



Student Learning Through Ohio School Libraries

DOCUMENT 2

The Student's Voices

Students comments are original except for minor edits for clarification.

Block 1: How helpful the school library is with getting information you need.

Q11: The school library has helped me know the different steps in finding and using information.

Student Witness

290 Well the best time was during my research paper in my English class. And I was able to get all of my information that I needed in the school library. The librarian was real fun as she taught us all the steps in doing a good research paper.

397 I had to write about Spain for Spanish class and the class came to the library to do research. We've been taught how to do good research – very useful when you are at school with loads of research papers for every class.

400 I couldn't quiet grasp the Dewey decimal system and they helped me find a book – many times now.

811 One time when I was studying Nez Perce Indians, I needed to have a bibliography. I didn't know what I was supposed to write on this "bibliography" so I went up to Mrs. XXX, to see if she could help me. She gave me a piece of paper with instructions as she carefully guided me through each in every step. If I couldn't find the information needed to do one of the steps, she showed me where in the book I could find it. Then to top it all off, and make sure I got it she had me teach someone else. Making me feel like I was making a difference!

1015 I had to find information for my history paper. The librarian helped me search for info in the library by looking through the rows of books, helping me search on the internet for sites, and even looking through what books the city library had on the topic through her computer. I would have never have found the sources I needed for the paper if not for the school library, the public library, and the helpful people who staff those places. They even showed me steps to work through to do the research and complete it. They ran some classes specifically for us and they were very very helpful.

1119 The time I was looking for Uotamaro for my project for art and I looked all over, and I couldn't find Uotamaro and that's because I didn't know how to look in Opac. Miss XXX told me how to do Opac and I learned how so I could find Uotamaro the artist was the book I found and all thanks to the library. That was the most needed time.

1243 In third grade the school library helped me find the books I needed for a project. Also when we had a lesson whenever we played games it helped me learn a lot better than just explaining.

1262 The library helped me figure out how to use the Dewey Decimal System. They helped me because I didn't know where to find fiction and non-fiction.

1266 The school library has helped me in teaching me in how to use the school online catalog and my se[r]ver, my se[r]ver number, the dewey decimal system, and on how to use the online resources at the school website like Britannica, online resources etc.

1330 In a large Social Studies project we had to do a lot of research in the library. What had learned about looking up information and finding proper resources and following the research guides really helped me there.

1507 When I was on the computer they taught me how to search the internet better.

1623 One time I got help from the school library was when I was doing a Biography report for Language Arts class, and I left my book at school, in my locker. I didn't need it for my main report because we had taken notes for that part. I needed it for my bibliography. So, using the skills that we learned at my school library, I went to our on-line catalog. I did all the steps, and I was able to find out the information needed so I finished it. I am really glad, now, because of what we had learned in our library.

1768 Last year I had to do a group report about coal and the 3 of us couldn't find much info on it on the computer at our houses, it wasn't very helpful, so then we came here to look for books and found a lot of info. the library has tons of books that are great for any report that you are doing for school and the lessons that we have at least once a year really helped me be able to search for a topic quickly and w/ the best information!

2342 One time when the school library really helped me was when I was doing my case study for my Anatomy/Physiology class. In fact I am still doing this case study now. The librarians helped me find book sources, helped me sift through my information, and help me distinguish between answers. This is a very confusing case study and many of the answers are similar. The librarians helped me through the process of elimination. They also helped me searching the web more efficiently.

2343 When I had to write a term paper for English class, the school library was very vital in helping me along the way to doing my paper at all the different steps in the research and write up. Because of the school library I got a pretty good grade on my paper.

2572 They make you second guess everything by making sure you have done it "their way." They babble on how I should do my research how they want it. Well, I guess it does work, as I get good grades for my library projects.

2801 The school library helped me research a genetic disease for Biology 2. They were very helpful in finding information that I needed for my project. This allowed me to find the information I was looking for and helped me put together a quality paper on hemophilia. Overall, the library was very useful while writing my paper. We had some classes on research too which were very helpful for this and other projects.

3210 While I was looking for papers on my research report, I found way too many so it was hard to find the one that I needed. I remembered a class that we had in the library and I remembered "narrowing down your search." So, I did and I found what I needed!!

3980 The school library helped me find research for my research paper. It supplied several sources that I was able to use for my paper and the librarians taught me how to site certain references and how to write bibliographical information.

Q12: The information in the school library has helped me work out the questions for the topics I am working on.

Student Witness

527 When I needed help with my projects (no matter what class it was for) they helped me figured out what I was doing, and what I needed to find out, and where I needed to go. I thank everyone who has ever helped me in the library.

789 When you go to the librarian for help, the librarian gets you to explain in your own words the questions you have to answer in your project. She makes sure you understand what you are going to do and then helps you get into it.

791 Once when I was working on an Indian Project in third grade I couldn't decide on topics and subjects and how to organize them all, it was just too confusing. I came to my school library and the librarians were a HUGE help and helped me work out what to do. I ended up getting a perfect grade!

1250 We were just given a project to do in Language Arts, you could choose any topic but your article had to be non fiction. But the library was very helpful for me in choosing my subject and what I needed to find out, researching and then publishing it. If they weren't there, my thoughts would be everywhere!

1257 The Library helped me the most when I was looking for topics and books to get my ideas started! The librarians were helpful at pointing out books and places for me to look! They were very informative in helping me find work out the parts of my topic (20 questions!) and make sense of it so I could begin.

2601 I was working on my senior project, and didn't really know where to go to start getting my information. But the school library was very helpful, and so were the librarians who helped me work out my specific topic find the right information that I didn't even think they had.

2607 The one time I needed an assignment in chemistry. They helped me out right away with a topic I had to research about and they ended up finding the topic in a matter of minutes. The librarian kept asking us all about our problems and questions with research and was there to give us help. Once a group of us came early in the morning and the worked with us on how to write a better paper.

2663 While working on a demanding English project I needed assistance looking for critics for a particular book I read. I did not know where to begin. the librarians helped me to work out all the questions to look in the correct books and to use the internet. I was able to make copies in the book and e-mail the information on the internet home to use later.

Q13: The school library has helped me find different sources of information (such as books, magazines, CDs, websites, videos) for my topics.

Student Witness

45 I had a project in English class where I had to use the school libraries internet database and text resources to find information on a poet. With the resources I found in the library I was able to compete the project fully and with the great help of the librarian, find useful sources.

56 When I needed to find information on early life of humans they helped me find books and internet sources and

magazines and the result of that was that I was able to get a good grade and write an organized paper.

77 The school library helped me when I was doing a research project dealing with poetry and I needed to find specific sources for my topic. Since I could find the sources that I needed, I was able to do a better job on the project.

171 One time, I was doing a project in History class and I had a very difficult topic... one that I couldn't find much information on using the internet. Someone helped me and I found more information in books and encyclopedias and ended up getting a pretty good grade on the project.

220 I asked librarian where to find book and she explained to me the Dewey Decimal, much more information than I needed. But I know where all the types of books are.

260 I remember when I couldn't find anything cause I didn't know the websites, so the library workers that were on duty helped me by giving me a sheet that showed me certain websites to find internet articles. It also helped me find articles from books and newspapers. It was really helpful in getting my assignment done.

272 When researching information for my research project over the National Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster, a non-profit organization, the library helped me to find information in different types of sources to cover my topic. It also provided books specifically about non-profit organizations and their origins. Actually got me interested in voluntary work.

516 I was assigned a history project that was worth about a third of my grade. I really didn't know much on the topic, which was the Civil War. The librarians and computers helped me find all the reference books I could possibly need. The public library was also helpful, but it was easier finding material at our school's library. With the help of the librarians, books, and computers, I got all the information I needed, and even received a 100% on my project, which I never would have received without the help from the library.

1039 I was at once and I didn't know how to find books so the librarian taught me how to look in that catalog file and search through the cards and find the book I was looking for.

3098 I've been at the library many times this year for several projects. The library teacher was extremely helpful and showed the class EVERYTHING we could use in the library and how to use it. It helped out a lot because I found the information I needed quicker and it was more accurate.

6238 Every time we had a research paper in AP American Studies, the library was able to help me out in so many different ways. I was able to find different sources, such as think tank, magazines, websites, experts, and so many more.

I really appreciate all of your help. Thank you! you are so helpful!

Q14: The school library has helped me know when I find good information.

Student Witness

136 In history class we would always have to do projects. Most of the subjects I had no information on, so when I was able to get into the library I could look up anything that I might have need for my project, and I'm also taught how to find and recognize good information.

507 One time they helped me was when I was looking for information about electricity. They showed me where to go and what good websites there are, and how to work out if the web sites are good or not.

528 How to figure out what site is good. I was able to find what I needed, when I needed it.

1075 Well one time was when we had to do a report on Animals and I had no clue how to find information about my animal. So Mrs. XXX helped me find the information on the computer. On the internet if its true or false – to learn that is very important at school.

1107 Now we are doing a project on spacelab1. We need a lot of info to get a good grade but we could not find much stuff in books. So we used some of the IMC websites and found a lot of stuff. Also we learned how to check websites and see when they were last updated so we can tell if it is a good website. After we found things from the internet we found a lot of things in books because we knew where to look.

1230 I had a science project on potassium and I couldn't find that many things on the web so then I went to the librarian and asked her if she could help me find sum books so she went online and showed me how too look for books, so she typed in potassium and there popped up a ton of books on potassium...it was like magic! and there you go ;-) But I had to learn how to recognize the good sites – that was harder but worth it with the help I was shown. We even had a class on it too which helped.

1339 When I was searching for information on my science project on hydropower they helped me find all the good websites about my subjects and they helped me find good books with interesting information and pictures. Our library classes have helped us understand the good websites.

1812 I remember one time where I couldn't find any information on a certain school topic. I was looking at different books, and searching websites. Finally I decided to settle on finding a book on my topic. The librarian had to help me find the book, and when she helped me get into it. It helped me find information on my topic and lots of it, and

to work out what was the best info to choose. I got a good grade on that assignment, also.

1999 In language class one time, I decided to do a report on the country of Israel. Through my school library, I was able to find the necessary information on my topic. My school's librarian taught me and the whole class how to look for and find the right information. I did all of my research in my school library, and got an "A" on the project. I am really grateful for our school library.

2093 For a reading project we had to do a hyper-studio project on something from or around World War I. My topic was Ann Frank. Because of the school library I was able to find good information easily and know how accurate it was compared to another site's information. It was so much quicker too. Ann Frank is a huge topic so there was tons of information and some sites were different than others. So I did what the school library taught me, which was to go with the information that sites that had more similarities to them.

2136 Through our school library, I learned of credible sources from links on our website. Using programs such as EBSCO Host has helped me to refine my search to good sources and eliminates looking through websites that are not credible.

2139 The library showed me how to get good internet sources for my research paper. I was having trouble finding any sources and the librarian showed me how to use some things on the internet which got me a lot of good and credible sites for my research.

2497 When I was doing my career project and I needed to use the computers to find another Internet source. The librarians really helped me find new and very helpful websites that were on my topic, and showed us how to know if they are good web sites.

3325 The school library helped me with my research report. I've been taught how to get good information and where.

6052 I got help from the school library while working on my research project. After I found some resources at home, when I came to the library I found out that the sources were plagiarized. The library saved my entire grade because of it.

7975 The library has helped me in many ways. One of these ways is when I had a geography project. The library pulled some books from the shelf and assisted me in finding good information. The library has helped me understand that not everything I read online is true. They made me double check any information I got. Now even at home I check everything I read online from another source. My grades have improved just from this one little technique.

9299 When writing my research paper the librarians gave me a lot of ideas on how to recognize and where to find good and valid information to use within my paper.

Q15: The school library has helped me find different opinions about my topics.

Student Witness

129 In the tenth grade, when I was doing research on Pearl Harbor. I never really understood all the different views about it until then. So I guess it has helped me to be less prejudiced about viewpoints until I learn about the different ones around a topic.

266 I had a debate in English and we had to look up a lot of information. The library was really helpful for my search, especially finding out and sorting out all the arguments I never knew existed.

421 I had to write a term paper for Senior English on a serial killer. The library resources were of great help and I got many different sometimes conflicting ideas.

1620 I had to do a research project on Abortion and had no clue about what sites were good to look at for information. They helped me with finding good sites that really helped with the project, such as opposing view points.

2165 The school library helped me learn how to use the card catalog on the computer and it helped me do a debate project on abortion by giving me the different views.

2184 When I had a report due and I went on to the school library and got all the information I needed. The report was on the legalization of marijuana. I found tons of information and many different perspectives which were quite thought provoking for me, and with that information I received and "A" on the report.

2442 I was doing a project on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the librarian helped me pick out useful books and I didn't realize there were some many different takes on him.

2727 I asked a lady where can I find this murderer and she gave me all these different kinds of books I never knew that they had, they a lot of interesting things written about his life and his killings and what had happen to him... it was very helpful cause I could get different takes on it and work out what I believed. Yeah!

2732 when I was researching for abortion I needed a lot of different opinions from books and the librarian helped me to find everything I needed, and I think I now understand the two sides.

3122 I had to do a report on serial killers and I found many books on my topic which helped me to write an excellent report and learn about it nature vs nurture.

3486 One time that the school library helped me was when I had a major project for my English class. My assignment was to research the death penalty and present an affirmative position on the topic. The books in the library gave me both viewpoints of the case and the internet helped me to search for certain cases in which the death penalty was termed unconstitutional. It was a big help to finishing my research project and getting a good grade.

Q16: The school library has helped me feel better about finding information.

Student Witness

511 I remember one time when I had to do write an assignment for Spanish class in the library. Their computers and resources helped me complete it successfully. Thank you, faculty and staff of the school library. Without your help, I would have given up long ago out of frustration from school work.

1485 When I was in the 6th grade last year, the school library helped me find out information about bulimia (I was doing a presentation on it and needed information.) the school librarians were very helpful during that very very stressful period of my sixth grade year in the school.

1739 The school library really helped me when I was looking for a book. It was very helpful with all the research for my projects and I they were very nice about it, given I was so stressful but happy in the end.

2428 I had to do a report for biology class one day and I was having a hard time. I couldn't find no info on the subject and I didn't know what to do. So I went down to the library and the helped me a lot. They showed me how to find the info I was looking for and they even helped me write it out. Thanks to them I got a B on my report and now I know how to look up information on things easier, and with much less stress.

2477 They helped me on my project for English a lot, and got me through it – not just teaching me about doing good research, but dealing with my frustrations and anxieties and not having a clue.

2783 Once, earlier this semester, we were doing a persuasive essay on discrimination. I wanted to do my essay on discrimination against musically and theatrically talented students and adults. Through the library's help, staff, and resources available I was able to narrow my topic down to discrimination against the fine arts. I pin-pointed it down to

every detail I was able to find, and the librarian gave me pointers on how I could find specific information on what I was looking for. My essay turned out to be an A+ paper, and I couldn't have done it without the library's help. That took the pain out of finding the info and writing the paper.

