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Public Schools and Public Libraries: The Logistics of Partnerships

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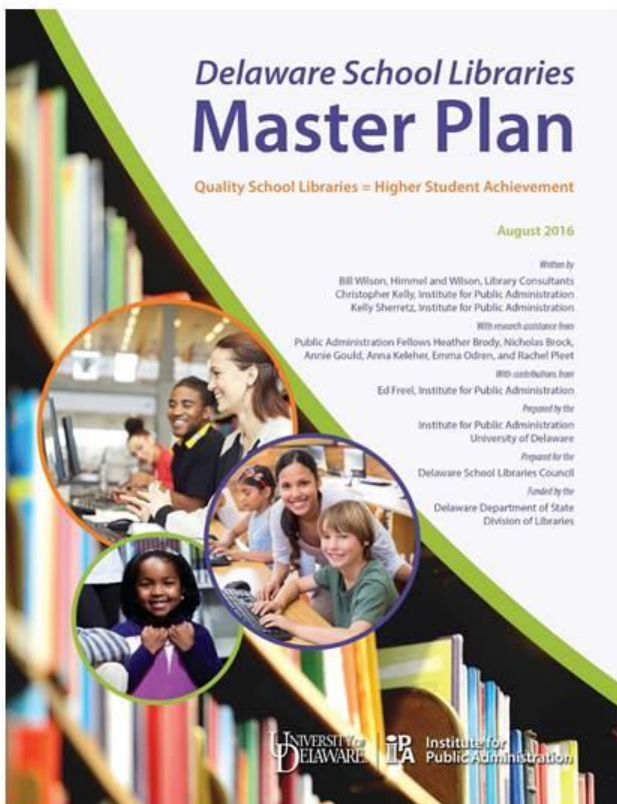
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Recommendations

■ Staffing

- Require a school library, a certified librarian, and an appropriate level of support staff in every school.
- Seek funding for and implement a pilot project in nine schools to determine the impact that quality school libraries have on student learning outcomes.

■ Content and Access

- Expand student access to “e-content.”
- Expand the Delaware Library Consortium to include all school libraries.

■ Governance and Infrastructure

- Establish specific governance responsibilities for the coordination and oversight of school libraries.
- Examine and address systemic issues that inhibit the development of high-quality school library programs.
- Leverage Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) funding to strengthen school libraries.
- Implement flexible scheduling for school libraries.

■ Assessment and Accountability

- Design and implement an ongoing program of data collection, management, and assessment for school libraries.
- Create a Delaware School-Library Quality Index to facilitate the tracking of student performance and investment in school library services.

<http://news.delaware.gov/2016/09/12/delaware-school-libraries-council-releases-delaware-school-libraries-master-plan/>

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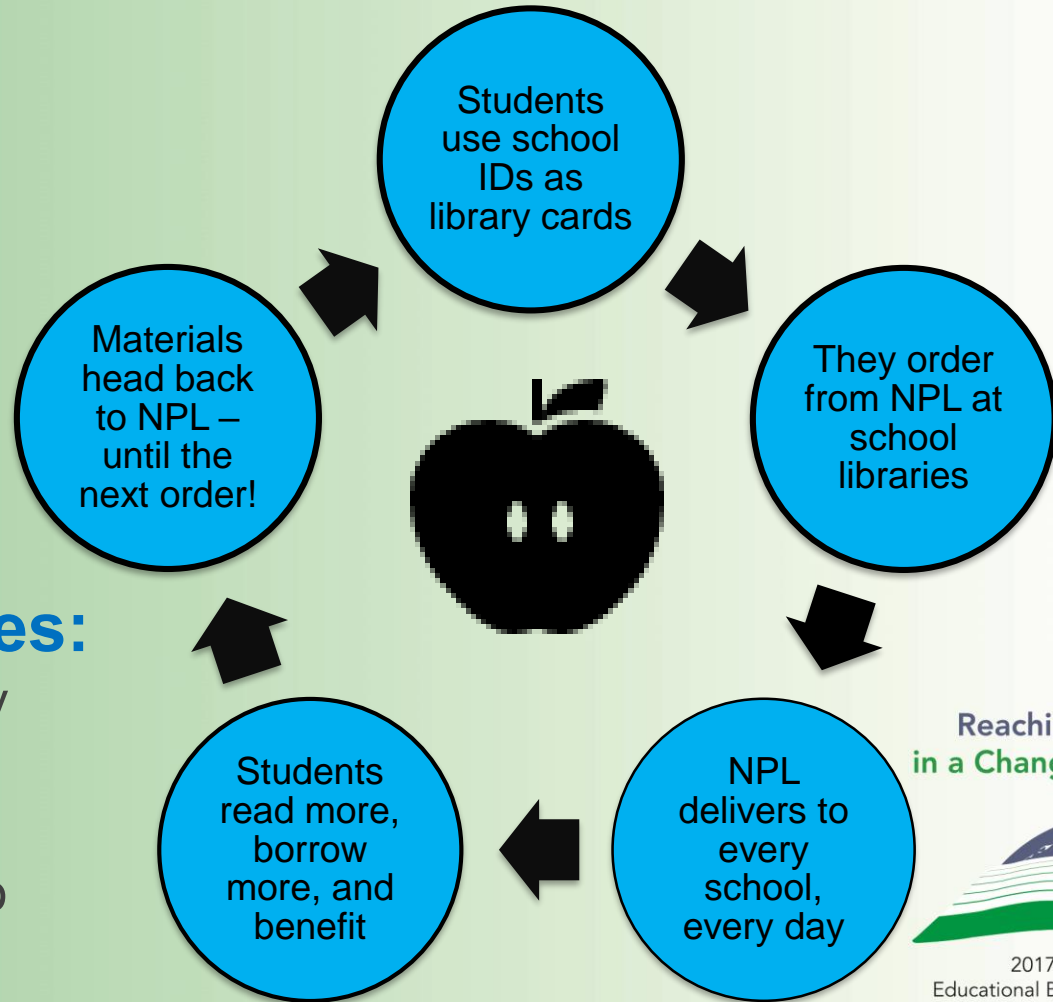


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PUBLIC SCHOOLS & PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Partnership Logistics

Limitless Libraries:

Nashville Public Library and Metro Nashville Public Schools bring books and resources to students citywide



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LOCAL IMPACT

Potential for Other Communities



\$6 million infused into school library collections and technologies

130,981 items delivered during 2015-16 school year

Expanded to 3rd and 4th graders in 2015 - they borrowed **34,838 items**



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\$4 million to turn school library spaces into 21st – Century learning hubs

Multimedia and curriculum resources, plus reading recommendations for educators

Students who use Limitless more likely to perform well on tests – 2013 study by **Keith Curry Lance**



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