



Glossary

Central Library Support Services – A central unit serving the whole local authority area and offering a range of resources and services to enhance the network of individual school library resource centres. These services are also known as Education Resource Services, Curriculum Resource and Information Services and School Library Services.

Information literacy – Within the context of lifelong learning and the broad information continuum which ranges from data to knowledge to wisdom, information literacy competency focuses on five broad abilities: to recognize the need for information; to know how to access information; to understand how to evaluate information; to know how to synthesize information; and to be able to communicate information.

“The ability to identify, locate, evaluate, organize and effectively create, use and communicate information to address an issue or problem.” (The American Library Association)

Library Staff – This term covers librarians, library assistants, learning assistants, classroom assistants or other support staff who have responsibility for running the day to day school library resource centre for teachers and pupils. It could also include parents or friends of the school who provide voluntary assistance.

Quality Indicators – Aspects through which the value and effectiveness of services can be evaluated.

School Librarian – A person with a degree or a postgraduate diploma in librarianship and/or information science employed to work in a school library resource centre. There are now a variety of titles including Learning Resource Manager.

School Library Resource Centre – The library or resource area for staff and pupils in a school. In the context of Improving Libraries for Learners this should be taken to include book corners and class libraries.

School Management – Senior management team within primary, secondary and special schools.