2793 The school library really helped me with a school project on discrimination. The Library was able to show me how to find information better than I ever had before. That takes so much stress out of doing projects. Because of it I got a great grade on my project, and it helped me be a better student on the next library project.

2877 I never really used the library here. If I needed information, most often I found it on the internet at home or the public library. But the library classes have at least made me more comfortable with finding good info on the web.

3466 I recall when my class was working on a debate paper/ assignment and we were allowed to use the libraries facilities to augment to our own research done at home. When in the library, we used our time to get better information and more professional opinions through the use of the internet, books and magazines regarding our topic. The library proved to be our greatest ally in completing this task and doing a good job of making us feel content with the work we had done.

3819 In American History class, we have to do a big final project. I was researching the history of serial killers. There was not a lot if information to be found, so I asked the librarian for help in finding the information. She directed me right away to where I could find information on my topic. I found a lot of information from these books and could do my project without stress.

Q17: The school library has helped me feel better about asking for assistance when I go there.

Student Witness

436 On the occasions that I did have questions or needed help, the librarians were always able to aid me much more than I could aid myself, and so I ask for help all of the time.

449 Just this year, a group of friends and I had to do a government project and we needed access to the color printer. I must say that the librarians helped a lot and answered our questions and encouraged us. That was great. We completed our project successfully and we got an A. Thank you library. I'll miss you!

472 There was one time when I had to do a project on something for English. I had to look up the Salem Witch Projects and I couldn't find that much information in books

to do it. So I asked the people working. They helped me out a lot in taking time to help look for things and to help with all of my questions and they didn't make me feel like a dummy.

486 One time I looked and looked for a book and I couldn't find it. So I went to the librarian and she helped me look it up and find it in the book case and she was very friendly. It was very important because I had to have that book for class that day.

777 When I was working on a project about science I had no idea what I was doing I asked my library teachers for help they helped and by the end of the day I felt so much better!!! And from that day on I knew what I was doing on that project and I got a A. I was so proud of myself and my confidence went up a whole lot and now when ever I do a project I know I have a lot of power now to do well on projects!!!

917 When ever I go to the library and ask for help/ assistance it always come to me. I also get all the attention and respected form the librarians. And because of it I've learned to work more with computers when I need help. And a lot of help helps my grades in my classes.

992 In history class we had to do a Powerpoint project and having the program at school saved me time from doing it at home. The librarians were very helpful when I had a question, especially when I couldn't find what I needed, so I go now with all my questions and that helps me a lot in getting my work done with less hassle and stress.

1301 The time that the school library really helped me was when I was in sixth grade and I had a report on Pearl Harbor. I knew nothing about it and was pretty nervous that I would get a bad grade. We went to the school library and I was having a hard time getting the information I needed until I asked one of the librarians for help and she helped me find books and some other reference sources in magazines, books, on the internet and many other sources. Now the first thing I do in the library is ASK. She also gave me the names of some sites they thought were good so I used all of those and made a report that got a much better grade than I would've gotten had I not asked for help in the first place.

1312 When I need a book to read in class. I go to the media center for help to find a good book, like I mean they try to listen to me and find stuff that interests me, and that makes me come back and ask for more stuff to read.

1342 One time I was looking for a book for a long time and I was really mad at my self beacuse I couldn't find it so then a library person came up to me and found the book for me and that was a lot of help and then mentioned four different

books about the same topic. That was a lot of help! The first thing I do in the library is ask.

1373 I have been trying to find this one book for a long time and it has never been on the shelf. So, I went up to a librarian to ask if she knew what had happened to it. She looked in the back office and all the other places that it might be. After she said she could not find it but the book was probably on a shelf somewhere and had been misplaced. She wrote a note on a piece of paper for the other librarian to keep and eye out for it. I thought this was considerate of her and cool and I can't wait to read the book!

1542 I could not figure out how to look up periodicals, and I asked one of our librarians that greeted me with a warm smile. She was most helpful in the process of researching for a debate unit I was doing in school. She showed me exactly how to look up what I was looking for, and helped me in my process of research. I was able to have convincing evidence for the topic I was debating and she was so nice, so it wasn't intimidating to come up to ask questions.

2412 When I was going to take a test the next period and then I came in the library and did some research and study and that enabled me to get a great grade on my test. I feel like when I come in the library I have a question and when I come out with an answer. That's soooooooo good.

2842 One of my teachers had us write out an assignment on ethnic groups and I knew nothing about any one other then white backgrounds. Being from an 97% all white school I never knew about Hispanics, Jews and Amish and I was intrigued to learn more and the school library made me learn and understand what is really going on in the world and I'm glad I had some one like our librarian to help me with all my questions and then that is when it struck me that there is no way in heck she would have been able to do that with out all the sources and with all the computer software we have.

Block 2: How helpful the school library is with using the information to complete your school work.

Q21: The school library has helped me know how to use the different kinds of sources (such as books, magazines, CDs, websites, videos).

Student Witness

353 The school library has introduced me to a very important and useful tool for research known as "INFOhio." The familiarization with this resource I received through the school library has proved immensely valuable. It has enabled me to gain information from a plethora of different medias and sources at the click of a button. This site makes research

quick and manageable. It is a tool, used quick frequently in all my endeavors, which I would be quite oblivious to had I not been given the introduction by the school librarians.

596 I learned how to use an almanac.

1571 When we were learning about how to use the encyclopedia, atlas, etc. They also taught different uses for all of them.

2625 I am in an Honors Chemistry class. We were supposed to research the different elements and their properties. I was able to use the Chemical Dictionaries, as well as the CRC Chemical & Physical Handbook and the Merck Dictionary. However, I rarely come to the school library.

2815 In my Advanced Placement English class, we were assigned to compose a research paper. We were given about 6 months to write this paper. My topic was Dark Comedy in the post WWII era. I didn't really know how I should go about research my topic, and I also didn't know how to sort through the information I gather in order to keep only what I need. The library gave a good class about different internet sources that are wonderful sites to gather information about American literature, such as poetry. We learned how to use periodicals. Our library also has many sets of books made just for students that have critical analyses of novels, plays, and poems. I found all of these resources that the library presented me with to be very helpful. I also needed some personal help finding a little known play that I wanted to write about in my paper, and the librarians gave me assistance in finding that play.

6157 The school library has really helped me doing research for my persuasive speech in public speaking. The school is subscribed to a lot of data bases and it helps find all different kinds of articles and sources. This was really helpful for me while researching this speech because we were required to have a minimum of four different kinds of sources. By having all these data bases I was able to get a bunch of different types of sources all from the computer.

6175 I had to write a persuasive speech this year, and I was persuading that creationism was a more valid theory of the origins of life than evolution. I needed 4 different types of sources and all that I could find was websites and books. Some of the online databases that our school library subscribes to were given to me and I was able to find all sorts of articles, references and sources that helped me find information for my speech.

10311 The School Library helped me one time when I was looking for a movie on cuba and I couldn't find it anywhere and they went out of their way to look for me. Also they have given me good ideas on appropriate books to research, as well as using videos, and the data bases to get good info.

8652 One time, I had a big project on China do. I had to build the basic shape out of clay and I had to label major cities and physical features, plus do a typed report. My school librarian helped me do the project. She helped me find all the information and put it into a good report. She told me where to find all of the materials I needed to get the project done. She also worked with me to get a map of China enlarged so that I could put the clay on top of it, and know how to find stuff in the art CDs. She would constantly check on me to make sure that I was doing OK and she was always more than willing to help. She helped me up to the last moment by helping me get ready to present and she helped to clean up. I couldn't have done the project without her.

9061 During a school research report, the computers helped find all of the information I needed to get for the project. It got me to look at the right books for my topic. The library also helped me by helping me find the right books magazines and other materials like videos which made me find the information I needed. The library also helped during a project on a country in South Asia. My teacher gave me good Information but it was not enough the media center gave me the rest.

Q22: The school library has helped me work out the main ideas in the information I find.

Student Witness

92 Help on my memorization of a famous speech for my speech final – really helped me remember the main ideas cause I had worked on getting the main ideas.

100 I needed help doing a project for government that had to do with presidents and they had so many books and then the librarian helped me find web sites. But then they gave me ways of sorting through all the ideas to extract the key points so I could get my head around it all.

386 When I was doing my first research paper they helped me find the information and helped me to decide my main ideas of my thesis, then helped me learn to present my own ideas and support them.

899 I really didn't know how to do reading and I was getting bad grades then we started doing main idea reading which we learned in library classes that help me a lot and now I know how to do main idea, and put my other ideas together around it.

913 The school library was most helpful to me when I was doing a French 3 project. It helped me gather resources and organize them then sort the main ideas and write the stuff up in a good way.

2711 the school library helped me when i'm searching for information. I had to do information on a project and the library really helped me work out the main ideas and put it together well.

3241 Once for an English project we had to get a main idea for it. XXX helped us narrow the information down to a main idea. It even helped me figure out a main idea.

3618 One time I was struggling with research and the librarian came over and helped me out by showing me how to write note cards which is a good method I discovered for writing my notes.

3881 they helped me deal my research paper. They helped me find books. They taught me how to use the unknown sources, like working out their main ideas.

4057 The school library has helped when I had a health project to do, and I didn't know much on my project. The library helped me to find info on my report, and gave me help on sorting out the main ideas.

7583 I wasn't really good at searching on the internet and I didn't know which words to search under. The school library helped me find the main ideas of the topics I was searching for and told me about + & -.

Q23: The school library has helped me get better at taking notes.

Student Witness

251 I needed to get online for a college class. When I went to the web site I was able to print off a multitude of pages to study for my college history class for free. That really helped me out because I was able to take those pages with me and study elsewhere beside on the Internet. I learned how to make good notes from them.

1506 The library helped me become more organized... this includes bibliography's to show where I got my information. And this also includes how to set up and take my notes properly. Thank you for this survey!

1183 When I was doing a project on a Florida Panther, I was able to use a lot of resource books to help me take my notes, which we were shown how to do better. I was able to get an A+ on that project!

1222 When I had a project the school library helped me do the information card which enables me to do my notes better and sort my ideas and link them together. I got books to help me with information on my animal I also got on the computer to help me. The library has helped me a lot but this is what I remember the most basically because I got an excellent grade.

1357 When I had a project and I came into the library and I found all the books and things I needed on my topic it was great I did really well on the project and it was due to the fact I had the library in hand. I got to look up the books and read and shown how to take notes on the information and I got a great grade. Libraries truly are great and every school should have one available to teach you this stuff.

1800 When I was trying to find information on the Crusades. It helped me find a couple books on the crusades and a couple online references. These sources helped me get a better grade by giving me more then three sources and giving me the notes I needed to extend my presentation on the crusades. The notes I got also helped me get better notes so I have a better grade. The library classes taught us how to take good notes.

3297 The library helped me to learn about the internet and how to use it. It also helped me get information about the Leaning Tower of Pisa and how to take notes in a couple of words.

3306 The library classes have helped me know how to take notes for projects.

3343 When the librarian showed our class how to find information and take notes on the information that we found.

3415 school library helped me to find information about my research paper and helped me do my note cards to write the facts in my own words. The library classes teach about finding ideas and note cards in fun ways.

3986 I a lot of help on my research paper. The librarians helped me to find books and helped me make notes out of books. They also provided some web sites that were helpful.

Q24: The school library has helped me put all the ideas together for my topics.

Student Witness

66 I needed to write a paper and I went to the Library where I was ultimately able to write a paper successfully. My ideas were a mess and talking to the librarian gave me a way to organize my ideas and present the argument. I did really well!! I've never forgotten that – used it to do many other assignments.

477 I had a big English project and Pyc. project to finish all in one day and when I went to the library to look information the librarians were very helpful. I finished all the projects, with time to spare. They really helped me find the right material to put in my projects. They suggested different ways of organizing my ideas for project which in the end gave me the grade I got.

482 When I had to write a research paper on the first landing on the moon. I found a lot of information that was very helpful to me in writing my paper and I put some really good ideas together myself. I ended up getting an A on my paper

539 I remember the one time I could not do my Social Studies Project and I got stuck and the library helped me. I couldn't figure out how to organize zillions of ideas I'd got. She worked with me till I got it. I was able to get an A+!

913 The school library was most helpful to me when I was doing a French 3 project. It helped me gather resources and organize them then sort the main ideas and write the stuff up in a good way.

1539 when I needed to do a time line on the computer and I got help at the school library. We had a class which showed us how to sort out all the facts into something good rather than gobbledegook.

1745 the library really helped me when I was doing my Ancient Rome project and helped me especially arrange my ideas.

1933 the time the school library helped me is when I was doing a project for Social Studies. It gave me facts about the certain state I had and we had lessons on writing it up which helped me put all my facts together in a good way. I had a good grade on my project. So the school library really helped me.

2806 In my senior year of high school I was assigned to write a 7-10 page research paper. In doing this I needed help with the research and the format. When to the library to seek help. Later on I soon had all of my research and had my paper organized into an outline, which really helped my write my paper. This just goes to show how much the school library has helped me to understand and write my paper.

3171 One time I was doing a report for sociology class. I needed to find information on a famous criminal. The school library helped me find all the information that I needed. It made my research much, much easier to do. Also, I was able to put together a better report. The librarian was very helpful in selecting the books that I needed to do the research report, and teaching me how to arrange my idea to be logical.

3532 I was working on History project and we had to have several sources (primary documents) and the librarians instructed the students on how to go about finding the information we needed and compiling it into something worthwhile. I was able to combine everything together and earn a good grade.

5446 I remember learning how to use Inspiration and the research databases on the computer. Inspiration helped me

organize my research information and create webs. The databases like Grolier helped me better information quicker.

Q25: The school library has helped me put ideas in my own words.

Student Witness

569 The library helped me find research about a project, and it helped me learn to put things in my own words.

789 When you go to the librarian for help, the librarian gets you to explain in your own words the questions you have to answer in your project. She makes sure you understand what you are going to do and then helps you get into it.

798 I was doing a rain forest project and they helped and should me how to do a bibliography, and to write stuff in my own words.

1529 My essay for history on World War 2 was hard but the librarians helped me get a good grade by showing me how to arrange my facts in my own words.

2403 The main time that I was in the library is when Mrs. XXX was telling our Anatomy class about MLAs for our case studies. She also showed us how to save our work along with putting paragraphs into our own words.

2507 When I started researching for my Senior Project, I was able to use the library and its sources to help me more with my research and findings on my topic. They provided guidelines on writing it more convincingly in my own words which was very useful.

2560 the one thing they are really helpful with is when there is a research project the librarians set out a special shelf of books that deal with what we need to write about so that we do not have to search through the entire library for the books that we need; they have the books already set out! And with it were a check list of things we needed to do to put the project together right, like writing it in your own words, which was hard and doing citations and bibliographies.

2703 I never came here on my own. The only time they help me is if I am with a class and they help the whole class by teaching us essay writing skills such as writing your own opinions.

