



# Space for Reading

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## **JCSP Libraries**





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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

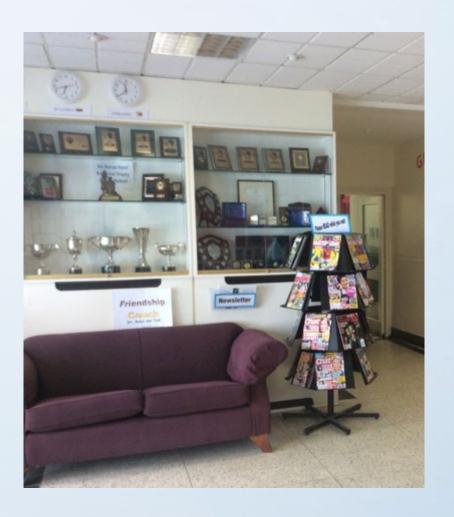




### Location

#### But it can be:

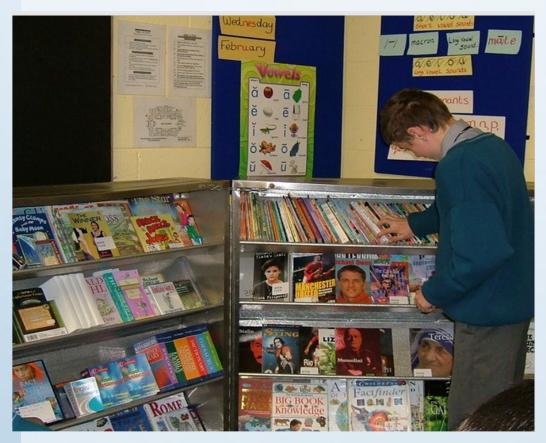
- An open area in the school
- A section of a common area
- A corner of a classroom
- A shelf of books
- A mobile trolley



















### 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



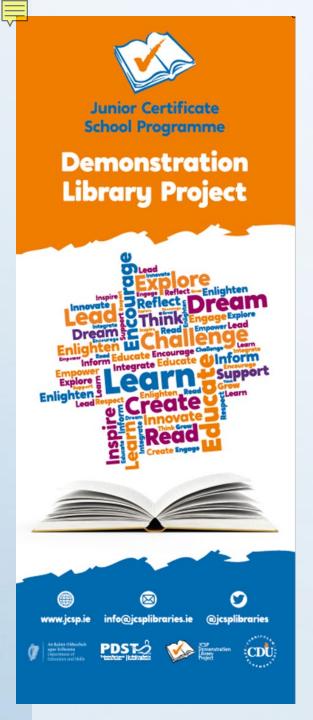
#### Conclusion







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



# Thank you

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