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LIBRARYBOOKSFORSTUDENTS

The South Carolina Association of School Librarians is asking the SC General Assembly for \$25 per public school student in the 2007-2008 state budget.

This money will be used to purchase library books for students to support 21st century learning skills.

QUICK FACTS

- \$25 is the average cost of a new library book
- Average age of school collections is 17 years
- Some parts of school library collections are more than 20 years old
- Books purchased for school library media centers are accessible to all students and teachers
- School library media centers provide accountability for library funds
- There are 1232 library media centers in South Carolina
- There are more than 1200 certified media specialists in those centers

AN EFFECTIVE SCHOOL LIBRARY

- Is accessible to the total school community
- Is cost effective because one book is used by many
- Is accountable for how money is spent
- Has materials that are inventoried and maintained
- Offers a broad range of materials—reference, fiction, nonfiction and electronic resources
- Addresses a broad range of reading levels
- Minimizes loss through cost-effective tracking systems
- Supports learning to read and reading to learn
- Adds new resources throughout the school year to keep collections dynamic
- Creates a sense of ownership that is shared by the entire school community students and teachers

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Your support will help school libraries update their collection and provide needed resources to help students be better learners.