2710 I had a science project due and it was about thunderstorms and I didn't know much about it and so the library helped me out on a lot of things and if I didn't go to the library for help I probably would have written it directly from the book, instead I was showed how to put things in my own words and I got a good grade on my project and I

was very glad and I thanked the librarians for all the help they gave me.

3415 The school library helped me to find information about my research paper and helped me do my note cards to write the facts in my own words. The library classes teach about finding ideas and note cards in fun ways.

3963 The library's resources help a lot, but the librarians are very helpful when it comes to questions regarding research topics, and putting information in your own words.

4254 There was one time when I needed help trying to find information on certain cultures and languages. When I went to the library and asked for help, they directed me to the right place and helped me with putting the information into my own words.

5823 We had to do a report on a singer and it was last min. and one of the librarians helped me make it into my own words and get it done before it was to late.

6086 The greatest amount of help I received from the school is in the submission of various essays to the website www.turnitin.com. This website has helped show the validity of my work to various teachers, from English to Chemistry research papers and reports. It has shown without a doubt that I complete my own work and do not plagiarize. If I had unintentionally copied other author's works, it has helped me to correct the miscues.

7810 When we were working on these assignments having to deal with Ohio's notable people and they helped me write it in my own words.

8815 The school library helped me when I did my power point. I was able to find research about my topic and put it in my own words. The library also helped me in learning how to use Microsoft Powerpoint. It also helped me get a better understanding of my topic and using the computers. That is how the library helped with research and a presentation.

9027 the school library really helped me when I needed help on my lightning project for science class. I checked out a book that gave me a lot of information that I could understand and put into my own words and not copy others and say it was mine. I got so much information that I filled up a tri-fold board.

Q26: The school library has helped me think about how I should go about finding information next time.

Student Witness

95 I was researching on Peter Paul Rubens for my world history project and the librarians were very helpful in finding

me great books! I've learned how to track down stuff I never knew existed for other projects as I remember what I was shown.

1653 One time when the library really helped me is when we were doing a unit on how to find different kinds of books (single, multiple volume, Powerpoint) the library explained how and when to do it and now when I do research, I know where and when to use it. The library helps me to find work easier and faster when I came back to research.

2431 Well the help I got is on a report that I had to do. well I didn't really know where to look or get information so I just ask and they were kind enough to come and help me look. With this I got to come and do it on my own. I got to get good grades.

3835 Whenever I have a research paper, the librarians direct me to exactly where I can find information about my topic and still let me find it. They help me but don't do it for me so that next time I can do it all by myself by remembering what they showed me and thinking it out.

3915 I had to do a huge decades project on the 1940's. We came to the school library everyday for an hour during class. The librarians helped us all they could and it was very beneficial, and they checked up on our progress and gave us feedback. When we come into the library next time they remember what they have shown you and expect you to do it, so we try to remember and do it.

4124 The help I got in the library was when I did research and could not find the right book that I was looking for. The librarian showed me how to find the book and helped me to remember next time.

4553 One day I was in the library and I had no clue how to find this book so I went and asked XXX and she told me right where it was. So I knew where to go the next time I was in there.

5812 One time, I was looking for a lot of books and I didn't know how to find the books. So a librarian helped me to find the books by teaching me to look at the name of the author and the genre of the book. also, it became easy to find other books for me. I also found all the books I was looking for. The next time I came, I found all the books I wanted by doing the steps I'd been shown before.

6438 When I was working on my speech for public speaking I first learned how to use a lot of the different books. This experience taught me how to use books the next time I came in for research.

7140 In my early years I had trouble finding books that I wanted. The library helped me find them by showing me where to find them and for next time, learn how to do it myself.

7963 We've been given numerous tips on how to search for information better and quicker. That and the posters in the library about it help you every time you come in to the library to research and make you think through what you are going to do.

8275 I remember one time in the library when I had to do a project (book project) and I couldn't find anything on the person I wanted to do it on, but the librarian helped me and I got a really good grade because I like my project. When you come into the library to do another project, not necessarily a book project, you remember what did last time to get a good grade and try to do it right again, like finding the best stuff.

Q27: The school library has helped me know that research takes a lot of work.

Student Witness

790 I couldn't find anything on this one subject and the librarian worked with me all morning then found that one thing I needed and that got me a better grade. She was cunning – made me work hard to learn how to find stuff rather than just handing it over to me.

950 I really needed help one time searching for a good topic about something that I am interesting in. The school library gave me good information on some topics that I thought of. I finally found the topic that I wanted to research on. I didn't turn it in yet, but I am really organized and doing really well so far, and the librarians are even helping me with the brain strain. Doing good library projects takes so much work but the good grades are worth it.

1532 The school librarians don't help me at all like they make me do all the stuff myself and wont tell me where the things are even when I already looked – they show me and make me learn how to find the stuff myself and its hard work!!!! You gotta use your brain, they say.

1925 Once I was doing a project for my language class. We needed to look up information on a certain topic. I couldn't find any information on the topic but my library teacher thought me how to use the internet. She was nice and she was a beast making us work so hard.

1950 Last year I was in an advanced language arts class. The library greatly helped my classmates and I in our two largest assignments of the year. The first was an analysis of Mark Twain's novel, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. The other was a ten page research project on the topic of your choice. I chose the topic of Afghanistan's economy due to the Taliban and liberation of Afghanistan by the United States. First, our class took place in our school library, we got lessons from the librarian which were extremely helpful, so we always had information at our

disposal. Also, for both topics my classmates and I were able to find a wide variety of information on the internet through the library computers. Our librarian, was also always more than willing to help us find information on our topics and information on how to format our projects. With *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, we were able to form a full scale trial at the XXX Justice Center; Huck Finn on trial for harboring a run-away slave. It was hard work and a lot of work but we did get a good grade so it was worth it.

2839 One time in Social Studies we had to do a project on the civil war. The whole class was sent down to the library and we used special search websites to find certain information. Because of this information I found I spent less time at home on it and worked a lot harder than I would of at home. On this project I got an A because for the library.

3631 A few weeks ago the English class was given the biggest project for the whole year. The project was to debate and support the thesis of our group and take a stance at whether we were negative or affirmative to changing one of the amendments. The library had various resources such as books, newspapers, and internet access. This assisted the group and I in sighting our various sources and also supplied valuable information, and how to actually put all our ideas together in a convincing debate – this was the most useful class. Well lets just say that the library helped my group win the debate along with determination, mega hard work and wits.

4291 I went up to the library teacher and they gave me 20 sources to go to and I individually went to each source and looked for a hard hour to find what I was looking for and once I found it I works cited it and I wrote it out on my paper and got a c. All that hard work that I did was worth it as I usually do very bad on projects.

5084 My English research paper. I had to learn the steps one by one but it was good that I did because I finished it correctly, even though it was an awful lot of hard work.

Q28: The information I have found in the school library has helped me become more interested in my topics.

Student Witness

90 I needed to read a book for Literature class so I went to the library to take the book out and they were really helpful – asked me questions about me so I could read a book I liked. I ended up reading a whole bunch on the topic – about social discrimination. Blew my mind, and has made me really think about myself.

147 I found a lot of information about matter, dark matter, and antimatter which was a science project – I never knew about that and got so interested in it.

5398 I remember when my Social Studies class was in the library and we had to do a project on Teddy Roosevelt. I was able to find more and better information on my topic then I think I would of been able to do without it. I was able to get a good grade on my project and I remember more on my topic then I already knew.

5986 The time is when I had to create a small book about the Greek and Roman Gods for my Latin class. The Media Center at my high school helped because it gave me access to a wide variety of sources to do my research. There were several books in the Media Center that were of great help to me. But the greatest help came from the access to the internet. The Media Center staff has found several online sites and compiled a list of them to help students find reliable sources for information. While working on this project, I learned more than I had expected to. I knew some things about the topic, but I still did not know everything. And, the Media Center helped me learn new information about the Greek and Roman Gods, which I did not know

before and could remember for the test. Also, if I ever had a question about something, the Media Center staff members were always a great help.

6088 The school library has helped me on a few occasions in my life at XXX High School. The time I most remembered was when I was studying for a biology exam. I was in a bit of a conundrum, for I had lost my notes, but the library had the information I needed for the test. By using this information I was able to remember the stuff and excel, and did quite well on my test.

8272 When we were doing the Science Fair, all the research we had to do, and having to put all the stuff together in a clear way, you just come to remember it. That's where it has helped a lot.

The top fifty classes in terms of frequency are presented in the Table below, and the top 10 for each grade are listed in the following Table.

Two of the classes where I have remembered more school work.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
English/Language Arts	2838	Anatomy/Physiology	93
Science	2688	Geometry	90
Math	2677	Library	67
Social studies	2245	Spelling	61
History	1812	Sex Education	45
Language Arts	1664	Current Issues	43
Reading	824	AP US History	41
Biology	482	Civics/Geography	39
American History	427	Music	39
Government	301	Calculus	36
Spanish	279	Latin	36
Health	269	Pre-Algebra	35
Global History/Studies	266	German	32
Gym	232	Economics	31
Chemistry	224	College Prep English	28
Writing	190	Book projects/report/reviews	27
Algebra	188	Pre-Calculus	27
Art	186	AP European History	26
French	162	Computer	26
American Studies	132	Earth Science	26
Public Speaking	131	Home Room	26
Geography	122	Physical Education	26
Reading/Language Arts	104	AP American Studies	25
Physics	94	AP English	25
Study Hall	94	Environmental Science	25

Classes Where School Work Has Been Remembered — by Grade

<p>Grade 3 Reading Math Science Social Studies History Writing Art Health Gym Spelling</p>	<p>Grade 4 Math Science Social Studies Reading Language Arts English/Language Arts Writing Gym Art Spelling</p>	<p>Grade 5 Science Social Studies Math Language Arts Reading English/Language Arts Writing Gym Art Spelling</p>	<p>Grade 6 Social Studies Math Science Language Arts English/Language Arts Reading Writing Art Reading/Language Arts Health</p>
<p>Grade 7 Language Arts Social Studies Math Science English/Language Arts Reading History Geography Health Reading/Language Arts</p>	<p>Grade 8 Science Language Arts English/Language Arts Math Social Studies American History History Reading Spanish Reading/Language Arts</p>	<p>Grade 9 English/Language Arts History Science Math Biology Global History Social Studies Spanish Health American History</p>	<p>Grade 10 English/Language Arts History Math Science Biology Chemistry American History Health Global History Geometry</p>
<p>Grade 11 English/Language Arts History Math Science Chemistry American History Government American Studies Biology Social Studies</p>	<p>Grade 12 English/Language Arts History Government Math Social Studies Science Public Speaking American Studies Physics Spanish</p>		

Classes where I have remembered more school work — by Gender

<p>Boys English/Language Arts* Math Science Social Studies History Language Arts Reading American History Gym Biology</p>	<p>Health Government Art Chemistry Global History Spanish Algebra Writing Study Hall French</p>	<p>Girls English/Language Arts Science Social Studies Math History Language Arts Reading Public American History Biology Government</p>	<p>Spanish Global History Health Writing Chemistry French Speaking Algebra American Studies Art</p>
<p>* Some schools appear to group English and Language Arts, other appear to have them as separate study areas.</p>			

Q33: The school library has helped me get the first facts about my topics.

Student Witness

1045 The school library helped me find some important facts on an animal project that I was doing that I could not find any were else and that got me into my project and I ended up getting an A because of it.

1655 My school library helped me when I had a research project. I didn't know where to start and the librarian helped me with basic stuff. Then they showed me where to go and I got good information off line. To get me started that's a big help when you know nothing. My project turned out really well.

2899 One day I needed to complete a project and I did not have a clue towards looking up information on the internet about my project. Our librarian helped me find starting information on the topic I was assigned and after that I was able to complete the project on my own. I found tons of information on my topic and without the librarian's help I don't think I would of been able to complete the project on my own.

3000 One time I had to write a paper on the affects of the linear accelerator on the treatment of cancer. I had no idea where to begin! So I asked the librarian for some help. She was able to point me in the right direction with some general info to get me going. Now I know all kinds of facts about synchrotron radiation.

3017 One time I had to get information about the American Revolution and I couldn't find a good topic. The librarians helped me find a good topic and some facts about it. That enabled me to research better on my specific topic. The time I spent in the library got me an A on that project.

3190 When I was doing a project and I couldn't find any thing about what I was doing and I was starting to get mad so then I asked one of the teachers in the library for help and they showed me what I needed to begin and that got me through the project.

3599 I had a project in History about a political song in the 60s 70s or 80s and I had no idea how to even begin. The people at the library helped out a lot and got my project off the ground and gave me really good info to form the rest of my project out of.

3612 I was writing a research paper on the different interpretations of the Biblical story of Joseph. I was able to find, using the internet in the school library, introductory information on my topic which allowed me to obtain a starting point for my research.

3690 When beginning research for a paper on The Odyessy by Homer, I had no ideas on where to begin looking. I asked a librarian for help, and she discussed my ideas with me without making me feel like a dummy, showed me many useful books. When I then wrote the paper, I got an A. My parents were more shocked than I.

5338 In Social Studies I was doing a project and needed a lot of information on the Declaration of Independence. And found a lot of books that were based on the facts of the Declaration of Independence. And with the help of those books I was able to research in more detail get a B on the project.

5407 Actually, I'm new to this school, and the school library has not had the opportunity to help me with my school work yet. My classes have operated in it some however. We looked up many interesting facts that I didn't know what so ever about Hans Lippershey. Hans Lippershey is a inventor. He's pretty cool actually. He helped revolutionize telescopes and lenses he grew up in Germany and adapted the lippershey lense which effected many many things in futuristic science, isn't that an interesting fact. I learned that in the school library. Have a good day.

5843 One of the times when the school library really helped me was when my class was doing our state projects and the librarians helped me get going on it by finding research and facts about my state in books and this helped me to easily do these kinds of things in the future by myself. I got a good grade on my state project because of this particular situation.

7016 The school library helped me when I was looking for facts for my book project on penguins and a thing for a special class project also and they worked out well but it was all because of the library and they will still help me when I need help today and that is important because they care about other people than themselves and that is what makes them the best librarians that I ever had and I ever will have. Without the school library every thing that I did would have been a complete failure and I probably would have got held back for a little while until I got more facts about the topic that I chose. This school library is the best they are better than any other library in the world. Well that is my opinion other people might not think the same thing as what I think about our school library.

8028 The school library helped me do my wetlands project and made it easier. I knew nothing about this topic, not even where to get started. I looked up on Google and got a million responses and trying to find where to start was awful. Then I spoke to the librarian who gave me some easy stuff to read from the encyclopedias and that gave me an idea of what to concentrate on, then I could search for the right stuff.

Q34: The school library has helped me learn more facts about my topics.

Student Witness

277 There have been many projects that my classes have come down to the library to do some research and I usually find a lot of interesting facts that I learn about the topic that I have.

816 They helped me when I was doing a report on the Kwakiutl Indians and needed to know more facts, and organize them in to something that made sense. I learned a lot of stuff.

