



Vision Schools Library Service

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What is SLS?

School Library Services (SLS) are library services offered to schools by local authorities or libraries. They're run by experienced librarians with knowledge of the curriculum and children's literature, offering schools a book loan service and advice at cost-effective prices.

Vision Schools Library Service

Vision Schools Library Service provides learning resources and library-related advice and support to schools in Redbridge, Newham, Waltham Forest, Havering and other London boroughs not served by a schools' library service.



Our services include:

Termly loans on non-fiction and teaching resources to support learning.

Termly loans on fiction titles to support wider reading for pleasure.

Advice and training on managing and developing your school's library.

Reading programmes such as the Redbridge Book Awards.

Vision SLS regularly maintains and updates its resources in line with general demand and national curriculum requirements.



Our objectives

- To support the curriculum.
- To help schools raise the standards of education.
- To enhance young people's learning experience.
- To encourage reading for pleasure.

'Having nonfiction books that meet our topic helps the children to monitor their own learning.'

- Redbridge Teacher



What we offer?

- Primary School Subscriptions, including fiction, non-fiction, artefacts loans and advice.
- Secondary School Subscriptions including long-loans on fiction, SLA subscription and networking opportunities.
- Pay-as-you-go and bespoke services, including one-off loans, advisory sessions and library maintenance for Primary School libraries.



Why choose Vision SLS?

- A cost effective, fast and flexible service, tailored to your school's needs.
- Access to reduced price book purchase schemes and library exchange facilities to support your school library.
- Access to advice on books, literacy and library management.
- Training and development for your team.

In 2024, the National Literacy Trust found that

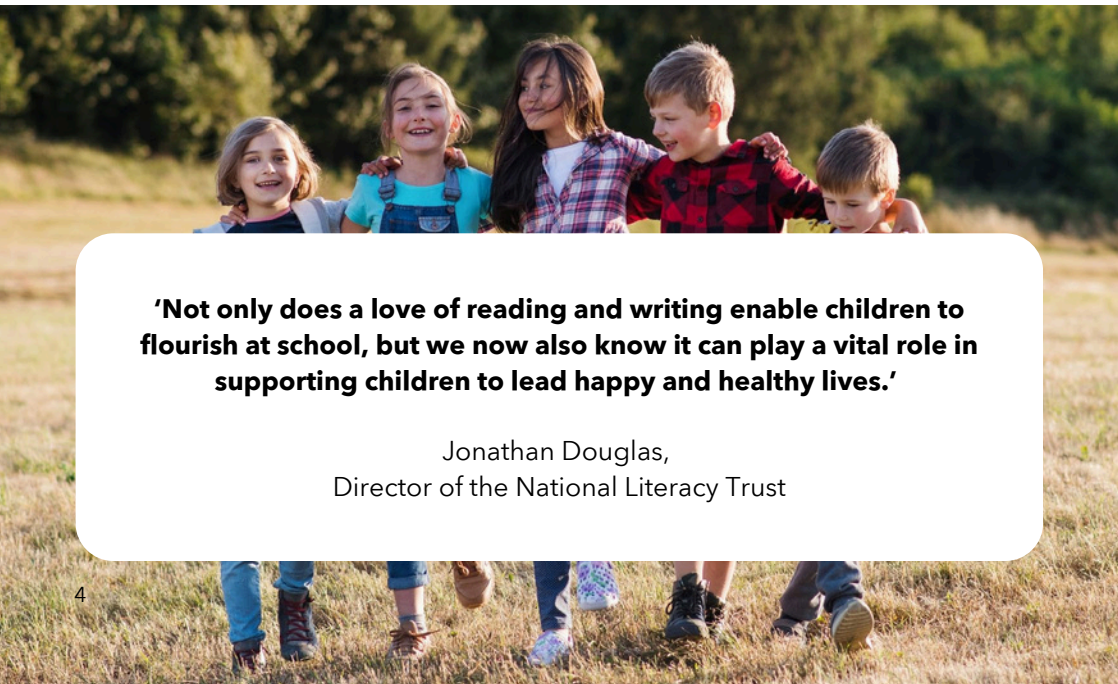
2 out of 3 children didn't enjoy reading.

We want to **change** that. We love books - and we want the next generation to love them too!

Having access to as broad a range of different fiction and non-fiction sources as possible is vital to a young person's educational development.

Reading for pleasure helps build vital reading skills – bringing wider benefits to wellbeing, confidence and learning.

Non-fiction is just as important – introducing young people to new ideas, helping to enlarge their vocabulary and enhancing their learning and research skills.



'Not only does a love of reading and writing enable children to flourish at school, but we now also know it can play a vital role in supporting children to lead happy and healthy lives.'

