

As a result of the recent study by Queen's University, School Libraries and Student Achievement in Ontario, the Ministry of Education has recognized the impact of school libraries, school library programs and teacher-librarians on student achievement. The Ministry of Education allotted special funding to school boards to increase school library staffing at the elementary level.

This additional funding has allowed for the release of four teacher librarian specialists to the role of Special Assignment Teacher Librarian (SATL):

- Johanna Lawler
- Martha Martin
- Elizabeth Golden
- Kelly Moore

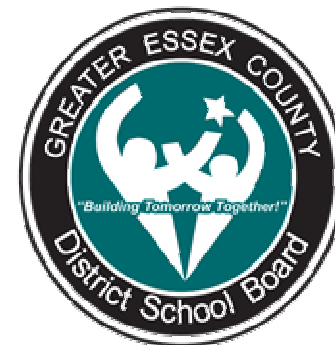
The role of a SATL is to build capacity in teacher-librarians to assist their schools in achieving the goals of the Critical Teaching-Learning Pathways within the school. The process involves providing job-embedded professional development for all teacher-librarians in the GECDSB.

To begin this empowering partnership please contact your appropriate SATL link leader at your earliest convenience.

School Links

Johanna Lawler	Martha Martin
A.V. Graham	Amherstburg
Belle River	Anderdon
Campbell	Beaton
Concord	Bellewood
Coronation	Central
D.M. Eagle	Glenwood
Essex	LaSalle
Forest Glade	Maidstone Central
King Edward	McWilliam
Lakeshore Discovery	Northwood
Princess Anne	Oakwood
Princess Elizabeth	Prince Andrew
Queen Victoria	Roseland
Talbot Trail	Sandwich West
Victoria	Southwood
Belle River Secondary	Amherst Secondary
Kennedy Secondary	Sandwich Secondary
Riverside Secondary	Massey Secondary
Walkerville Secondary	Western Secondary
Elizabeth Golden	Kelly Moore
Centennial Central	Begley
Colchester North	Benson
East Mersea	Brock
Gore Hill	Davis
Gosfield North	Dougall
Harrow Junior	Eastwood
Harrow Senior	Hetherington
Jack Miner	Marlborough
Kingsville	Maxwell
M. D. Bennie	McCallum
Malden Central	McGregor
Mill Street	Parkview
Mount Carmel-Blytheswood	Prince Edward
Queen Elizabeth	Roseville
Ruthven	Taylor
Harrow Secondary	Herman Secondary
Kingsville Secondary	Century Secondary
Leamington Secondary	Forster Secondary
Essex Secondary	

Special Assignment Teacher Librarian



GECDSB

**Building Capacity in
our School Libraries**

How Can Your SATL Help You?

LEADERSHIP

- * Encourage collaboration
- * Facilitate Teacher Librarian assistance and participation in school PLCs
- * Support school wide Critical Pathways and Smart Goals

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- * Map the school library collection through book purchasing and weeding
- * Investigate exciting new resources and ways to use them to improve student achievement

RESEARCH

- * Support inquiry based learning e.g. Imagine the Learning, Databases (E-Library, Knowledge Ontario, search engines), Just Research website
- * Develop quality research projects

THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

The SATL collaborates with and supports the school Teacher-Librarian to:

Motivate Readers

- Celebrate national reading events
- Support the establishment of Forest of Reading programs
- Promote book talks and book displays
- Promote and integrate technology

Connect Readers

- Organize and lead book clubs, literature and inquiry circles
- Teach students to share books talks and critical reviews in multiple formats
- Organize family literacy events
- Invite authors and experts to work with students

Foster Multiple Literacies

- Instruct students in the reading of text features
- Model active reading strategies
- Teach effective research strategies
- Create a school library web presence
- Integrate media literacy
- Use technology to inspire students

Support Literacy School-Wide

- Select the best resources and technology for differentiated instruction
- Collaborate on literature or information circles
- Create resource lists ("pathfinders") for units
- Provide read-aloud and themed book lists
- Embed the library in the School Effectiveness Framework, SLPs and Critical Teaching-Learning Pathways

Plus other individual Teacher-Librarian PD requests as needed.

TECHNOLOGY

- * Support the use of Smart Boards, podcasting, blogging, wikis, videos, webpages, Web 2.0, and more!

LITERACY SUPPORT

- * Assist with the implementation of literature circles and research projects
- * Organize Forest of Reading, Book Clubs, Book Fairs, literacy nights, literacy centers
- * Demonstrate library and literacy lessons with classes
- * Integrate media literacy

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

- * Support Workflows (e.g. circulation, cataloguing, adding and transferring new users, item search, overdues, inventory)
- * Make your library learning environment more visually appealing and functional for the user