



# Student Learning Through Ohio School Libraries

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### Students' Comments to Illustrate Additional "Constructs of Help"

*Students comments are original except for minor edits for clarification.*

#### 1. The school library saves me time with doing my school work.

*There was a sense that immediate, local access to information collections, either print or electronic, saved time in getting their research tasks completed.*

3859 The librarians are helpful when you ask for help. They are full of information and are quick when getting it to you. They don't dilly dally around, and they get right to the point and get you the info. you are looking for quickly. Thanks!!!

5057 I wrote a report on a slave his name was Jermain Wesley Loguen he lived in the 1800's. Using the library help me get it done a lot quicker and better.

5070 Our librarian has helped students and myself by teaching us the best way to research. This helped me a lot while I was researching for my English and History term papers by saving heaps of time.

5071 I was looking for a book to write about last year and the librarian helped me find a book that would be good to write about.

5253 I was looking in the library for some information on a topic I was researching. I made very slow progress until the librarian noticed my trouble and helped me find a whole section on the topic I was researching. Because of this help I was able to get my project done early and had some time to do other school work.

5656 Actually, the school library has helped me on many occasions. One in particular is when I had to finish something on the computer and the library was a safe environment (and quiet too) to help me finish the work in no time so I could relax.

5816 One time for Enriched Language Arts I had to do a project called picnic of Poets. For this project I had to read poems by 20 different poets and then write down what I thought about them. Unfortunately I don't own very many poetry books and I was going to have a difficult time finding all these poems. I tried doing it in class when we had time, but I knew I was going out of town for a week and wasn't going to be able to have the amount of time I needed. So I decided to come to library with some of my friends who

had to do the same assignment. I finished my whole Picnic of Poets in two visits!!

6092 When I had a poster to make on the artist Giotto, I got most of my information on him at my school library. This was especially helpful, because then I didn't have to look for information and facts at home. I feel that it is easier to access quality information at my school library then at home and I get the work done a lot quicker.

7235 When I was looking for a book and I couldn't find it XXX helped me. It helps me because I know I always have help around. After she showed me how to find books around the library. That helps me get the stuff quickly without wasting time wandering around looking vague.

8188 When I was researching sharks, it saved me a lot of time by getting good information quickly.

#### 2. The school library enables me to complete my work on time.

*Just-in-Time learning is evident. On time completion is a significant matter for the students, and being facilitated to meeting deadlines is seen as helpful.*

5030 The school library was most helpful when I had a project due and I had to get it done in a short link of time and the library staid open after school so that I could use the computer's to get my project done and ready in the nick of time.

5039 When I was writing a Research paper they taught me how to use the computers and how to obtain the information quickly on the laptop. I was able to type a 7 page report with no problems at all and hand it on time.

5159 I didn't really know all of the things I could do in Microsoft Publisher, and Mrs. XXX came to our Man's Effect class to teach us more about it. That helped me a lot because in that class, I needed to do a project using Publisher. I could get it done in time and ended up getting a good score on my project because of it.

5217 The science project where we had to pick an animal and find kingdom, phylum, class, etc. was pretty hard ,and without the school library it would have been extremely hard

and I would have been late with it. Without the resources in the library my partner and I probably would have failed. We looked up a lot of info on birds (our topic) on the computer and in books. That is just one of the many projects for science that we needed help here for.

5226 In a class I had to do a Powerpoint and I came to the library to come and help me. when I came the people in the library helped me find information easily and correctly. With the information I got in the library I can now better research for more projects and meet my deadline which freak me out.

5259 I could not find any info for one class. And I came to the library and I searched for 30 mins in AA. I and I was amazed that I found that info. So I think it helped me a lot. And I got a better grade on that project the teacher even said I was doing better. And I git it done in time as a result, which for me is a major miracle.

5784 One time I had forgotten to complete a poetry anthology for Language Arts. Luckily for me, Language Arts is after lunch so I went to the library and finished typing and printing. I finished just in time. Thanks to the library, I got an A- on the Anthology.

5961 The school library helped me search and find books for a report. The books were from the XXX public library and because of them I was able to complete a research paper in the nick of time.

6207 The computer in the school library has helped me accomplish my unfinished school work in the morning before school. They open at 7:30 for the convenience of the students to finish up their work and or projects and I get it finished in time (just sometimes!!! as I procrastinate).

8348 When we had to do the Black History assignment I looked up the information at school and used it to complete the assignment on time as I am usually late.

