

Model SL 21 School Library Program

Criteria, Schedule, Expectations and Recommendations

Introduction

The Model School Library program provides quality examples and mentors for K-12 school libraries throughout the state. Each year, a school library program is highlighted as the Model School Library Program of the Year. The expectations for the selected school library are that the staff will meet with other school library staff during their term as the Model library to help promote and encourage quality K-12 school library programs across the state. Libraries interested in serving as a Model SL 21 Library may nominate themselves during the application period. Selected libraries will serve one term from September through June as the Model SL 21 library and will receive recognition from the Library of Michigan for their status.

Nominations may be for a single school library in an individual building or all school libraries in a district. District nominations must be able to meet the requirements for each school library.

Nomination Survey - <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/4803324/SL-21-Model-Library-Nomination>.

Criteria for Model SL 21 School Libraries

The successful nomination will meet the required criteria and the preferred criteria if possible. If no nominations fit the criteria, the Library of Michigan will not select a Model School Library that year.

Required

- Exemplary Status in the SL 21 School Library program per school library.
- If the nominating library is at a high school, either as a single nomination or as part of a district nomination, staff must include an ND endorsed school librarian assigned full time in an individual building.
- If the nominating library is at a middle school, either as a single nomination or as part of a district nomination, staff must include an ND endorsed school librarian assigned at least .5 FTE in an individual building.
- If the nominating library is at an elementary school, either as a single nomination or as part of a district nomination, staff must include an All Subjects endorsed school librarian assigned at least .5 FTE in an individual building.
- Documented library curriculum.
- Documented collaborative teaching with classroom teachers.
- Documented community engagement, such as partnerships with parent groups, public libraries, community organizations, etc.

Preferred

- School library has won a national, regional, or state award or commendation for the library staff or the library program.

- If the nominating library is at a middle school, either as a single nomination or as part of a district nomination, staff includes an ND endorsed school librarian assigned full time in an individual building.
- If the nominating library is at an elementary school, either as a single nomination or as part of a district nomination, staff includes an ND endorsed school librarian assigned full time in an individual building.

Schedule

- Model School Library Term – September through June
- Nominations Accepted – Spring
- Nominations Reviewed – May
- Selected Library Announced – May

Expectations

For a Model Library

- Library staff will meet with visiting staff from other school districts at agreed upon times.
- Library staff will respond to email and phone contacts about their program from other school districts
- Library staff will promote their program and the SL 21 School Libraries program during their term.

For a Visiting Library

- Library staff will share any outcomes from the visit through possible social media and/or presentations
- Library staff will arrange any visit with Model Program library

Recommendations for a Successful Visit

- Discuss topics of interest ahead of the visit.
- Set a specific time frame and agenda for the visit.
- Set up a visiting team that includes the school librarian and a school administrator.
- Have information on your curriculum, co-teaching, partnerships and collaborations, etc. available for visiting teams.
- Plan time during the visit for discussion and observation.

Further Information

The SL 21 School Library measures and the Model SL 21 program information are available at www.michigan.gov/sl21. You can also contact Karren Reish at reishk@michigan.gov or 517-241-0021.