

*"A library is  
not a luxury,  
but one of the  
necessities of  
life."  
-Henry Ward  
Beecher*



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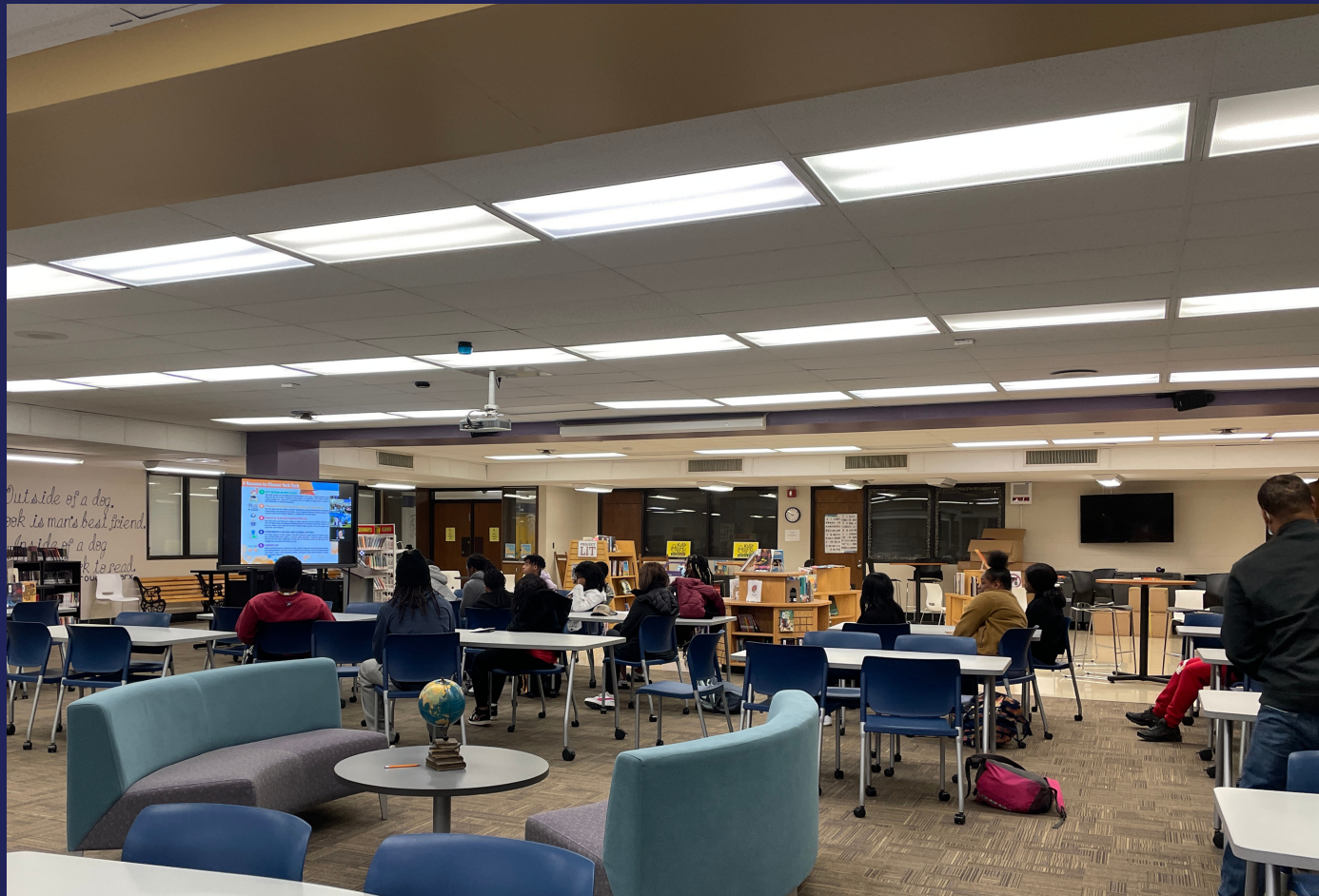


## About Us

*Established in 1976*

The South Carolina Association of School Librarians works to ensure school library programs are integral to teaching and learning in every SC school.

- Professional Development
- Quarterly publication-SCASL Messenger
- SC Book Award Program
- Professional Awards
- Advocacy and Legislative Updates
- Annual Conference
- Leadership opportunities
- Networking
- Advocate for Intellectual Freedom
- National representation in AASL & ALA



## School Library Impact

Numerous studies spanning multiple states and decades have shown that a high-quality library program positively impacts:

- student achievement,
- graduation rates, and
- mastery of academic standards.

These correlations exist regardless of student demographics or school funding levels. In fact, these correlations are most pronounced in our vulnerable student populations including students of color, low income students, and students with disabilities.

Lance, K. C., & Kachel, D. E. (2018). Why school librarians matter: What years of research tell us. *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(7), 15-20.

## A Strong School Library Program for EVERY SC Student

### SCASL Legislative Agenda

1. Address the teacher shortage in SC. Currently school librarian is the #1 critical needs area for our state.
2. Protect the professionalism and autonomy of teachers by voting "NO" on anti-truth bills.
3. Funding reform that will streamline funding formulas, promote more equitable funding, and protect public school funds.