

# **M**ISSION OF MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES

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The Mesquite Independent School District library program and librarians provide a learning climate that fuels the spirit of inquiry, fosters problem-solving and creativity, and increases student academic achievement. Students and staff will become educated, informed, engaged citizens through the resources, services, and expertise provided by school librarians and MISD libraries.

The mission of the school library program and school librarian is to ensure that students, teachers, administrators, and staff are effective users of ideas and information. This mission is accomplished by:

- Providing intellectual and physical access to materials in all formats
- Promoting, developing, and facilitating age-appropriate access to all expressions of knowledge, opinion, and intellectual activity
- Providing instruction to develop competence and stimulate interest in reading, viewing and using information and ideas
- Collaborating with other educators to plan, design, teach and evaluate information literacy experiences that meet the needs of all students
- Embracing, implementing and teaching students to use technology responsibly and effectively
- Demonstrating effective leadership strategies in the administration of the program and in making connections to the broader learning community

*Adapted from Information Power (1998) and Texas School Library Standards (2001)*