

COLLABORATION BETWEEN  
PUBLIC AND SCHOOL  
LIBRARIES



## YOUR PRESENTERS TODAY

**Amy Walsh, School Librarian  
Joliet Township High School**

**2** high schools (Central and West Campus)

**5** Full time Librarians

**6800** students

Students served by **3 Public Libraries:**

**2** Pinnacle: Joliet, Shorewood-Troy

**1** PrairieCat: Manhattan-Elwood

Some students live in **unserved areas**.

**Ashley Hopper, Library Director  
Manhattan-Elwood Public Library**

Located in Manhattan and **servicing Manhattan, Elwood, and Jackson Township**

**5** full time staff and **8** part time staff

Population served – **13,166**

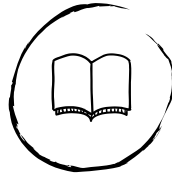
Area students attend **Manhattan 114** schools

(K-8), **Elwood Community Consolidated 203**

(K-8), **Joliet Central High School 204** and

**Lincoln-Way West High School 210**

**MPLD and JTHS are both PrairieCat Member Libraries, and we will share how our libraries collaborate with each other & with other area public and school libraries.**



# SCHOOL LIBRARY SNAPSHOT

---

What is the state of school libraries in Illinois?

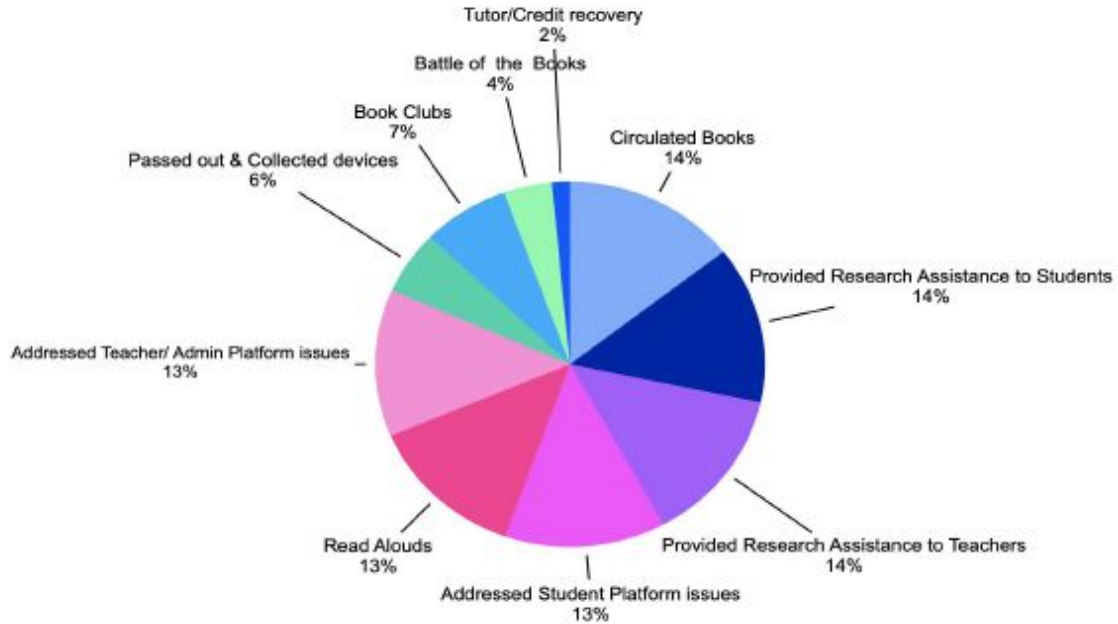
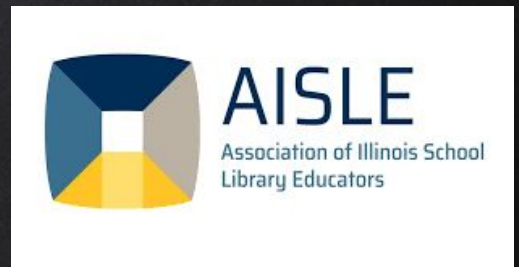
What are current trends for staffing in school libraries?

How does this impact collaborative activities?

How has the pandemic impacted school libraries?

How can collaboration with our public library help us reach students and families?

School Librarians follow a curriculum that includes Illinois School Library Standards, *Linking for Learning*. Survey Data showed that respondents continued to teach curriculum and meet standards, reaching students, staff, and administrators in a remote environment.



