

174 ---School teacher librarian. K-12. Due to content being competency driven, college/university recommendation may be required.

Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a teacher librarian in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. The applicant must be the holder of or eligible for the initial, standard, or master teaching license.

Program requirements; Degree—Master’s.

Completion of thirty semester hours in school library coursework to include the following:

Literacy and reading. This requirement includes the following competencies:

- Practitioners collaborate with other teachers to integrate developmentally appropriate literature in multiple formats to support literacy for youth of all ages.
- Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of resources and strategies to foster leisure reading and model personal enjoyment of reading, based on familiarity with selection tools and current trends in literature for youth of all ages.
- Practitioners understand how to develop a collection of reading and informational materials in print and digital formats that supports the diverse developmental, cultural, social and linguistic needs of all learners and their communities.
- Practitioners model and teach reading comprehension strategies to create meaning from text for youth of all ages.

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Information and knowledge. This requirement includes the following competencies:

- Practitioners teach multiple strategies to locate, analyze, evaluate, and ethically use information in the context of inquiry-based learning.
- Practitioners advocate for flexible and open access to library resources, both physical and virtual.
- Practitioners uphold and promote the legal and ethical codes of their profession, including privacy, confidentiality, freedom and equity of access to information.
- Practitioners use skills and knowledge to assess reference sources, services, and tools in order to mediate between information needs and resources to assist learners in determining what they need.
- Practitioners model and facilitate authentic learning with current and emerging digital tools for locating, analyzing, evaluating and ethically using information resources to support research, learning, creating, and communicating in a digital society.
- Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of creative and innovative uses of technologies to engage students and facilitate higher-level thinking.
- Practitioners develop an articulated information literacy curriculum grounded in research related to the information search process.
- Practitioners understand the process of collecting, interpreting, and using data to develop new knowledge to improve the school library program.
- Practitioners employ the methods of research in library and information science.

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Program administration and leadership. This requirement includes the following competencies:

- Practitioners evaluate and select print, non-print, and digital resources using professional selection tools and evaluation criteria to develop and manage a quality collection designed to meet the diverse curricular, personal, and professional needs of the educational community.
- Practitioners demonstrate knowledge necessary to organize the library collections according to current standard library cataloging and classification principles.
- Practitioners develop policies and procedures to support ethical use of information, intellectual freedom, selection and reconsideration of library materials, and the privacy of users of all ages.
- Practitioners develop strategies for working with regular classroom teachers, support services personnel, paraprofessionals, and other individuals involved in the educational program.
- Practitioners demonstrate knowledge of best practices related to planning, budgeting (including alternative funding), organizing, and evaluating human and information resources and facilities to ensure equitable access.
- Practitioners understand strategic planning to ensure that the school library program addresses the needs of diverse communities.
- Practitioners advocate for school library and information programs, resources, and services among stakeholders.
- Practitioners promote initiatives and partnerships to further the mission and goals of the school library program.

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Practicum. This requirement includes the following competencies:

- Practitioners apply knowledge of learning styles, stages of human growth and development, and cultural influences of learning at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Practitioners implement the principles of effective teaching and learning that contribute to an active, inquiry-based approach to learning in a digital environment at the elementary and secondary levels.

K-12 School Teacher Librarian Endorsement Worksheet

- **Practitioners understand the teacher librarian role in curriculum development and the school improvement process at the elementary and secondary levels.**
- **Practitioners collaborate to integrate information literacy and emerging technologies into content area curricula.**

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