

Why I Love Libraries and the Impact They Have On My Life

Who do I want to be today?

Where would I like to explore tomorrow?

I'm free to imagine and pretend,
with every library book that I borrow.

“Are You My Mother?” by Dr. Seuss
and nursery rhymes by Mother Goose...
were my favorite books on the library shelf.
With a little help, I learned to read them myself.

I lived on an island, “Where the Wild Things Are”.
We'd walk to the library because it wasn't that far.

From the outside I saw just a brick foundation.
But inside were a million books eager to reunite with my imagination.

As I grew older and started school, the library remained an inspiration.
Along with the fascination, it offered me knowledge and free education.

Library events for school age kids were provided.
Mixing learning and fun is what the library decided.
We had access to computers!
We played games with thinking skills!
We read Encyclopedia Brown books full of mystery and thrills!

Time at the library continued to have a positive academic impact.

When I became a teen, I felt it was time to give back.

Joining Teen Leadership Corp with a librarian as our mentor.

Ms. Helen gives us confidence, while volunteering at the media center.

The library is a building, but also our place of refuge.

Take away this community resource?!!!

The negative impact would be huge!!!

A safe place for us to study or complete college applications.

It's the perfect place to contemplate how we should handle our situations.

Be a doctor, lawyer, or Speaker of the House in D.C.

It's a quiet place to decide on which one, or even becoming all three.

I can buy a Kindle and order it to read with verbal commands.

But there's something about reading a library book and just holding it in my hands.

The importance of libraries in North Carolina is quite easy to understand.

We can start off by reading the 2016 North Carolina State Broadband plan.

Hundreds of thousands without high speed internet...

That's what the FCC detected.

Library internet allows these folks to stay informed, educated, and connected.

Family bonding with story time, events allowing the practice of literacy...

The library provides information for all.

But most importantly, it does it for free.

The question was asked if I could explain how the library impacts me directly.

From reading to research, to writing essays, and help with citing sources correctly.

The library leads to reading, which allows me to become educated.

Education leads to freedom, so my mind can never be incarcerated.