





The adoption of Goals 2000 has made literacy an issue of national importance; therefore, a primary goal of the school library media program must be to create life-long readers. It is imperative that school library media specialists work with teachers and parents to find ways to instill in students the joy of reading while helping them build the reading habit.

To become life-long readers, students must have . . .

- access to current, quality, high interest, and extensive collections of books and other print materials in their library media centers, classrooms, and public libraries;
- contact with adults who read regularly and widely and who serve as positive reading role models;
- certified school library media specialists and classroom teachers who demonstrate their enthusiasm for reading by reading aloud and booktalking;
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