



Education Library Service

The Education Library Service (ELS) provides resources which are relevant to the curriculum, up to date and in good physical condition, as well as supporting reading for pleasure. We also provide professional advice on school libraries. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff can save teachers invaluable time.

Maintained schools need a wide range of resources to support the curriculum and encourage students to read for pleasure which can assist in raising achievement in the classroom.

The **Loan Collection Service** gives access to over 300,000 high quality resources suitable for all age and ability levels. There are two options - the standard service and the unlimited exchanges service (the latter allows you to change resources as often as you wish at no extra charge). With either option, our mobile library can visit your school to allow children to be involved in choosing reading materials. This encourages reading for pleasure which has been linked to raising standards in school.

Our **Advisory Service** can provide you with bespoke and specialist support including:

- **Developing your school library** - we can help with all aspects of developing and managing your school library.
- **Book talks and storytelling to pupils** - a librarian can visit your school to tell stories and promote reading for pleasure.
- **School librarians' support package** - provides professional development, current awareness and individual advice and support for qualified school librarians in secondary schools.

“ ELS is my absolute lifeline in a tough financial climate and represents fantastic value for money. The Loan Collection and Exchanges enable me to access more titles than I could ever buy with the same budget while the wealth of expertise available for advice and support is invaluable. ”

Celia Foskett, School Librarian
East Leake Academy

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Our pledge

We will provide a high quality, flexible and efficient service tailored to your specific needs. We regularly monitor customer satisfaction with the service provided, currently over 95% for all services.

What we offer

- High quality resources for all ages and abilities from 3 - 16 year olds, selected by specialist librarians with an indepth knowledge of the curriculum and the range of resources available.
- Your staff can visit the ELS base to select their own collections; librarians are always available to advise on appropriate resources.
- Order your resources online, by email, phone or fax and they will be delivered direct to school at no extra charge, or ring to collect.
- Our mobile library for primary and special schools carries over 2,500 fiction and non fiction titles intended to promote reading for pleasure.
- Bespoke advice on library policy and all aspects of planning, designing and organising your school library.
- Free termly lists of newly published resources recommended by our librarians for subscribing schools.
- Subscribing secondary schools can participate, free of charge, in the Brilliant Book Award, intended to inspire Key Stage 3 students to enjoy reading.
- School librarians' support package offers regular meetings, inset, newsletters, booklists and individual advice and support as required.
- Inset or staff meetings on any aspect of the school library can be delivered onsite or at the ELS base.
- Online catalogue available showing all resources stocked.
- Book talks and storytelling sessions to promote reading for pleasure, tailored to your needs; the books introduced are lent to the school for one month in addition to your loan.

“ ELS is a wonderful service for teachers offering a comprehensive selection of excellent books and materials to extend resources in the classroom - inspirational for children and teachers. The friendly library staff are always welcoming, well informed and keen to help. Thank you. ”

Margaret Billson
Gilthill Primary School



Benefits to your school

- ▶ Value for money: borrowing enables you to access more titles than you could buy with the same budget, for example, if you bought into 100 unlimited core you could exchange them half termly or more frequently, giving you access to 600 plus titles in one academic year.
- ▶ Our professionally qualified, experienced librarians have an in depth knowledge of stock and the curriculum, which enables them to identify the best resources to meet your specific needs and saves your staff valuable time.
- ▶ Flexible and responsive service that gives you access to relevant resources as your school needs and priorities change.
- ▶ A service quick to respond to new curriculum changes and developments.
- ▶ Resources are provided quickly and efficiently and delivered direct to maintained schools.
- ▶ Our school librarians' support package offers opportunities for networking and sharing of good practice with other school librarians, as well as specialist in service training to support their CPD needs.
- ▶ Our knowledge of the range of library furniture and equipment suppliers assists you in identifying the most appropriate suppliers for your needs.



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