848 The library helped by they got me more books on my topic so I got to learn more, better facts on this topic.

849 One time I needed to find a book, but I couldn't find it and the librarian helped me to find the book. I was able to get a lot more facts about the project that I was doing and learn them for the class quiz.

1395 Well, on my Bermuda Triangle project, I needed info. They helped me find the best information and the kind I wanted. I wanted stories and weird facts while some people would want more facts about what kinds of planes and ships they were. I wanted how they disappeared. I found out so much and I got an A+ on that project thanks to my library and librarians! *he he* Thanks!

1616 I had a huge article to write for language arts class. I choose to write on something that applied to teens all over the world: ACNE! I went to the school library and started doing research on the topic and I found tons of stuff about acne that I had no idea about! it was neat to learn about it!

1793 One time when the library really helped me was when I was getting information on Arsenic for science class. It helped because I got to know about lot of interesting facts on my topic from the computer and different books.

2452 For my Art appreciation class, we were using the library to find out different things on different artists. The library gave me some one on one time with my teacher and to help me find the information that I need to go on further into my topic. I went from knowing nothing about my artists to knowing a lot and getting an A on my paper.

2659 The librarians have helped me learn a lot of facts when I did my health report on sexual activities for teenagers.

2824 The library has helped me when I was looking up an endangered animal and I needed many facts. I looked all over the internet and I got many books with lots of good facts

which were interesting to learn. The librarian made sure that I got all the correct information that I needed and I got an A on my report!:))

2901 I had an Environmental Science report due and I was not able to find a whole lot of information anywhere. I decided to try the school library and I found a lot of material on my animal. I learned many new things about my animal and I received a very good grade on my report because of the library.

3165 I have learned so much more from the assistance and help I have got in our school library. The people are very nice and very helpful and I was able to increase my knowledge very much on many different topics starting with the 7th grade and all the way through high school.

3534 When we did a project on the first amendment, the library helped me a lot to find out others opinions on it. It also helped me find out exactly what the first amendment said and did. Using the library we made a research paper and learned a lot of things.

5393 I got help for a Social Studies project. We learned how to make a web diagram and other ways of sorting out our information for reports. I was able to use this in other classes and able to expand my mind to new things.

5789 they helped me pick a topic for science that I would enjoy researching and I really got into it and learned new stuff. It was about digital cams.

5841 I had to find books on Egyptian religion. I learned lots of interesting facts about the death rites.

10018 I had to study and make a good argument about stem cell research for a debate in my Biology class. I was to be for stem cell research when morally I was against it. The information I find in the library helped me know more about it find ways to turn bad things into good things without demoralizing myself and my issues. (AN AMAZING COMMENT!)

Q35: The school library has helped me when I do not understand some things.

Student Witness

1054 The school library helped me do my projects on a planet. It helped me get all of the information I needed to complete my project. Finding all the information that I was looking for helped me understand everything about the planet. While searching for the information I needed I found a lot of interesting things about other planets.

1284 One time that the school library has helped me is when I was doing a project on marine pollution for science.

it really helped me get a better understanding on it when I was so confused and frustrated!

1389 I was once doing a project in Science, and I was really trusting our library to have many different facts of my topic. So, I did, and found all kinds of stuff! Some of the facts were the same, but I found many different ones too which puzzled me and helped me work out what I really thought. So, my school library has helped me a lot in my school work. I can also find a lot of good books on the topics I love the most. Like ghosts, and the universe, and under the ocean.

1547 The school library helped me while my group and I were doing research for our schools Native American Unit, this past fall. They provided great reference books and picture books that really enhanced our understanding which was pretty vague in the first place.

1639 The school library has helped me when I had to research Bernoulli's Principle. It gave me many websites and pictures about my topic. I got a lot of information about Bernoulli's Principle. Do you understand it? I finally did!

1808 The school library helped me pick a topic on a historical fiction report. They recommended a book on slavery and how a boy saw it through his eyes. It was very interesting and I scored a perfect grade on my report, and understood some more about the problems of slavery which I didn't realize before.

1963 In seventh grade, the teacher in the library helped me and my class with a hyperstudio project for history class. I learned more and got more out of doing it in the library. I understood the concepts better by using the library instead of just typing everything out at home. I was able to use pictures and fun sites that also helped me.

2283 One time, I had a project. I needed help on it because I wasn't too clear on the topic. So I went to the library, and I found books on the topic. I read through them, and they explained parts I didn't understand. Then I was able to better understand the topic and write it in my own words, and it was a lot easier to finish my project.

2345 I had to read seven books for the English Festival, but I couldn't recognize some of the themes in the stories. When I asked the librarian for help she showed me what you have to do in order to recognize themes better. I used that knowledge to do better at the English Festival and get more out of reading by understanding what is in front of me.

3456 In the beginning of the school year the librarians showed us how to use the different sites on the web and also how they can help us in the future with assignments. They also showed us other good websites to use. On the

past few projects those sites have been really helpful and made me understand my topics better, especially when I am so vague on them.

3807 I got a lot of new information, when I asked that I didn't understand, I asked for help and they helped me. I was really happy about it. The school library is helpful.

6091 The library helped me a lot when I was working on a project for my music theory class. I was able to visit websites that described things that I didn't know anything about. When I was confused, the library people helped me with my problems.

6154 In our writing intervention workshop, I have been helped with a lot of my essays and papers and made them more understandable.

6221 I think the main times that the library has helped me would be when I go to Math Lab or to WIW because those are places where teachers can help you improve and work with you individually. They explain things enough times to make sure that you understand and you don't walk away still confused.

6480 I had to create an I-Movie Project for Global History class, and it was really difficult for me to understand. The program was EXTREMELY complicated for me at first, but in the Multimedia Lab, the library teacher there helped me an incredible amount. Because of XXX, I got a better grade on my project (100%!!), so I thank not only XXX, but the technology that's available for us at hand. :)

Q36: The school library has helped me figure out if my own ideas are good or bad.

Student Witness

433 It helped me find info on racism for a 10th grade project, and made me really think about that, especially I didn't realize how racist some of my ideas were.

3575 We had to do a debate on gun control in our English class. We came down to the library multiple times and used various resources to help us with it. Using the school library strengthened our report and have more contentions for our debate and to work out if the ideas were right or wrong. It also made it easier on all of us because we did not have to do as much work at home.

5670 The school library helped me on an Indians project. They helped me find information, and facts about our country's Indians, and the librarian discussed with me my own ideas some of which were not quite factual. After, they helped me I was able to get an A! Thank You!!!

5740 I never really go there to much, but it is a helpful place all the same. I DO go there when I have to take out books for my book reviews, and sometimes I go there for recess to look at horse books and point out stuff that's wrong, and they always help me find the books, because I always forget. :) I think the librarians are helpful, and I know that because they run newspaper club. So, even though I hardly go there, I still have compliments for the librarians and how organized and large the library is!!!

6256 Sometimes I argue with my parents about things and use the library to check if my opinions are true.

Q37: The school library has helped me change my mind about some things I thought I knew.

Student Witness

465 We had a big research project my sophomore year of high school. I had to do my report on heart attacks and the library helped me out with Powerpoint and finding information. I actually learned the food I eat is not so good for me, so I've made a few changes there.

731 I want to get a ferret and I wanted to get a book on ferrets because my mom dosen't want a ferret and I could find some information that could change her mind. The library helped me find it and gave me it. My mom's coming round.

931 I was able to find the type of physics to enable in weapons of destruction among that might be used on Americans. I've come round to support their destruction.

940 When I had to do a report on Charles De Gaulle learned about the French people and I think now that they are not as bad as we in America make them out to be.

1402 The school library really helped me with my language arts project on the death penalty . I found a lot of good information, but it has made me think about whether we should have it or not. I don't think we should now.

2386 I was able to learn how bad smoking is for you and all the different terrible diseases and sicknesses you get. That shocked me. I'm not going to smoke any more.

2781 For English we had to do a report on discrimination. I got help on where to look and how to use the information I got. Once I got done with my report and I turned it in, I got a good grade on the report. I also had a little bit of fun with the information because I realized I was more discriminatory than I thought.

3511 We had to do a debate in English Class about Gun-Control. My group had to do lots of research about banning guns, and their negative affect on society which I now agree

with. We did research, and wrote a research paper, and then debated, and got a good grade on the project.

3567 On the capital punishment debate, we got a lot of info from the library and this got me thinking about it a lot – my own view is now that I am against it.

8589 I had to find information about discrimination for a research paper. The librarian helped me find information in books and search the internet which helped me to write my paper. I discovered there is a lot of prejudice which I didn't realize, even about me (I'm embarrassed to say but its true).

10086 In Freshman Focus we had to do research on three jobs that we were interested in. For a long time I had thought that I had wanted to be a crime scene investigator. After doing some research, I realized that that was not my goal. Now I realize that I want to be a lawyer.

10102 With the resources of our library, I have been able to learn a lot more about topics such as abortion and stem cell research. before I researched and knew exactly what stem cell research was I believed that it was a good thing for science in every aspect, but through research I found that I didn't totally agree with it. I learned from a library computer that aborted babies' stem cells are used. In my opinion, you can't take a life to save a life. the library helped me learn more about this topic and how it affects people.

Q38: The school library has helped me figure out my own opinions on things.

Student Witness

305 I needed to do a report on abortion and in the report I needed to tell my reasons for it or against it. I had a hard time telling why I would be for it when all my life I was against it. However using the library resources I was able to find a few topics to write on, and it made me think about my own view.

341 In tenth grade I did a research project for English on the differences of the teachings of Buddhism and Christianity. The school library was extremely helpful in helping me find the information that I needed. I was able to find good information quickly and I was able to take it home to study there. Made me think about what I believe.

1408 One time, I wanted books on Teen Suicide and they were able to get some for me. It was helpful of them as my cousin died that way and I could figure it out a bit more for me.

1495 a report on ballistic weapons and chemical weapon creation – that opened my eyes to what is going on in the world and think about what's happening in Iraq.

1519 When I had to research the Death Penalty for debate, the library helped me find a lot of information and history having to do with the Death Penalty, and I was able to get a real opinion on it.

1720 I found a lot about acid rain for my science project. I got a good grade on it. Made me more conscious of the environment I guess.

2130 I was doing a report on Gettysburg. I was able to acquire a great amount of information, including different opinions on "Pickett's Charge," fighting on Little Round Top, and the aftermath of Gettysburg. I was incredibly impressed with all the information I could find in my library and have a pretty strong viewpoint of my own on it now.

2732 I was researching for abortion I needed a lot of different from books and the librarian helped me to find everything I needed, and I think I now understand the two sides and know it's not for me.

3089 I was doing a report on drugs and it taught me about different types of drugs, and what they can do to you and made me know I won't do drugs.

3495 Finding assorted works of T.S. Eliot and Thomas Hardy proved most satisfying in expanding the parameters of my individual perceptions of reality and domestic discontent.

3497 For honors English I had to do a debate about Gun Control! We came to the library and the librarian already had books pulled. It helped so I could get more done at a faster pace with the books I needed already off of the shelf. I provided me with books on different viewpoints which were very helpful in helping me form my own. THANKS SCHOOL LIBRARY! YOU ROCK MY WORLD!!!!!! YEAH!! :-)

Q39: The school library has helped me connect different ideas I already have.

Student Witness

550 The library classes helped me when I was doing an extremely big project in history class that was a big part of me grade and it helped out a lot because it help me understand the different ideas and to put them together. I really knew my stuff in the class.

3299 I've learned to use note cards to arrange and sequence my facts and how to bring in opinions.

3559 We had to do a health project about birth control and it had to have opinions in it as well as facts. Going to the school library and looking online helped me find things like facts and other people's stand on something and that helped me a lot and influenced the way I wrote my paper and the facts that I put in there. I learned what was important and

what wasn't important which helped a lot. It helped with the opinion part of the paper because I found parts that other people had written and they had facts as well as opinions in them and that helped to know that their opinions were backed up by facts too. I found a lot of neat and interesting information online which really came in handy later when I printed it and needed to use it to write the actual paper.

6269 I always have trouble getting my ideas sorted out. My head swims with ideas that are all scrambled up when I do my research, and the note cards we use help me to string all the different ideas together.

Q3A: The school library has helped me talk more in class discussions.

Student Witness

997 I had to do a paper on sexual harassment my freshmen year and I got all of my books and internet resources from the school library. I was able to do the paper and earn an A on it. I spoke to students about it in our council meeting.

1227 This year in science we had biomes of the United States project and I needed more information about many different topics for my group and I ended up finding most of my information from the resources in our school library. Later we had to present what we had done and I shocked myself (and teacher!) with all the information I had learned. I knew it all by heart and didn't refer to my notes.

1480 I needed to research on drug abuse and they helped me find books on that topic. I go so involved with reading about crack and its dangers that I talked to our class to see how we can help kids who do drugs get off them.

2887 One time when I was with my English class we came to the library to look at all the books in the library on racism. Well, I got to read different things which made me further my knowledge about some interesting facts I once never knew before. We got to look at many books. Doing this helped me because when we were in a class discussion I now knew more and could talk more about the things I have now learned!

2918 The time that the school library helped me was when I needed help with my Powerpoint presentation. They helped me put all my information together on slides and helped me save it on my file. By them helping me it helped me to get through the project and helped me do good on my presentation without being scared to speak. She gave us all a class on doing presentations which was so cool as she made it so funny.

3481 Powerpoint presentation. I was taught how to affectively present information after learning how to use

the program. this, in my opinion is a very important skill that I will keep with me throughout my professional career. Using it has made me more confident when I have to speak in the class on topics.

3592 When in English class we had to research for a debate. The librarians got out all the books for us so that we could research more easy, and showed us how to be information detectives. With the library I was able to get a good grade on my debate, and I felt more confident about speaking about it in class.

6110 I guess I've discovered one thing. When I do my research well, and do the proper thing with note cards and writing in my own words, I seem to just get to know the stuff and that makes a big help when I talk about the stuff in class.

6253 The school library has a great deal of resources for Public Speaking projects and speeches which help you do them better.

6913 The school library helped me when I had a school science project where we had to present in class. The librarian talked about doing good talks in our class and we had some time in the library to practice our talks with her help.

7332 Once I had to do a biography and I did not know who to pick so one of the librarians talked to me and asked me what kind of person I would like to pick. In the end I picked Eleanor Roosevelt. We had a library lesson on making presentations and the library lady was very funny but it helped us so a good job with our talks.

10104 information on birth control, I got a 95 on a class discussion on the subject of birth control as I knew my facts.

8023 it helped me do my Powerpoint, and that made it easier to speak about it in class with freaking out and going blank on it as I remembered the stuff.

Block 4: How helpful the school library is with using computers in the library, at school, and at home.

Q41: Computers in the school library have helped me do my school work better.

Student Witness

33 the school library helped to teach me about the internet. I learned how to surf faster and more proficient than ever accomplished before hand. I learned about citing pages and what to look for when surfing to make the most of what little time I have to spare. which in the long run helps out with research projects and getting better grades for them.