Jonathan Douglas,
Director of the National Literacy Trust

Primary School Subscription

* From £7.80 per pupil

A yearly Primary School Subscription includes:

Blue Box Loans

Topic loans, fiction loans, reading sets and more - for every class in your school.

Advisory Days

On-site advice and support for your team on developing your school's library. (3 per year)

Redbridge Book Awards

Free sign-up to our flagship readings scheme, from shortlisting finalists to the Awards Ceremony itself.

Subscribing schools also receive **30% discount** on library maintenance days and advisory visits.

Sign up for three years and freeze the cost!

We'll keep the cost the same across the subscription period, and include a long-term, exchangeable loan of 500 books for your school's library.



What's included in Blue Box Loans?

Every term, every class teacher can request the following:

Topic Loan - up to 30 topic books per class, plus posters and picture packs

Fiction Loan - up to 30 fiction books per class

(including graphic fiction, board books and dual language)

Reading Pack Loan - class set of 30 books or 6 sets of 6 books

Artefact Loan - 1 box per school per term

Story Sack (FDN/KS1 only) - including toys, puppets and games for story times

Why choose Vision?

A school with 840 pupils can borrow items worth £64,000 for as little as £6,552 a year.



How it works?

1.

Teachers can submit loan requests either via email or online.

2.

We'll select materials and deliver free of charge direct to your school.

3.

Loans are issued for a full school term, but can be renewed or exchanged on request.

If your teachers want to select their own materials, they can visit our showroom at Redbridge Central Library. **We're always here to help!**

Secondary School Subscription

* 2200 per year

A yearly secondary school subscription includes:

School Library Loan

Up to 750 exchangeable books for your school library.

SLA Subscription

Paid subscription to the School Library Association.

Redbridge Book Awards

Free sign-up to our flagship reading scheme.

Secondary School Librarians' Meetings

Secondary School Librarians network meetings are held termly in different schools across the borough. They're held after school and offer support and advice for anyone working in a secondary school library.



'It's great to get new books to have in class, especially the topic books and the dual language stories.'

Redbridge Teacher

What else can I get?



Advisory Services

Our trained librarians can offer advice and support to your school's team on:

- Establishing and managing your school library.
- Purchasing books and library equipment.
- Advising and training library coordinators.



Primary School Library Maintenance

We can help redevelop your school's library by identifying missing subject areas, replacing out-of-date stock and helping with the organisation, cataloguing, and maintenance of your library. We can even help to train your team!



Events and activities

Redbridge Libraries runs regular author events for schools in its public libraries, including events for **World Book Day** and as part of its annual **Fabula Festival**. For more information about upcoming events, please contact us on **schoolsresources.library@visionrcl.org.uk**



SLS-UK School Library Award

The School Library Award, offered nationally by **Schools Library Services**, is a self-assessment process that covers 20 areas of activity. Schools must achieve a certain level in at least ten of them. **Vision SLS** can help support you through the process.



Shadowing the Carnegie Medals

The Carnegies are the UK's longest running and best-loved children's book awards, recognising outstanding reading experiences in writing and illustration in books for children and young people.

It's free for schools to 'shadow' the award process, and Vision SLS can provide extra resources and books. For more information about The Carnegies and the shadowing process, visit **carnegies.co.uk**



What else can I get?

Redbridge Book Awards

*£200 for non-subscribing schools

Take part in our flagship local book award, which highlights and promotes the best new reading for children and young people.

Every year, we invite all schools in the borough of Redbridge to vote for their favourite children and teen books published in the UK that year. From shortlisting the authors to selecting the eventual winner, your pupils make the final decisions.

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Book Awards

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At the end of the process, there's an opportunity for your students to meet some of the shortlisted authors.

Alongside the Book Awards we run **short story, poetry and illustration competitions** in both age categories. It's a great opportunity to:

- Inspire reading for pleasure.
- Introduce your pupils to new works of fiction and new authors.
- Encourage your pupils to read, review and debate new literature.



School Librarians

*from £4500 a year

Vision SLS can provide a trained librarian to ensure your school library is well managed and developed. We'll help to keep your school library as available and accessible to your pupils as possible.



As part of the service, one of our professional librarians will:

- Promote reading for pleasure.
- Assist in establishing key skills such as independent learning.
- Buy quality resources for your school's library and classroom.
- Manage, maintain and promote the school library.
- Manage the computer library system, if in place.
- Provide training and supervision for your team.

"A library is more than a room full of books. It should be run by trained professionals who encourage reading, advise on using information and help children develop essential literacy and research skills."

Anne Mauger (CILIP Chief Executive)



Contact us

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Opening Hours

Term Time: Mon - Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm

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