8636 One science assignment was to study an endangered animal. I completed most of the project at school because I was able to find many books on my topic. The teachers in the library at the time also helped me find pictures from the book, and helped me locate informational websites. I was able to complete most of the project in school instead of at home and hand it in on time which impressed my teacher!!!!!!!!!!!!.

### **3. The school library helps me by providing a study environment for me to work.**

6057 the only time I can think of when the library really helped me was when I needed information for my English project on child abuse I went to the library and they had all kinds of books of me to read and learn about all the different types of things we need to do for it. the library also a great place to go study I say this because when I go there it is very quite and it is a place I can go to have some time to

my self with no one around to brother me while I work so I think the library is a great place.

6332 The thing that I really like about our Library is that it is so much more than just a library. We have work labs for writing, tutoring, math, global languages, and general homework labs. These really help you beyond the subjects which just involve research and help you work better in all subjects by being a place to study and work on your own.

7902 The library has really helped me find a study place. I can't really study in the classroom assigned to my for study hall because there are too many opportunities to get up and talk or something. In the library everyone goes there to study so there is no distractions. The library also has a variety of resources that are always open to me if I need help and you can get help but in study hall the only thing there is, is computers which are always taken up by students playing games and get aggressive when you try to take away the computer. My grades really use to suffer before I came to this school and started going to the library for study hall.

8393 I got a lot of help on school work and I can study more in school as the library is a good place to do that.

9274 Before exams and midterms it is nice to have a spot during the day to study so you are not forced to do all of it at home. Also during a normal school week it is nice to be able to get some of my home work out of the way before the day is over.

9337 One time the school library had helped me was when I was behind on my homework, it gives you a quiet environment to come work in. It always is a good place to study for exams, and I've always used the library to check out a book and ask about my work.

9384 provided a quiet study environment for studying for my exams, good because help was there for you to do that if you did not understand things.

9401 I didn't have time to type something at home or I didn't do it at home and the library was a good place that I could get that done and study for things....the computers really help for getting things done and finding information and getting help on the questions

9425 The main aspects of the library that has been of help to me are the computer rooms/stations, and the fact that it is quiet place to study.

9450 The library really helps me when I need a quiet place to study, or finish up homework or do research for a project. It's a nice place to go without distractions, and it is easy to get your work done there and get some personal guidance with the information.

9641 It is a nice place where it is usually quiet, and it is easy to get some school work done, but I wish that the private study booths were in a better place that seemed a little more inviting. Being against a wall with little natural light seems uncomfortable.

9736 one time I forgot I had a big math test so, I used the library as a quiet place to study. I ended up getting an A on that test. OH Boy was I excited. Thanks school library folks for keeping the library so quiet and in such a good study environment.

#### **4. The school library helps me take stress out of learning**

*Timely access to resources and the development of the information scaffolds for engaging with information through instruction enable students to deal with the stress and anxiety they face. The School Library plays a role in just-in-time learning and as a coping mechanism.*

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.

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.

1486 on some projects I get lots of tension and anxiety about not knowing what to do with my projects and the library staff help me with materials and the negative feelings of getting it done.

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 they 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.

2960 One day while being in the library, I had a project that was due the very next day. While being under a tremendous amount of stress, the nice librarian helped me finish my project in no time. First she recommended a few web sites to attend and seek out information. Later she helped me find a few books about my topic. My topic was about the history of Frederick Douglas. He was quite an interesting man and had an excellent history. Ms. XXX also helped me find paintings of the individual and later told me how great a man he was with her opinions. I decided to quote her for my research project. XXX is an excellent place

for research. I recommend this excellent center for any one who needs help in a certain subject. For this has certainly helped me. Thank you for letting me share my opinions on the school library. I do wish we make an impact on not only the city, but on the whole world itself.

3678 my computer at home died and my paper for midterms was due the next day, so I brought my diskette w/ me to the library and I printed it out there....it helped relive stress levels.

5971 When I was working on my English paper for this semester, we were told to use the noodletools.com. I was very confused on how to use this web site and did not know how to operate it. The lady's in the library were very helpful to help me while I learned what was going on with it. After their help I was able to successfully write my bibliography and have my paper finished a lot sooner with a lot less stress.

6732 I'm not the greatest in Writing. I tend to have a really difficult time in this area. I have always used the library resources to help me become a better writer. I remember one time when I had to write an essay for as a grade for an exam. I went to the writing area of the library and they helped me research information and help me write topic paragraphs for this essay. I really appreciate all the help that I get when I am having a difficult time. I believe this library does there best in trying to make everything more easy for everyone. Make the project seem less stressful.