1248 The school library helps me mostly helped when I had a project for Social Studies. We researched up in the library and I found a lot of useful information that I was able to use. I used the computers which were very helpful to me. I was able to receive a good grade on that project and I was very happy. The Library at my school is somewhat interesting because they can help with all these things. I probably wouldn't have gotten the grade I did if I hadn't used the library at this school especially the computers.

1274 One time I had to find information on a science project on wind energy. The library told me a couple websites to go to and told me which information was the best to use. Therefore after we presented our project we got an overall grade of A instead of the usual B's I get in science.

1491 When we came in the library in the beginning of the year and had a little review lesson about the computers, that really helped me do my school work. Even though I already knew how to use the computers, it really made it even easier to do my work even better than before I had this class as I learned about good and bad web sites. A couple of weeks ago when I came in to get some science information, I was able to get my information very fast and easy.

1499 The school library helped by teaching me about the research on the computer and what can give me information and what can't which helped me write up a better report in the end.

2114 It helped me with a research paper that I needed to do for English. I found many sources of information through the libraries computers and it helped me when I finally had to give a speech about that information.

2116 When I had a paper for US History on the 1950's, the different search engines that we were able to access through the school library computers were very helpful. We were taught how to use them, and I was able to get lots of information to help make my paper the best that it could have been and do the paper more quickly.

2120 The online catalog helped me find good information for my research project on my specific topic. It gave me a broad range of information to use, but it didn't have any books that could significantly help me. By learning to use the online catalog, I could get sources of information I wouldn't have been able to find through a search engine.

2204 I used the library when I do English assignments, or when I have to do research for history. It helps because of the internet access, and I can research my projects and get a bunch of information on my topics. I was able to write and present to a class on Powerpoint about the combat tactics of the Vietnam war, and the library helped me very much in putting that together with lots of research tips.

2406 I had a paper due one time and it wasn't done. Fortunately I was able to sit in the library all day and use their resources (particularly computers) to get the paper done on time.

2448 I usually use the computers in the school library to do many projects because I do not have the same programs and the fast internet. The computers helped me find information fast and helped me write my project as well.

2995 I had a project to do and my computer at home broke down and I was unable to finish it, so I went to the school library and typed out my paper and turned it in to the teacher. If it wasn't for the computers at the library, I would have got an incomplete.

3693 My computer at home has a slow internet connection and the Microsoft Word program was deleted by a virus. Using the school library's computers, which have a fast internet connection and let me get to most sites (there is a block, however), and also have Microsoft Word, have helped me immensely in research and when I have to type something.

5336 We were doing a really big project in school and it was due in a few days and I had just started it. So I came to the Library to look up some information about the topic I was doing, and because I got all of the information I needed from the library computers and books I was able to get my project done by using one night and one class day and I was even done one day early.

5342 I remember one time when I needed a lot of help on a project for Math and English and I came down here and I got a lot of help from the computers. If it wasn't for the computers I wouldn't have gotten that project done and I would have gotten a really bad grade in those two classes.

6395 Thanks to the readily supply of computers, I was able to complete American Studies essays, proof read and printed out. The internet access helps me greatly in finding information about my topic.

7883 The times when the library really helped me were when my class has to do special assignments/projects and we really needed the computers to do the work. The computers were a big help in boosting the grades in the class because of the projects grades.

8034 It helped me to finish an essay on genetics. I could search the web for a heap of information, and the librarian taught us how to be good information detectives in getting the good stuff rather than the rubbish.

8057 We have had some classes on using the computers in the library to search for information on the web and also using the CDs. This is extremely helpful to me as it ensures I have the best info to do my assessment projects and

papers and get good grades on them which is important for my future.

9229 The most important thing about the school library is access to the computers which are essential to getting current info on many topics. It's impossible to do good work without this available to us, especially when we are doing topics that are happening now in the world. Fortunately we have been taught how to search for this stuff, which is not as easy as it seems.

Q42: The school library has got me more interested in computers.

Student Witness (*Only 1 comment*)

7884 We have been shown how to find good information on the Internet, and I've become more interested in how computers can manipulate your views with deceptive information.

Q43: Computers have helped me find information inside and outside of the school library.

Student Witness

1236 The one time I remember when the school library helped me is when we learned about places you can go on the internet for information. They told us some sites to go to like the Infonet or infoOhio. They taught us that we can even do this at home too which I often do now. This is how the school library has helped me.

1503 I learned about search engines and how useful they can be so sometimes when I'm stuck on not finding any info. I just use a search engine. I use them all the time now. Or I use the InfoOhio though find information for a paper. It helps me a lot and has such a large selection of categories. I always find the info I'm looking for and it is so much help, even if I do it at home. I love infoOhio!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1520 When I had to write a report for language arts I used the library page from home and it helped me find more and do more at home.

1585 Sometimes we come to the library and one of the librarians shows us about new computer programs, or new web-sites. Also they tell us how to access these web pages and the school web page from home. This is very helpful because it is always nice to have new resources to research from.

3727 well I went into the library for some information and did not find what I was looking for and the librarians were busy so I sat at one of the tables and sorted out the information I already had and made a list of stuff I still needed so I could look it up at the city library computers after school.

3841 The school library helped me find information on Oskar Schindler. In English class when I had to write a five page paper on him. They helped me find books and they even went online to tell me what other libraries I could find my sources.

5098 On my health project in 9th grade, we were required to find information in the school library. We did a Powerpoint project and used information from using the computers in the library and at home. We were also required to use a few books. The librarian helped us through our Powerpoint presentations.

6582 Our library is phenomenal at culling online resources. We subscribe to many online collections of magazine and newspaper articles. In addition, the school library has opened up many possibilities available through online resources at the local public library, such as EBSCOhost or Proquest. These resources have been invaluable in many projects, when called upon to justify the credibility of an author or book.

7197 I wanted to learn how to search on the computer. Mrs. XXX showed me how to search on the computer. From now on I've been able to be a better computer searcher in my school library and my public library.

9467 One time the library really helped me was when I had to write my research paper. I found a lot of help in how to find good sources and how to use those sources. I learned how to find the best places to get information and how to best put that information together and could search at home and in the public library better.

Q44: The school library has helped me search the Internet better.

Student Witness

419 The school library helped to do my research paper and projects all year long. it has also helped me to do internet searches. I've got better at that through their help.

1080 It really helped me learn how to use the internet. That was really helpful because I could find more information on my subject.

1185 getting on the computer to find books, and knowing how to use the internet better through the classes we've had.

1232 The Internet is probably the most useful source in the library for me. Since I really enjoy computers, I mainly go to computers to research. When I really needed sources on biographies of ancient Romans, I went to the online resources for the middle school and found several different people I could report under Galenet. The organization of

this particular section of the media center is organized well, and I appreciate the help it gives me when I need to research, especially showing me how to be a better researcher on the internet.

1259 When they taught us how to use Google and other search engines and some stuff like that. I learned to use the internet better.

1410 When I was looking up information for a project I was doing on anorexia and bulimia, I couldn't find information online. But then I went to one of the search engines given to us by the school, and I typed it in and immediately got information. Luckily, the information was good and clean and didn't have pointless articles where eating disorders were only mentioned once.

3341 Search the internet better . Now at home it's easier to go on the internet.

3442 It was when I was working on my research project for I think my eleventh grade English .The library teacher guided me through certain websites to find what I was looking for. I evidently found it after looking through a mass of websites. Our classes have helped us find internet stuff easier.

3541 I had to do a research paper about gun control and the library has helped me do some internet research. Because of this help I got good and reliable research from their databases and know how to search better.

3863 The library has helped me learn how to use the internet better and when my printer at home is broken, its nice to come to library and print the paper fast and easy. I would say I have used the library for research paper and essay which has helped a great deal by teaching the ways to do good research.

5243 We had to do a research project on a topic that we could choose and I chose the topic lightning. I found many books that had information about lightning and there were many internet sites that the library had suggested and they gave a lot of good information. I was then able to finish my research paper at school because I was shown how to get on the Internet to get good info and I didn't have waste my time trying to deal with the bad sites.

6239 The most useful purpose the school library has served is easy access to computers when I need it. Sometimes I need to get something done at school, whether on the internet or a word processor, and I can use the school computers to get it done quickly with the guides to help search better.

7447 The library has helped me most with the internet. The library has taught me how to limit my search and has shown me some neat websites.

8344 When I was doing a project for English class I needed to look stuff up on the internet and the library helped me find what I needed and get a good grade on my project. The school library was quite helpful on some of my projects. It seems like that the library can help me on some things like using the internet better but not all things. The internet doesn't always let you go to some places on the internet.

9469 The library is very useful to me for research and working on projects and assignments. The librarians have been helpful when I needed them. I have learned a lot about looking for good information and for studying. I'm much better at using the Internet for getting good info.

Q45: The school library has helped me be more careful about information I find on the Internet.

Student Witness

355 Due to the school library, I realized how much information on the internet has "offensive" content, and therefore is ruled out for research. Many research topics are borderline and because of BESS, I was unable to research it. But, thanks to the librarians, I was able to locate books, which, thankfully, were not subject to BESS's scrutiny.

1168 Our librarian was teaching us how to get on the internet and search it better. After we were taught, I was able to get on the internet and find good stuff after a lot of effort. We were learning about animals and I was looking for information and I remembered I could get on the internet and do better searches! If she hadn't taught me how to get on the internet, I wouldn't have finished my project in time because I wouldn't have had enough information. Because of her teaching me, I got a lot of information on my animal and I got an A on my project!

1762 The school library helped me learn about the internet and how to use it safely.

2473 I learned how to use a computer more better than b-4 to help discover the internet and to use it better to find good information. The library has shown us how to use the internet carefully and not just grab anything as it might be b.s.

2773 I had a research paper on what influenced Robert Frost's poetry and the librarians were able to help me use certain search engines to find the information that I needed to complete my paper. I've learned to be very careful with internet info.

3624 It really helped me out in my debate about the death penalty. Without the information from the books available in the library, we would have easily failed or been misled by internet information as there is so much crap there.

3755 I was doing a project and they had many sources on my subject and helped me find good, safe sources online.

4242 One time the school library really helped me was when I was doing a project on the famous scientist, Gregor Mendel. I found a lot of information about him on the internet. I also found information on him in the other library resources, such as books and encyclopedias. The school library helped me to get a good grade on the project because they have taught us how to write up a good project and find good info on the www instead of bad stuff. This was just one of the times that they helped me.

5335 once when I was trying to look up information on Penguins for English I couldn't find anything for the topic I was looking for on the internet because it was giving me things like physical characteristics when I needed habitat, so I looked in the library and sure enough there was a book explaining the habitat and it helped a lot! It's easy to print off internet stuff and then discover it was rubbish and so I am reading it more thoroughly before I print!!!!!!

6365 I used the internet for a project. The sites I used were fantastic because we were shown how to search good on it and choose the sites more critically, and this helped me to receive a very good grade on the project. The library sure did help me out in that situation.

7211 They showed me about sites on the internet and how we need to be good detectives. It helped me at home to find the best sites.

8476 We had to do a research assignment and I was really confused. I couldn't find any topics to research, so my librarian helped me. Then she helped me find some good web pages and databases with a lot of information, and we used the guides provided to us to find good information on the web. That was very good because we didn't waste time using wrong information and doing badly. I ended up with a 100% on the project.

9564 For my French history project the library had a lot of information for my project which helped me get a better grade on the project. The best help though was when the librarian showed us how to know if the information is OK by having us go to some web sites that seemed to be good and in the end were pretty bad. The library does have a lot of sources and information for almost any topic that you would want to research.

Q46: Computer programs (like Powerpoint, Word, and Excel) in the school library have helped me do my school work.

Student Witness

159 I came here because I needed help doing a Powerpoint presentation for Spanish. They helped me do that and

showed me how to use Power Point. I got a good grade on my project because of the help they gave me.

413 I needed anatomy drawings scanned for a test, and the librarian was extremely helpful with showing me the easiest way to go about doing this on the computer. The books did not ever help me; the internet, scanning mechanisms, and Microsoft Word were very helpful throughout my high school career.

456 When we were doing a video project for AP English 12, we needed to do some video editing and dubbing over of a sound track. The Library provided me access to "Casa Blanca" a video editing device and taught me how to use it which allowed us to get 100% on our project. The Librarians and the Library facilities were most helpful.

909 I was working on a school assignment for history, and I couldn't figure out how to use the software. I asked for assistance and I got it. The person was very helpful, kind and polite when helping me. I still remember how to run the software.

1014 My school library has helped me out on my astronomy project. I had used the Microsoft Powerpoint program. I had got the grade that I wanted which was 100% and plus 35 bonus points. the school library had helped me learn to use all kinds of programs.

2291 The school library has helped me to complete a Powerpoint presentation by teaching me how to write bullet summaries of all of my info. I did real well on that particular assignment, and wouldn't of been able to without using the library computers and information.

2257 The one time when I had a world cultures project and I didn't have the program Powerpoint at home. So I had to do the work in school on the library computers and it helped me get it done with good advice on layout and organizing the facts I wanted, with out a hard time and it got me an A.

2612 When we were working on a Powerpoint presentation in English I had no idea what I was doing and then on of the librarians came to me and helped me with my project. Now I am the one helping students do their Powerpoints. Thanks.

3542 When I was creating a poster for a special varsity basketball game on Powerpoint, the school library helped me insert graphics and manipulate the text to the font I desired. It really helped me finish the poster on time, and the poster was a very admirable piece of work (so my teacher thought).

5442 I got help on my Microsoft publisher project and I was able to get a good grade on the project because of the help that I had received.

6140 Just a few weeks ago, I had to do a leadership project on Saddam Hussein. The library supplied me with multiple resources about Saddam and his life. I had to make a video about Saddam. The multimedia lab was a great help for that project. I used it everyday and I offered help by the teachers running the lab for the period.

6287 I was able to create a very cool video on Imovie and I need several resources from the school library. I was able to get an A on the project because of all the help I received.

6304 I could not have done my history video project without the multi-media lab. Imovie is a great help, and the people there to assist me in editing my movie have made a really big difference, and I couldn't have done anything without them.

6336 For two classes we had to make movies projects. The multimedia lab in the school library was where we created our videos on i-movie. The computers, programs, and staff were all very helpful and made our projects a success.

9286 When we use the media to video tape and work on projects for school. They always provide things for us to work with whatever it is that we need. We can check out cameras and computers any time during the day and they are readily available. The lab to edit movies and things that we recorded for class makes things a lot easier and the librarians know a lot about it to help us, even with Powerpoint stuff too.

9466 the school library helped me dramatically in my ability to make creative and visually appealing projects for an array of classes through I-movie and various other software programs that are made available to me at the high school library.

Q47: The school library has helped me feel better about using computers to do my school work.

Student Witness

1202 The library helped me feel more comfortable with the computers and because of that I can find more information on the in the classroom and at home.

1463 The computers can be so frustrating giving you loads of useless stuff. Our lessons on searching have made it a little less stressful and easier to get good info.

1796 The school library really helped me on finding info. on the computer when I took the course. Its now easier to use the computer.

