

Elementary Libraries: A Prescription for Success

Building a School Library

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Connect With Others

- Meet other school librarians for help and encouragement
- Meet the children's librarian at your local library (ask about donations, borrow collections)
- Meet your PTO/PTA president (seek their help to fundraise for the library)
- Meet a cataloging librarian (they can guidance with cataloging your collection)
- Share resources between schools to save money (interlibrary loan; book fair decorations)

Educate Yourself

- Take advantage of free self directed education (WebJunctionIdaho.org and ABLE/SABLE courses through the Idaho Commission for Libraries)
- Read books on managing a school library; ideas books; lesson planning books
- Search the internet for school library helps

Focus

- Focus on one thing at a time
- Be willing to take a chance; learn from what didn't work
- Focus on Your library's purpose (the library is there to serve the students and teachers; seek their input)
- Get volunteer help (don't try to do it all yourself)