8026 When I was feeling stressed with all my school work I checked out some books and they really helped me relax because I like to get lost in a book.

8584 Once I was doing a research paper and I wasn't quite sure what to do and I asked the librarian for what to do and she knew what to do and she helped me realize what to do and how to do it and I tried harder and I did what they told me to do and that was to use the internet and databases like InfOhio and online encyclopedias and I went there the info was really good and there was a lot of it and I was really happy and a lot less stress and I did good on my paper cause I did what the librarian told me to do and that made me even more happier and I smiled a lot more and I was really glad I did that I love the librarians and the library save the trees buy more computers and thank you very much.

9185 Well, one time I was totally stressed out about a project that was due the next day. I thought that I would just have to take a zero but I came into the library and asked a librarian if they had information on The Great Wall of China. When they did I was very happy and I ended up getting an A+ on my project because of the helpful and easy information to find in my library.

9707 One time I was so stressed out over a Sociology project that I had due later that week. Anyway I was having a lot of trouble with getting the information for it and Mrs. XXX saved me!!!

### **5. The school library provides opportunities and experiences for students to reflect on their own strengths and weaknesses with information use.**

*The development of students as meta-cognitive thinkers, showing an ability to step back and reflect on their experiences, understand their learning strengths and weaknesses, and learn by them*

3546 When we do projects in the library, and we ask for help, the librarian always asks us to think about our worst and best projects to help us work out what we do well and bad with the research to make sure we don't make those mistakes again.

5190 When we had to do a Social Studies report. I had to do something on Ben Franklin. So I came here and it helped me a lot. I made a list of the things I need to watch for when getting the information and writing the project, and I can decide if I am doing them good or bad and work on getting a good grade.

6252 Writing intervention workshop in the library has helped improve my writing skills by showing me what I was good at and poor at so I could remember and do better next time. I wrote down on a note card some of things I need to be improving on so that I think about them again.

6382 When I was researching for a issue to do a speech on in public speaking, I came here to look up information. The librarian also helped me work out the good and bad things of doing presentations when we did a practice so I could practice better and I got a good grade.

6710 I took one of my papers to the Writer's Intervention Workshop, a place where faculty members help students with their papers when they are not teaching classes. With the help I received, I was able to obtain further insight in how to improve my paper and know my weak aspects.

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 librarian 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 do think about the stuff and check everything I read online from another source. My grades have improved just from this one little technique.

8096 The help I have had over many years from the library has enabled me to work out what are my strong and lousy

points with research and this has helped me work on improving the final projects every time.

9925 We have learned all about the process of doing research better. I have been able to identify all my strengths and weaknesses with this and learned about what I could do to help get my projects started.

### **6. The school library helps students develop a world view.**

*There is some qualitative evidence that suggests the school library plays a part in the development of global citizens, young people who have a sense of what is going on in the world, thinking about the issues and forming personal opinions about them.*

1046 The school library helps me find out things about the world of bowling which is my great interest.

1534 They helped me discover the world of Egypt, which I hope to visit one day.

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!

2163 When I wrote a paper in 7th grade on the different places in the world I would travel if I could only spend a certain amount of time and a certain amount of money – makes me want to visit those places.

2252 The school library at one time helped me with a world cultures project. I found all the information I needed to receive a good grade. I enjoy learning to understand our world more.

2729 Well it really is a window to the world (I think that is a famous quote) and not my original idea.

3528 The school has helped me with my Social Studies project and I got an "A" I like to learn more about how our world works and that we all have a part in it for good.

4434 When we did a project on the civil rights movement. This helped me a lot because I understood some very important things that have happened in our world. I did get a lot more knowledge and started taking these seriously. After spending 2 years in the library I have learned a lot.

6808 The librarian and helpers were great but our library needs a more broadened amount of magazines and books. I think more funding would be great. We need to be connected to the rest of the world and not just our little

corner. With more resources, students can better attain their goals. Adding a variety of books and magazines would be better. We have been taught how to use the different systems like the Dewey decimal and finding books by using the card catalog. Keeping up to date on current world and national events is important.

7878 In Science class, I had to write an essay about the world population crisis. The library had many helpful books and a great computer lab (2 actually).that helped me do good research and write a great essay and think about the future of our world.