2994 I had a huge Science project in 8th grade and I had no idea where to go or what to look up and had no understanding of computers. But our library helped me greatly and I'm happier about using the terminals and I got an A on my project !!

3482 The library staff was very helpful and helped me learn how to use the computer and feel easier about using them. Computers available to students in the library has drastically improved the student body's knowledge of how to use the internet to find information as well as present it in an organized manner using Microsoft 2000 programs. the computers are a real treat to work with and I am incredibly thankful that the school library is able to provide them to the students. it is my hope that students will continue to be able to have access to the computers.

3562 I had a project in Social Studies and I needed to find some information about the early 1900s. I was having trouble operating the computer so I asked the librarian for help. She was very helpful in guiding my way through the long dark path of computer usage which has made me less worried about using them. Thank you very much for the taxes that give me a chance to do better at school. I also recently learned of the levy passing in the XXX School District. I think some of that money should be used to buy new computers that are more technologically advanced. The computer I am using now took almost 3 minutes just to get to this site. Sorry for my complaint, but we really do need new computers that are so important to our research.

4049 Because of my school library, I have learned how to find information on my topics by simply looking on-line. I can find at least five sources in 20 minutes of library searching. This has helped me incredibly in the past when I was running short on time to find information. Also, because of the classes I have taken on typing, and computer skills, I have been able to increase my comprehension skills of computers and I can finish projects and assignments quicker and more efficiently than I ever had before, and now feel very good about using them. Now if only it could teach me how to spell.

5572 One time when I was in the library and they helped me find information about Native Americans. I don't have a computer at home, and feel bad because I'm not good at using them like some others. The library lady has taken the time to show me how to use them better and that makes me feel better too.

6041 taught me how to use some of the software like Powerpoint and I am less stressed using that for my class projects.

7761 my brother thinks I am lousy at the computer and so I come to the library to find out how to use them better and faster and not feel bad about it.

Block 5: How helpful the school library is to you with your general reading interests.

Q51: The school library has helped me find stories I like.

Student Witness

261 I had read all of the books by my favorite authors, so I typed random words into the library catalog and found some new authors that I liked.

593 I needed to find to find stories about cats and Mrs. XXX helped.

865 The library helped me find really good authors and helped me find them.

1345 The school library helped me when I wanted to find a good book to read. I am interested in fantasy stories and a lot of times when I am looking for a book they help me to find ones that I like.

1414 I needed a book to read because I finished all the ones I had at home. When I asked the librarian, she showed me a good book in the genre I had asked about, so I'm into it now and really like them.

1490 They helped me when I had a science project and I needed help. So they helped me find info. That was helpful and books that would help. They also help me find books that I would like to read for fun or that would interest me. That is how my school library has helped me.

2099 The school library helped me discover some really good authors that write books in the topics I like to read.

2650 I had to find a science-fiction book for English class, and I found an author I had never heard of, but I really like now. It helped me find new authors and I was able to do a very unique and interesting book report.

3276 The school library helped me find some research on my topic for my report. I was having a little trouble finding books and information on my topic, but when my class went to the computer lab I found a lot of web sites that I took home and found a lot of information on them. The school library has also helped me find more books that I enjoy, to read other than reading something I don't like. I've found a good variety in the books that they have.

3349 It help with finding books I liked like the Harry Potter books they are so cool.

3368 I needed to know if there were any good books that I could read for fun so I went to Mrs. XXX [the librarian] for help. She gave me the book The Midwife and I read the

back and it sounded good so I decided to check it out and when I got home I started to read it and when I finished it I liked it so that's why I think the library is helpful.

3474 My group and I had to do a report for our debates in English. It helped us find many stories and issues to add to our debate. It was really helpful.

3883 It was when I was looking for a good book to read and I didn't know what to look for. They were able to tell me where certain books are and if I might like them.

3898 Find Poems which I like to read, and to help me write them.

3967 I LOVE MY LIBRARY! I love to read books!

5448 They helped me find some good stories for me to read over the weekend when we were going camping.

6301 I have never really used the sources of the school library and I hardly ever go to it. I use the public or university library. However, the school library does have lots of good stories, particularly the recent ones you see in the bookshops, and that usually gets me into fiction I want to read.

7009 The librarian helped me find scary stories and we went on the computer and found them. I love to read them.

7186 I've discovered there are loads of good stories I like to read and I just ask the librarian to help me find them. When she sees me she tells me about others and it's cool to know they look out for you.

8292 I like to read about creepy things and the library lady has given me the works to use to find them in the computer.

Q52: The school library has helped me read more.

Student Witness

243 I found a book of an author, Nicholas Sparks. I enjoyed it so much. After reading this book, I got all the other books he wrote and read them all.

460 A couple of times, I forgot to bring a reading book for my English class. I came to the school library and actually checked out interesting books. I was surprised that my school library had good books to read. This is the first year, I've checked out books and got into reading more.

591 When the author came in and talked about reading, I got interested in his stories and read his books when they come out.

1157 it helped me with my reading – just got me into reading more and finding stuff I enjoy.

1321 I have found many interesting books in the library that I didn't know even existed. Some examples are the Chicken Soup series and the Princess Diaries. It hasn't really affected how I do on my school work, but has put me on to lots of interesting stuff which I like to read.

1326 The librarian told me about a really good book Little House on the Prairie I read it and then the whole series. I never thought that reading could be so much fun.

1352 One time I immediately needed a book report book that would keep my interest and be the product of a good essay. Without hesitation, the librarian recommended the book For Mike. The book was one of the best I have ever read and helped me write a book report filled with facts. I've even borrowed similar books.

1565 The School library helped me find The Very Hungry Caterpillar which I read. I love the animal stories and read lots of them from the library.

1619 One time when I was looking for a good book that I could read for daily silent sustained reading, I asked a librarian on books that I liked to read. I asked her what authors did she like. She gave me a great author Tolkien and I continue to read his books today.

1695 When we needed to find books for a school book report, it was so easy to find the books because of all of the great descriptions you gave. Knowing what the books were mostly about made it easier to decide what book I would like to read. Also knowing that there were other great books I could read, even if it wasn't school related, made it easier and fun to find a book. It's a great way to get kids interested in reading, and thank you so much for that. I myself went back and got a second book, just because it sounded interesting.

1752 When I couldn't find a cool book that I would be interested in, the librarian helped me find a science fiction book. I now read a lot more science fiction and my mommy is proud! (She gets into this reading thing).

2981 The library helped me when I was bored and really needed a good book to read. I had been going to the public library every once in a while, but really needed something everyday. I came down to the library and found lots of good new books. From that day on I kept coming down to the library. It made want to read all of the new books in the library. I made a booklist and in a few short weeks I had read every one of the books on my list. Coming down to the library made me more aware of the good books available at the library and made me wish I had visited the library more often and at the beginning of the year. Also, I was given the opportunity to become a library aide. This made me very excited and anxious to be involved with the library.

3232 Some good story books in the school library helped me read more and more.

3252 When I had to pick out a book and read it, it helped me understand what somethings meant. And how it was long before I was alive. It got me interested in different books and it gave me a new favorite book, called The Chinese Cinderella.

5145 Researching my invention project I got an A. That got me a bit curious about inventions and I got into some of the science fiction with the help of the librarian. Every time she sees me she tells me of the latest book to read and that is cool. I have my own personal bookstore adviser!!!!!!

6933 I like to read any of the new fiction that comes in, especially the history stories. The librarian knows about that and gets the latest books for me and always lets me know when some has arrived.

Q53: The school library has helped me get better at reading.

Student Witness

600 I was a bad horrible reader the library & the librarian and helpers made that happen for my report. I thought it would never happen but it did. Now I read all kinds of books and I even read chapter books. I got a second report done iimy parnts & I were so amazed. it was a miracle. I thank you for helping me !!!

601 The library helped me when I did not like to read and did not like to look stuff up. It helped me by showing me that reading was fun. sometime I still don't like to read still but I remember that day at the library and I will keep reading. I love the library and hope you do to because it can really help you when you need to look something up or you need help with reading. That is why like the library. It's cool.

602 The School Library has helped me with everything. My friends and I learn so much in the library. I never knew reading could be fun! Also, the librarians are so nice. They've helped me with so much like finding books, how to use a almanac, a dictionary, and how to read the spines of a book. I thank the library for teaching me more things about reading. When I first came to XXX I never liked reading, but because of the XXX Library I love reading! Thanks again! THANKS MRS. XXX! You helped A LOT.

3222 The school library has many popular fiction books. For free reading time almost every day in class the library has helped me select enjoyable books to read. It has heightened my vocabulary with the more challenging books.

5133 I used to not read very well and after I used the library for research and information about homework I was

reading more and more from the information and that had helped me become a better reader! now I can read a lot better then I was in the beginning of the school year and understand better in class! I would not be here without the library.

5319 There isn't one specific time, the library has helped me find books many times and I became a better reader because of that. I have found several writers that I enjoy reading now because of my school Librarian.

6943 My great love is EVERY sport. You might say I am obsessed about them. But that clever librarian got me into reading sports stories, and even some biographies about great sportsmen. You don't realize it I reckon, but the more you read the better you get at it. She knew that but I guess the library has helped me realize that for myself.

9494 I really disliked reading. And I would never complete reading assignments. We also had to have a silent reading book too. My school library helped me find a series that I enjoy reading by Nancy Drew and now I can never put them down.

Q54: The school library has helped me enjoy reading more.

Student Witness

617 The school library help me with everything. My reading interest and before I never read books before but now I read and its fun.

651 When the author came in to the library and talked about reading I got into his books – they are sooooooo good and can't wait for the next one.

1727 One time I had to do a book report and I didn't know what book to read. Then I asked a librarian and she asked me what types of book I liked to read. I told her I liked to read mystery books so she got me one. This was a great book! It helped me get a better grade because I enjoyed the book and really got into it and have liked others too.

2345 I had to read seven books for the English Festival, but I couldn't recognize some of the themes in the stories. When I asked the librarian for help she showed me what you have to do in order to recognize themes better. I used that knowledge to do better at the English Festival and get more enjoyment out of reading by understanding what is in front of me.

2371 I had a report do on any book I want to get. I was looking every where for a book. I even took 2 of them out started to read them didn't like. So finally ask for help and she picked the best book after talking to me. I was so interested in the book I went out and bought it. I got a wonderful grade on my report. library is wonderful.

5533 But I started reading the books here and I learned that reading was fun I began to enjoy it. The first book that I read here was given to me by a librarian. That librarian opened many doors for me and reading. It has enabled me to read faster, write better, enjoy books and write my own books (short stories).

6666 I'm from a family of um lets see 1 child and mostly my parents never gave me the time and place to make me enjoy to read and the librarian helped me get to read more and I really really enjoy to read now, thank you, you make every kid feel better about reading.

7608 My Librarian has helps me find many books and stories that I have enjoyed reading!! Now I love reading!!

7624 I like going to the library to see the new books on display as I'm keen to read the latest fiction out. I enjoy keeping up with them.

8159 They helped me read more for fun and helped me visit the library more to learn and do projects and to read chapter books.

Q55: The school library has helped me be a better writer.

Student Witness

785 I love to read. The library introduced me to a new series of books. It was a series of unfortunate events. After I read those, in my writing I wasn't afraid to extend beyond the limits and write creative, farfetched stories.

945 Once recent time that I can think of that the school library has helped me was when I needed to find my science vocabulary terms and write them properly. It also helped me when I needed to find a world encyclopedia of trade embargo's of world war 2 for my Social Studies class.

1154 When we were doing a report they taught to me write more clearly and I got better grades in writing.

1579 The one time that the school library helped me a lot was when, I had to get a poetry project done and the school library has helped me look up different types of poetry and has helped my poetry writing.

3702 I was working on writing grant proposals for my scientific research and I came to the library to ask for some help. The librarians were extremely willing to help and offered me assistance with internet sites, hard copy information, and personal experience. They helped make the grant writing process, which can be a bit intimidating to a high school student, a little less painful.

4084 The school library really helped me out when I needed to learn different formats of writing essays. The school

library helped me to find examples online of different types of writing as an example for future essays I would write.

4781 I learned how to analyze and conclude chart. Now I am able to find information faster and I don't need to get off track and writing my reports has improved.

4809 every week, I read about a dozen 100 page books. My librarian at school helped me find some interesting books and now I get awesome grades from reading so much. My proficiency scores were higher than 96% in verbal expression, reading, and writing. my reading helps me thanks to my library at school.

6196 Our school library is most helpful in that is has a Writing Intervention Workshop staffed with teachers from the English department. While working on my senior thesis, I used the "WIW" often to get my work edited. In the end, my thesis (which was mini-biographies) was well-polished and was nominated for our school's senior thesis award. The other good part about our library is that we have a Multimedia Computer lab with the latest technology for movie-making and project presentations.

6203 One major part of the LC is the Writing Intervention Workshop where English teachers edit and help you with papers, which has helped me a number of times. also, there's GLRC Global Language Research Center where I've also gotten help when I was in a language class. Lastly, they've been helpful in looking up research and magazine articles for current issues.

6215 I needed to do a lot of research and get a lot of help for my senior thesis project this year. I got a lot of help from the library and the writing intervention workshop. I was able to make my project a success because writing clearly and logically is very hard, and the good resources and writing techniques helped.

6237 Our library has a resource called the Writing Intervention Workshop, and it has helped me get much better at writing papers for many classes.

Block 6: How helpful the school library is to you when you are not at school.

Q61: The school library has helped me discover interesting topics other than my school work.

Student Witness

554 I had to find information on the "Atom Bomb". I found the information I needed without having to go home. I understand more about the world's nuclear crisis too which is very fascinating.

624 Some things that the library has helped me with are learning more about animals I am interested in, like guinea

pigs, and rabbits. Another thing it has helped me with is, learning how to use atlases, and other information books. Those are some things that the library has helped me with.

1008 The library helped me because I had to do a presentation on aids and needed information on aids, like the causes and affects. They also let me borrow a movie to show the class. I've become really concerned about a cure for that.

2366 One time that the school library really helped me was when, I had to find a recipe for Spanish and I didn't have a computer at home so thankfully the library had a computer and I was able to get my recipe in for Spanish. I enjoyed that so I even learned to cook it for the family.

2393 I remember coming in the library and working on a career project assignment. It helped me look for a career in law that I am interested in and feel like working towards.

2469 The computers really helped me on my work, and often I find new topics there that I like to explore beyond the regular school stuff.

3131 it help me find information on Jimmy Hendrix I used it for personal benefit it better lead me to finding out more about different artists and their history there was a lot of information and it was a big help I like Jimmy Hendrix's music I like "along the watchtower" it is a good song I like it a lot.

3268 The time that the library was really helpful to me is when I was working on my research report and I had to find out information on horses. So I got interested in horses more than I was before. They also have helped me find the books that I have needed for my research and own time on reading. They also have helped me when I was working on a Social Studies. Also I learned how to type faster than I could before.

