- 3.1 These are the responsibility of Administrative Services.

4. BUDGETS

- 4.1 Although monthly budget information is sent to the school, the signing authority for the library budget is the Coordinator of Learning Resources.
- 4.2 Only learning resources are allowed in this budget. No furniture, shelving, carts, etc., are covered.