9305 Researching on the internet or working on projects like "front page". I've learned a lot about the world in the library. You can bomb the world to pieces but you cant bomb the world to peace.

### **7. The school library helps me do my work more efficiently (easily?).**

*There is some evidence in the student comments that suggest the library, particularly instruction focusing on doing research in systematic, staged and planned ways, helps students approach their work in a more organized and efficient way.*

3828 They had shown me how the whole library organization works and this helps making the project work more efficient to do.

5033 The school library helped me with a project I was doing. It was on the underground railroad, on Josiah Henson. The school library helped me keep my school work more organized so I could do them easily, and I got a better grade.

5208 one time that the school library helped me was when I had current issues because we had to do a project on a country and I had Hungary and I found all of my information in the library and I could get all my stuff together and work in a an organized way and I got a good grade.

6082 The librarian taught me to do my school work in steps and showed me how to organize all my stuff. Usually I work with a heap of stuff around me and I have no idea to begin so that really helps to get all the work done.

6189 The librarians have helped me find a variety of sources and find useful, reliable pages. After I received this help, I had more confident in my research and my future searches. Since I know how to work with the good stuff, I get my work done more efficiently.

8080 My science fair project. They helped me get info and organize my work better.

9814 Helped me on a report. I was so frantic with papers spread all over the library table and not knowing where to start. The librarian sat with me for ages and showed me ways to get organized with my projects and other research so that I could do them a lot easier. That really helped a lot.

9991 The school library really helped me learn about spina bifida when I had to do a research paper for earth science class. My librarian helped me find books and internet sources. I usually work in such a messy fashion and the best thing the librarians showed me was to get work in a more planned way to get it done much easier.

### **8. The school library provides me with a safe environment for ideas investigation.**

*While there were not many comments in relation to this construct, it raises an important notion about the library being a safe place where students can investigate perplexing and controversial issues discreetly, perhaps anonymously, or even come to think and reflect.*

4019 The library helps me in many ways for sure, too many to list here. But being a Muslim the 9.11 thing really troubled me so I could come into the library and research some of those ideas without any one bothering me.

5531 In the library you can research things in private, without hassle, especially if they are whacky ideas you might be thinking about. I don't mean doing anyone harm, just things that might be a bit debatable, like being gay.

9752 Sometimes I need safe haven to go to be alone. I went to the school library to seek solitude and I got it. The staff didn't need to assist me, I was just able to sit and think without being disturbed.

10180 The library is great for many things, but if you don't want to discuss a controversial idea with anyone to find out about it, you can research in private with out being threatened because your ideas might be a bit out of the ordinary.

### **9. The library provides a sense of personal agency.**

*Sense of personal agency refers to a positive concept of oneself and one's abilities, a person who is capable and autonomous, who is able to set goals and work towards reaching them.*

2357 The school library has help me figure out the information that I needed to do on my own. And also helped me to become more independent with doing my work.

2637 Mrs. XXX is a very nice and helpful lady. She was able to help me reach my goals of being smart that day. she got me to locate the specific things I needed without ever acting frustrated with me.

3548 I was able to write a 10 page report on changing the Fourth Amendment. I was capable of doing this because the librarian helped whenever help was needed and also got books out for my class on all the amendments that we were working on and advice on writing it out, and I'll be better at it in the future.

5442 One time for history, we needed to do a project. The library had books that really helped. The librarian also helped me in accomplishing my goals. Because of the help, I was able to get a good grade on the project.

5851 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 Elementary school this year and last year.

5859 For Excellerated Reader I had about 35 points and I needed 40 for a goal so I could go to a cake party. I didn't know what book I should read because I don't really know what the books are about so I asked the librarians. The librarians helped me find the book and I really enjoyed it, but best of all I got 10.7 points on it so I was able to go to the cake party. The cake party is tomorrow, I'm there because of them.

8091 With all the help the library has given me over the years with doing all of my projects, searching for the right information, I think I have become quite self sufficient in that regard.

9371 Uhhhh, in my Bach to ROCK class, our assignment was to induct a group, person or someone behind the music, into the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame. My group was LINKIN PARK. The library helped me make a video of the group for my presentation. Turned out, I didn't know how to use the special computers for this type of project. The librarians so kindly helped me achieve my goal for a great presentation.

10004 The school library helped me look at some information on my future college plans, career goals, requirements to get into college, and requirements to get into Medical School, and that gave me encouragement to work hard.

10086 In freshman focus it has helped me focus on some of my careers and I knew a lot becuse of the library.