3720 I had nothing to do and was looking around, one of the librarians suggested I look at the National Geographics. They were real interesting and I got to look at things that I didn't even know existed and saw amazing photographs in the magazines of tribal jewelry that I would like to make as a craft.

5307 I needed some info on Italy. I got some from the library. By chance I read about the catacombs underneath Rome and I'm fascinated about them, so got the Librarian to help me search for more info in them.

5394 The School Library helped me find out more information on the Holocaust and about Anne Frank. I found the Holocaust very interesting and the Library helped me to receive a better grade in the unit about the Holocaust in my English class. It's also got me interested in the whole human rights thing.

6950 I had to write a research paper with Ebscohost. While I was searching through that for my research, I came across some stuff on white tigers which I just adore, I noted that stuff down and followed it through later.

6961 The school library helped me find all kind of things. Sometimes I get bored and want something interesting to read, and I wander the library shelves and no doubt something pops out and I sit and read. I've learned a lot of stuff that way.

8168 When I was trying to plan a New Years party for our family I had no idea how I could do it, so I looked in the library and found a book that helped me out a lot. Another way it has helped me is when I was doing extra credit in math I needed some books and I needed to get on the internet and find a website to help me out also and it worked, it helped me out a lot.

9925 the library helped me locate what I truly want to do in life be a professional actor, I don't know what branch either live, Movie, or voice acting either way I was able to quickly Identify all my strengths and weaknesses in the field of acting and learned about what I could do to help get my career started.

Q 62: This question was an extension of Q61 "The library has helped me discover interesting topics other than my school work" by asking the respondents to list two topics.

Top 50 Interesting Topics Other than School Work			
Topic	Frequency	Topic	Frequency
sports	804	space	99
animals	568	health	94
history	378	Internet	89
science	327	Holocaust	84
music	273	cats	81
reading	267	science fiction	79

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Top 50 Interesting Topics Other than School Work

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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
cars	253	games	78
mystery	210	current events	77
Math	191	drugs	77
dogs	176	Civil War	71
books	175	colleges	69
poetry	167	careers	68
biographies	152	sex	63
computers	141	jobs	62
art	140	poems	60
writing	135	skateboarding	60
English	132	horses	59
World War II	132	cooking	58
war	128	people	58
football	118	fashion	56
drawing	109	food	54
basketball	107	famous people	53
baseball	105	news	53
social studies	105	politics	52
fantasy	103	magazines	50

Top Interesting Topics Other than School Work — by Grade

<p>Grade 3 animals dogs sports science cats football history horses Math reading</p>	<p>Grade 4 animals sports biographies poetry reading dogs fiction science almanac atlas</p>	<p>Grade 5 animals sports mystery reading science poetry history Math dogs writing</p>	<p>Grade 6 sports animals science history mystery books reading social studies writing fantasy</p>
<p>Grade 7 sports animals mystery history reading science war dogs music World War II</p>	<p>Grade 8 sports animals history science Holocaust reading cars mystery Civil War basketball</p>	<p>Grade 9 sports music history cars science Math computers animals books English</p>	<p>Grade 10 sports music history cars English animals current events reading World War II poetry</p>
<p>Grade 11 sports music history cars animals English Math science colleges computers</p>	<p>Grade 12 sports cars music history colleges current events English art drugs government</p>		

Top 20 Interesting Topics Other than School Work — by Gender

Boys

sports
cars
history
animals
science
Math
reading
music
football
computers
baseball
war
English
basketball
space
World War II
biographies
books
mystery
games

Girls

animals
sports
history
music
mystery
reading
science
dogs
poetry
books
writing
art
biographies
cats
Math
Holocaust
health
fiction
horses
colleges

Q63: The things I've learned in the school library have helped me study at home.

Q64: The school library has helped me get more organized with my homework.

Student Witness

346 Library has taught me to be self-sufficient especially doing homework though the detail was sometimes torturous.

2126 Our Librarian gave us a very good demonstration on how to get reliable sources off of a program called InfoOhio. I used this program for many projects at school and at home.

2132 My school library has a lot of computers so I have used them to help me find information on the popular culture of the 1880's. The computers were helpful but I really needed some book sources too. My library does not keep very many books and is replacing the books with computers. My library helped me find online sources, and use them at home to do my homework. I needed books and there were none. I hope we get more books in here!

2142 Our class was introduced to different sources online that we could use for projects. I've used the websites in many classes and it helped me get my work done at home.

2145 When I was doing a Powerpoint presentation on gnomes, I used the school library computers to make my slideshow. This saved me a lot of time at home, and I could

work and ask questions at the same time, then do my work at home more easily. I used the Internet for information about gnomes and I found many facts to include in my project. Without the library computers, I would have had to complete my entire presentation at home, and it would have been very time consuming.

2148 We had an investigative research report to do in English. I needed a lot of sources for it. I was able to use the computers in the library to find different sources. I could also use the library home page to find sites where I could look for the information I needed. This allowed me to get all the information I needed to complete the report successfully by myself at home.

2360 it gives me the help I need to know that I can do just about anything on MY own especially when I study at home, and still have others that is there to help me be a very big success in what I know and want to work on. It's help's me understand the basic's of life and reality and school basics.

2383 The one time I remember the school library really helping me out was this year when our Spanish teacher took us to the library onto the computers and we took a test and researched what kind of learner we are. It helped me because I found out how I can study better and by doing this and studying better I can get better grades in school. It helped me at home with my homework and in school also.

2518 I don't use the school library because I do much of my work at home on my own computer. My computer at

home is not as restricted. But the library has taught me to do this better I suppose.

2539 The help that I got was on my career paper Junior year. I did almost all my research in the school library and the staff was very helpful. I used resources that the library had that I would not have been able to use if I had done this on my own. I also was able to use what they had from my home because they gave me the information I needed to get to the research resources I needed to get to.

3008 The school library has helped me to get a start on research for classes as we had to do some research classes there. The only time I really use the library though is when we go down to the library during a class. My other research is completed outside of school as I know how to do it now.

3506 Helps me researching things better though the classes we have and especially when I am doing homework, like I know how to write up my ideas.

3507 The time that I was in the library and got the most help was when I was doing a report on gun control. We weren't allowed to check out the books on gun control so the librarian help me find a related topic on it. She found violence. So I checked books on violence it really helped my report since I was allowed to take those books home I could work on my report at home. I was able to get a lot of work finished at home so then I could come back to school and be ahead in work. It really helped that she thought of that topic.

3674 I needed help one time on a research assignment. I needed use specific sources that the librarians helped me find. I was able to get the research finished at home using research guides they taught us about. I needed and receive the grade I deserved.

4549 the school library helped me do my homework in some of my classes because they showed us how to search the internet and I can do that better at home now.

5765 The library really helped me when I needed to do a computer assignment for homework. The librarians pointed out some sites I should see, and so I could complete it efficiently at home.

6483 When I needed help on my historical fiction project, the school library helped me in finding ideas about my topic. The library classes helped me with writing up my project at home.

Q65: The school library has helped me find information even when I am not at school.

Student Witness

360 I did not know how to use the library catalog. The librarian helped me learn how to use it. I can now use the catalog to help find a certain book I am looking for, either here or in the public library.

504 I learned how to use a library and look things up which helped me in public libraries too when looking a book or resource up.

862 It helped me go to the public library. I get more books now. I already own a lot of books.

1260 The school Library really helped me when I went to the public library and was looking for a book. I knew how the books were categorized and where to find fiction, non-fiction. The library also helped me find good stuff on the internet.

1805 My Language Arts teacher had gotten 2nd grade buddies to write a story for. We had to write most of the story at home, and my story was called Katrinas Wonderful Easter. Katrina was a golden retriever, and since I can't draw very well, I turned to the internet to find a picture of a golden retriever puppy. After hours of searching, I finally remembered the school online media. I had the password to Photo Archives, because the school library had helped me. I found the perfect picture for my story, and even more!!!!!!! :)

2027 Okay at my house we use the dictionary that our library homepage provides and my whole family uses it. It is a great tool. That is where I go first! Lots of other really useful stuff on how to research. Thanks to the library homepage.

2643 The school library helped me when showing me how to use certain resources on the school media center site. I was able to work on my JELA paper from home because of it and find info in the public library. It also helped me when I needed to use a computer to work on a paper that I had a little bit of work left over to do.

3647 I needed help finding books about my pets. (I got a new turtle!) The problem was that I didn't know where the turtle books were. Then Mrs. XXX came over and showed me how to use the computer to find books in the school library. After that she showed me how to find them by using call numbers, and which is useful in the town library.

3710 In doing research where I needed to find articles from scientific journals, the librarians were excellent in (1) Instructing me on how to use the databases which the school has subscribed to (mainly EbscoHost) and (2) Directing me to public and university libraries in the area where I could obtain print copies of certain scientific journals. Thank you.

3793 I used the resources found here in the library to do an English report on a British author. There is a large amount of info here, and now I also go to the cities public library which has a far greater selection in the areas of art, music, and literature.

4854 helped me find stuff on drugs. then I did my report in English about it. I could also use the town library to get info as well.

5720 when I had to do my explorer project I found info in the school library and in the public library as they are set up the same to find the stuff.

6586 The librarians help me a lot with the computers, such as finding websites and working with the technology and other computer programs. This helps when you work at home or search in the public library.

Q66: The school library lessons have helped me solve problems better.

Student Witness

178 I do not remember a specific time that the library was able to help me, but a vast amount of times. I have come into our computer labs and utilized them in order to complete Powerpoint presentations and look up a lot of information on the internet quickly and efficiently. Just yesterday I used the library to scan pictures into the computer for a photography assignment. I had a little trouble, but the librarians helped me figure out the problem and I was able to get great results on the project. I learned to solve the problem through their help.

3404 Once the school library helped me out with a computer problem that I had at my home and they went over the problem with until I fully knew what caused the problem and how to fix it and they even gave me some other helpful tips and I thought that was really nice!

3512 Sometimes I will have a problem with computers at home and I come to the library at school to find out how to solve my problem. Also, the library is a place where I feel comfortable doing my schoolwork without distractions.

4896 A time when the school library helped me mostly, is when I had to do a science project on radio waves. I didn't have much information on this topic, so I went to the library, and asked the teacher for her assistance. She was very friendly with my request. She helped me out a great deal with the problems I had and showed me ways of working through those in an ordered way. That is when the school library helped.

5068 The one time the school library helped me was with my English project. We had to write and do a Powerpoint

and they helped me understand what I was doing wrong when a problem came up later.

5461 The school library helped me with my problems. I had a really tough homework assignment and I went to the library and it saved my grade. I got an A.

5900 I had problems with finding research for a global studies project and they helped me find information. My problem was the problem of doing research and they gave me ways to do it better.

6211 The math lab helped me with my graded homework sophomore year. some of the problems were very tough, and the teachers were very helpful.

6390 I had to put together a manuscript on a WWII veteran interview, and I didn't know how to paste pictures or add a text field, and then my project was too big to save on a disk. The librarians were very helpful in solving those problems and showing me how to fix them.

6450 We were working on my senior thesis. The library teacher understood and respected me and my ideas. She helped me out with the problems that I had with my Senior Thesis. I grade on my project was exceptional and I will never forget the help that she gave me.

9512 The school library has actually helped in numerous times for numerous problems. I love coming and working on the computers and I love selection of books that are offered to us. Because of our library I have increased the number of books that I read every year. I find information on things that trouble me and it helps.

Q65: The school library has helped me when I have a personal concern or issue.

Student Witness (not strong)

494 One time when I broke up with my boyfriend the library was there for me because all the books were there for me chose from and I could pick one and see how bad my life really wasn't.

2185 I once thought that I had a venereal disease and I was terrified. I went to the school library and looked up some info on them and this finally helped me discuss the situation with my parents.

2378 Because of the school library, I was able to research the African Hindu Tribes of my native country. This proved extremely helpful in my search for self acceptance. I have searched many months through books of all sorts never stumbling upon anything remotely near what I needed. Even the tour I took to the museum and the Epcot center couldn't clearly explain in full detail what it felt like to be a true

African. I would have never felt in place without this necessary information. The school library is a wonderful thing to have access to.

2503 My girlfriend was in a bit of trouble with her parents, so we came into the library and researched about the issue and found ways she could talk to them without them yelling at her.

2986 I learned about the human reproductive system in great detail. It helped me with a personal problem, and also a homework assignment. Also, I learned about substance abuse and the devastating effects on the physical and mental aspects of life.

3048 the library has helped me in a few different ways. First off by having a wide variety of books that hold my interest that make me want to read more and more. Secondly the amount of research that is required for some classes is easier to get through by looking on the internet and searching through the different books that the library has to offer. my own personal opinion of the library has even changed over the years. I now go to the library not only for research but to look for books that I would like to read. I have read about 6 books from my school library and I have enjoyed getting more and more reading done with the books that the library has to keep my interest. The library has also kept my interest by bringing in books that are updated and deal with things that are happening in the world today. Not only in news and sports but in the ways that teens deal with different problems. some of the books actually give some advice to help deal or cope with many of today's problems.

3251 with my research report my library has a lot of books on asthma, my little brother has it and I researched it to learn more about helping him.

4051 The school library has helped especially with the staff at XXX School. The attendants are extremely helpful with any concerns and problems I may have, electronic or otherwise.

4871 The school library allowed me to check out a laptop computer for the night and that helped me to get my project completed. Also I am friends with the workers and they provide me with personal counseling.

5949 I like the blonde lady that sits at the desk at 6th period.. she is always helpful and nice to people. She has helped me find information in the newspapers and she has answered many questions that I have had. She understands when homework needs to be done in lunch time, and is always willing to listen to people's library problems.

9155 When I had a personal medical problem, and I read a book that told me about some things that I could do for the problem.

The students' statements indicated some negative reaction to this question.

2982 I rely on my guidance counselor for help with "personal issues." I rely on my PARENTS, who taught me to read when I was 5. I rely on my TEACHERS to teach me how to take notes and encourage participation in discussion. I rely on myself to formulate opinions and be confident. the library is SIMPLY a place to gather information. I would really prefer it remain that way, rather than attempt to replace all of the above.

3018 Nothing helped me, I learned how to use the library through common sense. I do use the library, however, when I need to do a Powerpoint assignment or research information for class. I don't go to the library in order to make long-lasting friendships or for my emotional problems. And to be honest, I would probably look at someone like they needed help with their emotional issues if they asked me what was wrong.

3019 The library should be a place where no one bothers you and not tries to act like Dr. Phil trying to solve your personal messes.

3713 the five minutes that I have used in the "school library," to fill out this survey, has been the most time that I have ever spent in the library for anything. The library has research material but a am confused on how one would think of going to the library for "personal problems," or homework help.

4030 Using the computers in the library at school has helped me tremendously in doing presentations in various classes, finding information for and typing term papers and learning how to use the internet correctly. I have had a lot of problems with censored information. I do not feel that it is necessity to block information on topics that may be offensive to some, but important to the learning process of others. As for dealing with my personal problems? Don't go there.