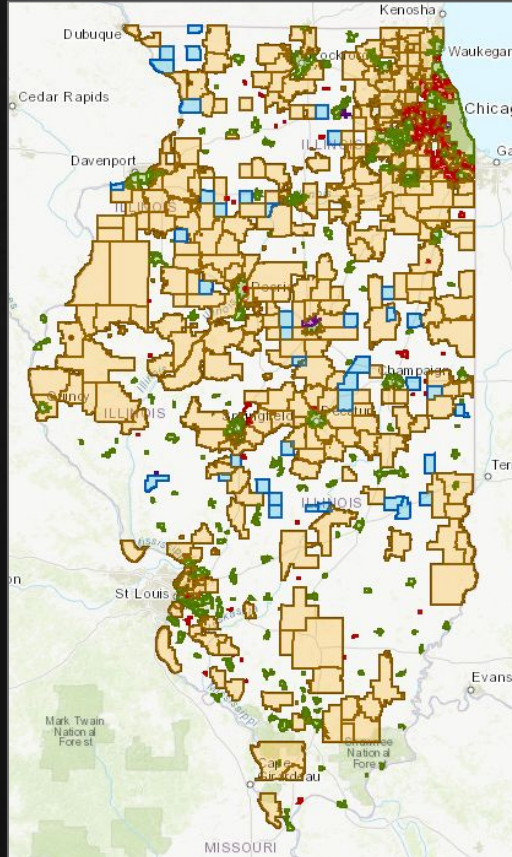
DURING SPRING 2020  
AISLE SURVEYED  
SCHOOL LIBRARIANS TO  
COLLECT DATA ABOUT  
THEIR ROLE IN A  
REMOTE SETTING.

**“School librarians fulfill five important roles: instructional partner, teacher, leader, information specialist, and program administrator, all of which highlight our profession’s skill at building relationships and creating an inclusive school culture.”**

# COLLABORATION CAN BE COMPLICATED

## UNSERVED POPULATIONS

## Overlapping Boundaries



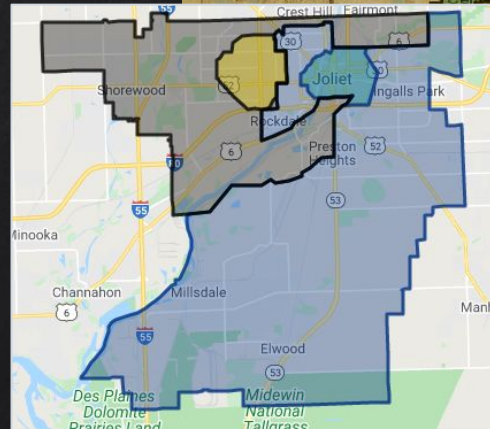
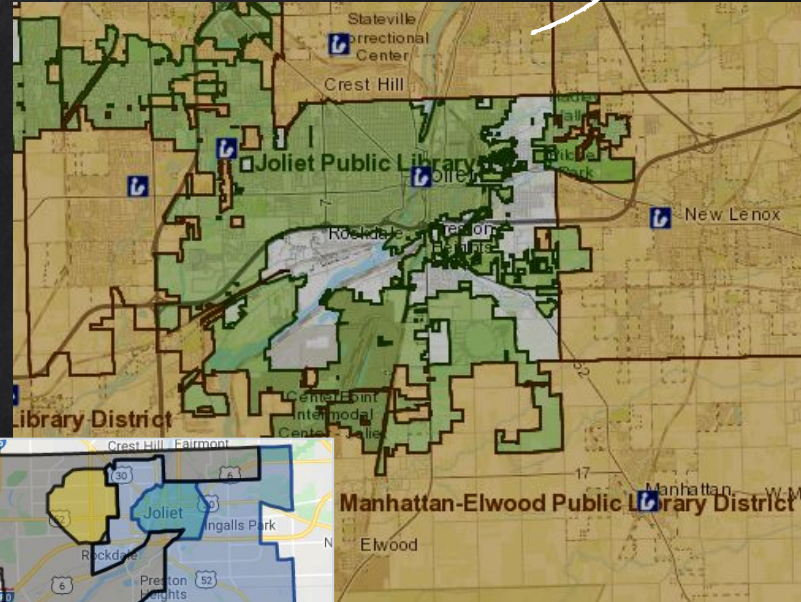
### MPLD

Serves 2 Public High School Districts & 2 Public Grade School Districts. Students from 1 local private school may live outside library district.

### JTHS

2 Schools.  
Students served by 3 Public Library Districts.

Many students come from grade Schools w/out a school library.





# It's Further Complicated

## School Library Staffing Issues

WE NEED LIBRARIANS w/ their Professional Educator License to Apply for School Library Jobs!

