

## **Idaho Success Stories**

(Our) high school has a new librarian... who is inspiring to the staff there. She has used the library as a study, technology, and research resource for students. She has brought teachers in and encouraged them to partner with her in working with writing, technology, and subject exploration. Students are using the library before and after school for technology access. This story is important in two ways. One, (our) free and reduced lunch count is the highest of the... district high schools, so having access to a computer at home is very limited. Two, our high school is one of the highest in refugee populations, so the students' entry into school has been challenging. - *Administrator, a district office.*

Our librarian reads each class a short story or chapter every week, as well as helping our student to choose... books for them to read independently during that week. She sits on our school advisory committee, and she opens our library to families and students after hours several times each year in a night we call "Read with a Parent Night." ... She is a great asset to our school. - *Principal, an elementary school.*

Since our new librarian has taken over, the library is a place where students hang out and read. The circulation numbers have increased dramatically each year and, for a small school, the choice of books is outstanding. I think it no coincidence that as the circulation numbers have increased so have the scores on the reading ISAT. - *Principal, a high school.*

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