



Junior Certificate
School Programme

Demonstration Library Project



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Library
Project

Space for Reading

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Recommended minimum size: 130 sq m.

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Things to Consider



- Location
- Access
- Ambience
- Lighting
- Active Learning Space
- Facilitator Space
- Exhibition Space
- Multi-Functional space
- Furniture
- Stock

Location

Ideally:

- Located at the heart of the school
- Highly visible and accessible to all staff and students
- Well lit with plenty of natural light



Location

But it can be:

- An open area in the school
- A section of a common area
- A corner of a classroom
- A shelf of books
- A mobile trolley





Ambience

- Comfortable and welcoming
- Relaxing
- A place that students want to be
- Bright, comfortable furniture



A place to talk about books



Stock

Where to Start:

1. **Centralise**
2. **Categorise**
3. **Evaluate**



Stock must be suitable, varied, accessible, appropriate

Survey students

Less is more – Be ruthless in getting rid of old, torn or boring books



Book Nests



- Can have several
- Source from e.g. Woodwork team, local Men's Shed, Parent, etc.
- Position inside or outside school
- Invite donations – students, staff, parents, community
- Use to distribute World Book Day books
- All books free to borrow
- Freedom to return, replace or keep
- Give students responsibility to maintain / refill

Family Literacy



- Newspapers / magazines
- Book shelf / trolley outside principal's office
- Set up a parent's book club
- Encourage parents to include books as gifts for birthdays, Christmas.
- Provide recommended lists.
- Host a book fair and invite parents/guardians

Conclusion



- Show passion
- Take time
- Talk to your students
- Engage with parents
- Be aware of diverse needs of your students
- Make it fun!



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