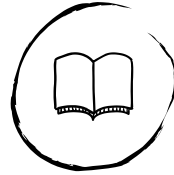
WE NEED School Administrators to HIRE Certified School Librarians in every school!

\*Some School Librarians have very low or even \$0 book purchasing budget.

In some schools, all book spending comes from grants & fundraisers.

### 5 Jobs Found!

JOB TITLE	LOCATION	DATE POSTED	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Library Media Specialist Long-Term Sub	Maercker #60	10/23/2020	N/A
Librarian	J. Sterling Morton High School District 201	8/4/2020	N/A
Librarian	Lawrence County #20	4/22/2020	N/A
Champaign Unit 4 Schools Elementary School Librarian	Champaign CUSD #4	2/28/2020	N/A
Librarian	Maywood-Melrose Pk-Broadview #89	6/7/2019	N/A



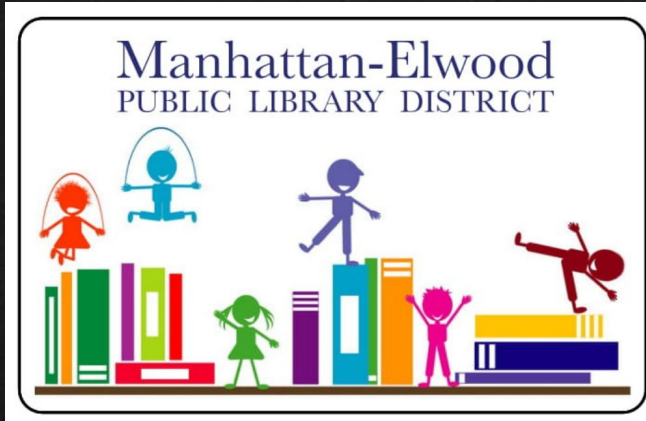
BECAUSE OF THESE COMPLICATED SCENARIOS

---

A Public Librarian's connection with a local school might be some students FIRST interaction with LIBRARIES.

---

# LIBRARY CARDS FOR STUDENTS: A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR LIBRARY AND THE ELWOOD AND MANHATTAN GRADE SCHOOLS



**FIND THESE ONLINE RESOURCES AT MPLD.ORG**

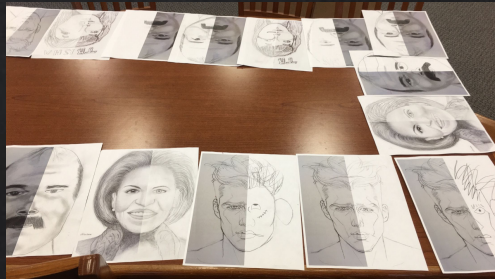
<p><b>World Book Early Learning</b></p> <p>World Book Early Learning contains tools to reinforce early childhood learning, via short videos, read-along stories, printable activities, fun games, and more! (Grades Pre-K-2)</p>	<p><b>World Book KIDS</b></p> <p>World Book Kids features easy-to-read articles that can be read aloud or translated as well as fun games, science projects, and activities. (Grades 2-5)</p>	<p><b>World Book Student</b></p> <p>World Book Student is a one-stop shop for learning a wide variety of topics! Contains a Biography Center, current events, and research guides. (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p><b>World Book Advanced</b></p> <p>World Book Advanced includes primary source documents, biographies, Book in Time articles, and Teaching with Documents that add in more in-depth understanding within the classroom curriculum. (Grades 9-12)</p>	<p><b>World Book TIMELINES</b></p> <p>World Book Timelines is a collection of 650+ unique Timelines, spanning the arts, science &amp; technology, society &amp; culture, sports, world history &amp; geography, and more. (Grades 3-8)</p>	<p><b>World eBook</b></p> <p>World Book eBooks is an on-the-go digital library that includes story books, picture books, graphic novels, and chapter books from well-known classic titles and famous authors. All ages and reading levels!</p>
<p><b>GALE IN CONTEXT ELEMENTARY</b></p> <p>Gale Elementary is an introduction to research on everything from animals and outer space to famous artists and athletes. (Grades 2-5)</p>	<p><b>GALE IN CONTEXT MIDDLE SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Gale Middle School combines Gale's reference content with age-appropriate videos, newspapers, magazines, primary sources, and much more. (Grades 5-8)</p>	<p><b>HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE</b></p> <p>HeritageQuest Online combines digital, searchable images of U.S. federal census records with the digital version of the popular Heritage Encyclopedia &amp; local history collection and other valuable content.</p>
<p><b>KUMBLE Book LIBRARY</b></p> <p>Tumble Book Library consists of animated talking picture books that do more than just read, they come to life! (Grades K-4)</p>	<p><b>SCHOLASTIC TRUE FLIX</b></p> <p>Scholastic TrueFlix provides support for social studies thousands of high-quality and ready-to-print worksheets, lesson plans, practice pages, and more that cover a wide variety of topics. (Grades 2-4)</p>	<p><b>SCHOLASTIC Teachables</b></p> <p>Scholastic Teachables provides instant access to thousands of high-quality and ready-to-print worksheets, lesson plans, practice pages, and more that cover a wide variety of topics. (Grades 2-8)</p>
<p><b>KUMBLE MATH</b></p> <p>Tumble Math contains animated math stories that create a fun experience for students of all ages. Also contains educational games and quizzes.</p>	<p><b>SCHOLASTIC BOOKFLIX</b></p> <p>Scholastic BookFlix pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction books to help build a love for reading and learning. (Grades Pre-K-3)</p>	<p><b>MANGO LANGUAGES</b></p> <p>Mango Languages contains over 70 world language courses! Lessons involve a mix of listening and reading activities that allow you to explore different topics in your target language. (Grades 6-1)</p>

