

The Importance of Libraries

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For thousands of years libraries were only for the scribes and scholars, but now they have changed. They have become a place that all people have a right to go. The library is not only a place that we can check out a book but a home for many people. A place where we can go to and see familiar faces all around us. A library is the main foundation of a good community.

The library is an important place for me and other students in my class because the library is a way you can get knowledge in your hands. The books that are in the library have much more information than you could find on the internet. My friends and I have learned so much about everything just by reading books. Whenever I do a school report, I always go to the library before ever thinking about using the internet. Also, for some of my classmates that do not have computers, the library is a great place to get on a computer.

The library is a place that I have been going to since before I was in school. When I was in preschool, my parents would take me to story time. Some of my favorite books were the Fly Guy books. This is where I started off my love of reading. Then later on in my life, around 1st grade, I started going to Wake County public libraries in Zebulon. I would go to the K-5th adventures program where we would read a book and then make a craft after. When I would go, I would always check out twenty books at a time and spend hours reading the books on rainy afternoons. One of my favorite book series was the Magic Tree House books.

I continued going to the K-5th adventures and loved every moment. I made so many friends every week there but then one day came, and it was the last time I could go to the program. I remember being so sad but the children's librarian (who is one of my favorite people) gave me a sign-up sheet to be a volunteer and help with all the programs that I have been going to for years.

I have been volunteering for about one and a half years now, and love every minute of it. It is one of my favorite things to do after school. Many of the kids I knew in third grade are now in the TLC program with me, and we talk about the great memories we had back then. The kids younger than me absolutely love me as well as the other TLC volunteers and are inspired to love the library as much as the children before them.

On top of the library inspiring me, it is a fundamental part of the future of the whole state of North Carolina. Our state has a lot of history behind it, and a library is a place that keeps it alive. The library is the main focal point of any good community whether it be in Franklin County, North Carolina, America, or anywhere in the world.

A library is a place that lots of people need and use. There are many elderly ladies that I see reading for hours at the library. I also see young adults walking through the doors with piles of novels that they can't wait to talk to the librarians about.

Seeing all these people, young and old, depending on the library, really shows that if you take away the library, you take away the community. I have to say I am one of

those people of North Carolina who depend on the library. I can't explain how much the people of North Carolina and I love the library, but I know they have an importance in my community, and the library has an importance in my life.