8465 The library is not here to be my psychologist, and the last thing I need is a librarian being my analyst. It's here to provide me with all the materials I need for my school work – which it does well.

9914 Our library needs more funding. Funding for books to do my research, not employing people to be psychologists for me.

Q68: Information in the school library has helped me decide what I need to do next with my school work.

Student Witness (very few)

509 I had to do a project and I needed to read many pages;

they helped me find where the good books were at, and we learned in class all the steps to do good research. Makes the job less scary when that happens when you have to do it next time.

519 The school library helped me with one of my projects on trying to find my ancestors. The people at the library helped me find the websites to finding the information I needed to get the project done. Turns out I got a 103% on the project for the extra work I did on the project. Thanks you! Best, what I learned will help me with next projects.

1415 I needed help finding information on steroids for an assignment I was doing. The librarians showed me ways to search and things to find. I'm much better at searching when I do other assignments.

1924 The school library helped me the most when I had a Titanic project. I researched topics and important information. The school computers helped me greatly, and the books I found also helped me. The library definitely has important information for different projects. I have learned certain research skills that I've been using to find info on other projects and complete them.

2801 The school library helped me research a genetic disease for Biology 2. They were very helpful in finding information that I needed for my project. This allowed me to find the information I was looking for and helped me put together a quality paper on hemophilia. Overall, the library was very useful while writing my paper. We had some classes on research too which were very helpful for this and other projects.

4454 I had trouble finding a World War 2 book and they helped me find it so I was able to finish the project and get an A. they have also had helped me on other projects to.

6953 The school library provided valuable resources for finding research for my senior paper and then enabling me to do other projects as they come along. My senior paper was about homeless people and I found a lot of information that helped me get an A on the paper.

8446 The time that the library helped me the most is when we were doing research projects, they helped me learn how to gather and organize the best information. This helped me not only on that one project but on all the other projects that I used the same steps for.

9927 It helped me when I was doing my college/career project. We spent a lot of time on these computers. The stuff we learned about doing research is useful for the next projects – doesn't freak you out when you get it as you know you can do it.

Block 7: Some General Things (Academic Achievement).

Q71: The school library has helped me do my school work better.

Student Witness

709 I couldn't do my school work well without all the information and help I get in the library.

733 When I had to do a report about lions. It was fun because it helped me know more about lions and I liked it. I also read a book about it that's what made me learn more and be better.

1001 I had a few big projects due in French and many of the books and internet sources helped me do most of my work hear rather than at home. Everything was easily found and I had no problem getting the information. When I use the library for my school work I always get good results for my teachers.

1006 When I had a world History report I had to write about Adolf Hitler, they helped me find tons of information that I couldn't find anywhere else. I found information in the books and on the internet. I had got a better grade with the information that I got from the library and the school library books.

1027 One time I needed help on a history report and I went to the library to find references and the librarian was able to help me find magazines, books, and more. Also this library was helpful enough to me by how I couldn't get to a certain library for a book and the librarian had them send the book to our school library. Since the book came to our school I was able to do better on my history report and go from a C to an A.

1031 I had to do a report in history and they helped me with getting a lot of information that I needed and couldn't find anywhere else. I was able to do better on the report because I had so much information that I couldn't find anywhere else.

1084 My school library helped me once when I was doing a report on a chipmunk. the imc teacher helped me find the books I needed to find out more information. Because of all the help I got I was able to get an A+ on the report. Now I know a lot about a chipmunk.

1374 I was researching Cathedrals and they were very quick to help me using their many resources that I find very valuable. They created a very positive learning atmosphere for me and my class which encouraged us to learn better.

1757 A science project this year and it gave me information I desperately needed to do good. The school library is necessary for you to get through your school work.

2056 We have a lot of projects to do at school and I don't have a computer at home so if I didn't use the library here (at school) then I would have to go to the public one. I can use the computers at school to type up my assignments and save them on a disc so that I can finish them at the public library. This helps me get assignments turned in on time and do better on them and it saves me time after school when I have other homework to do.

2079 The school library has helped me with doing individual and group projects. It allows me to find all of the information that I need so I can get a good grade on them. I am familiar with the library because of the classes we had now so I can find anything right when I need to use it.

2094 When we had a project for health we had to go on the internet and get information. For our project we had to write a poem on friendship. I went on the computer in the school library and found some information for the project. Having the school library helped me to find all of the things that we needed for our project. On that project for friendship I received an A because of the data that I had found in our own school library.

2280 One time in my geometry class I was doing a project if the school library wasn't here I would have failed without the library's help which was getting the research together.

2750 Well, we had this project in science class this year, and I chose to do a report on the Snow Leopard. The library helped me find a lot of different material on the Leopard. It made my assignment a lot easier because of the info I found. I was really surprised about the grade I got. It was an A+. If it wasn't for the school library, I would have got a different grade.

3454 This past year my English teacher assigned us a research paper and debate on the fourth amendment. We came to the library several times to research our topics. The school library provided us with books, websites and other materials to use in our research papers. Without the school library and all the special websites it has subscribed to, I know that our class wouldn't have been as successful in completing this research paper and debate. I am thankful that our school has these resources for the students at our school to use and to do well.

3661 In science, we had to do a research project on a famous scientist. Mine was Rachel Carson—a person I have never heard of. I came to the library and the librarians helped me find books on her and websites. They also gave me good study tips. I got a better grade than I expected on the project. I got a B+. The library was very helpful to me.

4732 It helps me do better on projects and my class stuff.

4747 I always need help finding info on projects and the library came to the rescue every time. I can't do without it to get my school stuff done and improve.

5376 IT helped me do a Social Studies project on a thing I didn't even know about and now I can do better on my projects!

6348 One of the projects that we have done for our English class involved creating a multi-genre research paper. In order to create this paper, we needed a variety of different sources. With the collaborative help of the school library and the librarians, I was able to locate a variety of different sources. As a result, I was able to create a really in-depth research paper. And, as a result of that, I received a good grade on the paper, and also learned both a lot about the topic and more about the use of my library.

6393 The school library helped me when I was searching for topics for my final sophomore project. I love my library. We cannot achieve well on our work without the library.

7995 On science fair the school library helped me. When I had to research my topic of lettuce the library gave me information that helped me do better on my topic. They also told me what information I might need during my project. Then after that they quizzed me on how well I knew my information. On top of that they gave me pointers to help me out with other projects.

8649 The library really helped me at the beginning of seventh grade. I used to only read mystery books. The library really helped me expand on what I read. This helped me a lot because now when we have to pick from certain book categories it is easy for me to pick my book. This also helps me with my grades because I don't mind reading the books and I like them so I do better on the book projects. The library helps me a lot. I am glad I have an expanded reading category. I can read a lot more good books because the library helped me try new things. That would have been very hard without a library.

Q72: The school library has helped me get better grades on my projects and assignments.

Student Witness (thousands of these)

Very clear and simple relationship expressed between finding and using library sources and getting good grades.

8647 For a reading project we had to research a certain animal, the library helped me find the information I needed to do my project. The librarians helped me find a good place to find my research and it was nice to have such a wide selection. I got a really good grade with the help.

8673 the library helped me when I needed to do a project on chickens. I could not find chicken information anywhere and the library had a lot about chickens. thanks to them I got a really good grade on my project.

8674 I had a pet project and the helped me find the specific animal I wanted. and I was able to get a good grade on my project.

8699 I had to do a project on hemophilia and I only knew a little bit about it. The librarian told me were I could find information on diseases. I was able to get a lot of information on hemophilia and get a good grade on my project.

8705 The school library helped with my health project. They really gave me good ideas that led to me getting a good grade and doing well in health class.

8732 One time I was doing a project for science and needed a few more facts. So I came in and used their laptops for an internet source. I was then able to get a good grade on my project.

8741 The library helped me in science it helped me get a good grade.

8871 They helped me on a project I didn't understand but then I had help and now I have a good grade.

8917 We had to write an article for our 8th grade XXX Post (our school magazine) and I was able to come to the school library to use the computer to find the information I need to do the article. I was able to get a good grade because of it.

9256 Since our library has computers I got to find information and type up the report I needed to and got it turned in on time. This got me a good grade on the report and helped my grade in the class.

9277 well this one time when I had to do a paper on breast cancer it helped me find a lot more information that I needed. it gave me more information that I could of never found in just looking in papers and other things like that. it made it so much easier for me to write that paper. it also helped me get a better grade on it as well.

9298 I have had to type several research papers this year. The library helped me to retrieve and use the information I needed to get a better grade. I believe that the library is a valuable resource for information, and I am pleased with the things it has enabled me to accomplish.

9423 The school library has helped me find interesting topics and get better grades by coming in at lunch and researching typing my homework, that I forgot to do at night. with out the resources that the library has given me I don't think

that I would receiving a passing grade in English. It also helps me with its online resources that help me immensely with Spanish.

9891 I had to do a persuasive paper on prenatal child abuse and I couldn't find any opposition. I went on EBSCO and SIRS and found other magazines here that offered me the opposition that I needed to complete my paper. I was able to get a better grade because I met the requirements.

Q73: The school library has helped me get better grades on tests and quizzes.

Student Witness

104 The library helped me study for finals – librarian has really given me some good tips with studying better. I didn't tell anyone as I want to do well.

1035 Well one time the school library REALLY helped me...was when they gave sample math problems for the proficiency test. I was so scared about the P.T's and then I came to the library to practice on some problems and it really helped me out in the end...and still does now!

1413 I was studying for a test and I lost some of the information, so I went to the library and was able to find the information I needed. I ended up doing very well on the test thanks to the library.

2409 When I had a test the next period and no one was allowed in the library and my librarian let me come in and study and research so I could get a good grade on my test and when I had that time to study to myself I got more about the test that I was going to take and that enabled me to do very well on my test which I passed with flying colors.

3040 One time I was having trouble learning my elements. The library introduced me to a program that allowed me to learn the elements and their different ions. I was able to get a high grade on the test.

3078 At the beginning of this school year we had a big 50 point health test. well I did not know a thing about my topic. and the school library helped me find everything I needed and so I did better than usual.

3570 One time when the school library helped me was when I had a big History test. I was able to come to the library and study on the computer for the test. I ended up getting an 84% on that test.

3813 One time, I had a quiz in my history class next period, so I decided to go the library. I went to the website of the history test helper, and printed out all 4 helpful quizzes. The teacher chose a similar quiz, so I then had all the answers!!!!!!

4073 I was able to get on the computers for Spanish and study on an internet site that reviewed my Spanish vocab. I ended up doing really well on the test thanks to the accessibility in the library.

4511 One thing that has really helped me is when we did research on sea animals. It helped me get better ideas on what animals I wanted to research. Also it helped me get a good grade on that project. My test scores even went up. So that is how the school library has helped me really well.

4643 one project we did in the library for Social Studies helped me get an A on my test.

5476 I had a big Social Studies Test in two days and I wasn't ready at all. I went to the library and got books on the topic and studied at home and in the library at school. I got an A!

5694 I did not understand thing in science and I thought I was going to get a low grade on a test and they helped my get a A+ on that test.

6056 I used a AP United States Government Review for the AP test and I did well because of the review.

Q74: The school library has made me think harder about my school work.

Student Witness

1240 It helped me in science when I had plenty of projects, when I had to research information on my topic. The library also helped me find books very easily. I have figured out that after my lessons at the library I can concentrate and think better on my school work.

1271 I was doing a HARD killer whale report and thanks to the library I was able to think it out and I got a B on it.

1820 The school library help me by having the right information at the right time and the have all of the right tools I need for a project. They have taught me to use my brain with info and think more about it and not just grab anything.

3178 Using the school library helped me on a lot of things like the wars we had. I liked to see more books on wars its fun to read and it is interesting to know about the wars it makes me think about them more and what would happen to me if I was in the wars.

5850 Well I like it a lot it got me somewhere when I needed help with school projects and also the school library helped me to get more confident helped me accomplish goals and spell hard think better also helped me read more often a little bit. I'm glad to be at a school like this where it helped

do things like I've done here at XXX school this year and last year.

6329 The learning center staff at my school is quite helpful in every aspect. They are very organized in handing out there materials, and showing you ways to find information on a topic you are researching. Our school has one of the strongest libraries in the area I would think by the great staff members to make it work. One time they really helped me was when I was researching a public speaking topic they pulled up several views on my topic. I had to really think hard about this. It really helped me to be able to understand what was going on from every point and not just the one I was taking on.

8006 The school library helped me with my wet lands project I was able to quickly find in formation compared to the hours at home it would take me. The library provides a lot of different information which makes you think harder about what is right for your school work.

Q75: The school library has helped me more feel confident about doing my school work.

Student Witness

30 I remember a while ago, it was my freshman year and I needed to do a reading project and if I got an A on that project my grade would be a passing, so I came into the library for help on information and typing, the ladies that helped were very nice to me and did a good job on helping me. I ended up getting an A and my grade passed. I have learned to be more confident in the work that I do and the information I need to get. so thanks a lot!

86 I was able to find books I needed for a research project on the Black Plague. I was able to feel more confident about performing well on my project.

509 I had to do a project and I needed to read many pages; they helped me find where the good books were at, and we learned in class all the steps to do good research. Makes the job less scary when that happens when you have to do it next time.

541 The school library has helped me to feel more confident about myself and my studies. Whenever I have a project to do I just come down to the library and always ask and anything that I need is there. I love the Library!!

1412 The school library helped me with my Language Arts debate notes. I needed information on animal experimentation and there was a whole shelf of usable books for my topic. I found practically all I needed to know in those books and present my side of the argument clearly with some data to back it up. It was cool – I felt authoritative and not scared to give my view.

1584 During Science I was doing a bone identification and the computer helped me find information of a skunks skull. I was able to present in front of the class because of it and I wasn't nervous because I really knew my stuff.

3752 The school library has helped me multiple times, one time I can recall is when I was doing my research paper and I needed to find two more books on my author. The librarians were a lot of fun, and gave me much assistance with what I needed to find to help me get a better grade and get me more confident about turning in the project.

5404 The school library helps me do my work. If I have a long assignment it makes me feel confident that the information I am putting into my project is nothing made up. Since the library has a lot of different sources I can check them all out and compare the information. Also it makes it a lot easier then going on the internet at home.

6268 I had completely forgotten to prepare for a speech in my public speaking class an a librarian helped me pull up information on both sides of my topic so I could write up an overview for my speech and be prepared for what the person arguing against me might say. This helped me get ready for my speech, be prepared for class, and feel more confident in being able to adequately prepare ahead of time for a speech.

6361 The school library has helped me more feel confident about doing my school work, especially in Social Studies.

6728 I work as a Library helper during my study hall and the library workers have made me confident with several area's of my researching. Before I came to high school I wasn't educated with computers and I quickly learned how to use the computers in all aspects.

6795 It really helped me out when it came time for science fair. I had a good report and felt confident when it came time to present.

9492 The school library has helped me in researching for information. They taught me how to look up different books and research different topics. It has helped me with that out of school and in school. I feel more confident in going to a library and finding books and using them for my school work.