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE JUST FOR TEACHERS & STUDENTS!**  
[www.mpld.org/teacher-resources](http://www.mpld.org/teacher-resources)

The bottom banner features the same stylized figures and books graphic as the logo, set against a dark green background with white text.



# ADDITIONAL COLLABORATIONS THAT HAVE WORKED FOR US





# EXAMPLES OF JTHS PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

## Cards for Kids

MOU providing public library cards for every student.

## Monthly Maker Club

Crafternoons with the Public Librarians from all districts during lunch/advisory periods.

## Preschool Story Time

Partnership for a lesson and materials for the teen students planning our preschool program.

## Summer Reading

Why have competing programs – collaboration just makes sense.

## Cards for Educators

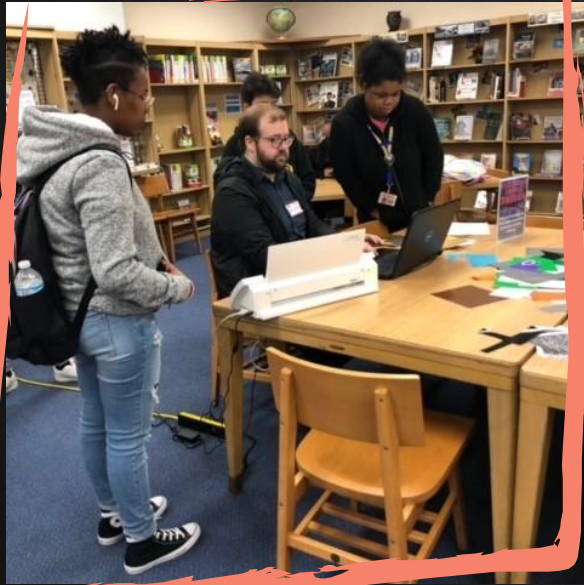
During Remote Instruction: Teachers/School Librarians can instruct on using public library e-materials and can borrow Instructional Materials.

## And MORE!

Tutoring, promotion of public library programs, surveys, community service, VR headsets, 3D printers, technology access, **college and career readiness...**



## MLPD LIBRARIAN WORKING WITH JTHS STUDENTS



Lunch Hour Crafting is one example of a successful pre (and post)-COVID program collaboration between Manhattan-Elwood Public Library & JTHS.



# PUBLIC – SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS CREATE MEANINGFUL & ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES

@JWestLibrary · Oct 10, 2017  
Thanks for the great origami #Crafternoon today @Shw...  
Students loved it! Big shout out to our other amazing local public...  
too @JolietLibrary @PPLD1 @FountaindaleLib



"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."  
—Andrew Carnegie

USE  
YOUR  
LIBRARY



@JWestLibrary · Jan 29, 2019  
Thank you to Andrea from @JolietLibrary for coming out in...  
parting with us today. Stay safe & warm, Joliet West. #BingeRead...  
favorite books these next 2 days 📖🔥



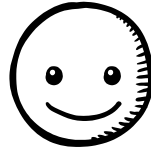
@JWestLibrary · Apr 18, 2019  
@JWestLibrary brought their #VR game systems to our students...  
Check out we have some #BeatSaber experts around here. Check o...  
@JWestPublicLibrary events at both branches  
@Walshlibrarian



78 views

0:23 / 0:45





**THANKS!**

Any questions?



Amy Walsh, MLIS  
awalsh@jths.org



Manhattan-Elwood  
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Ashley Hopper  
arhopper@mpld.org