

# What the Library Means to Me

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When some one says the library, the first thing that comes to mind are books. I love books. I enjoy the adventure and excitement of every story. I read. There are still things I need to read. Without the library I would not be able to read a book. My family has very little money and I could not afford all the books I enjoy, like Harry Potter, Ghostgirl, and Emily the Strange. I'm happy that we have the library, so I can read these books and many others. Learning and enjoying them all. When I walk to a library I see people with shadows. I imagine that the shadows are carrying books and they come to a crosswalk. One of the lights says go and is facing a huge tv. The other crosswalk says don't walk, and is facing the library. Some go to the huge tv because the light say walk, and shen they do the shadows drop the books.

When some walk toward the crosswalk that is across from the library they wait for the light to change. When it does change they walk across and there shadows piles of books become bigger. Every time some one comes to the library, they gain more knowledge. Every time I go to the library my shadows stack of books becomes bigger.

Sometimes I have bad days, I'm upset and I come home to my crazy family. I love them very much but sometimes I need to be alone, and other times being alone makes me more upset and sad. So I grab a book and read: there are times I read for hours nonstop. I really enjoy myself. I enjoy the happy parts and sad parts, the scary parts, and sometimes the romatic stuff. I have a lot of friends but not all of them read books, some read short summarys so the don't have to read the assigned books from school. I force my friend Nikia to read. I never though about what it was like to not read books. If no one reads books then theres no reason to have a library. If theres no library how do we learn new recipes, build furniture, fix a car, and how to help your child when there sick. Without books this world be a huge wreck. That's one reason I appreciate that library, because it provides knowledge and information for everyone.

Librarians take care of our librarys and helps us find books. There are a lot of books in a library. I couldn't possible find a book for just Algebra all by myself. That's why we have librarians to help us look for information we need. I used to think being a librarian was easy, just take a book off the shelf and hand it to a kid. But they have to be organized and fast. I watched a librarian put books away, it took him thirty whole minutes. That's a lot of work. You have to find the call number and then find the match. Sometimes the librarians even suggest books you should read. I like all the librarians at the West End. Mr. Larry is nice and greets everyone who comes in. Ms. Anne is organized and suggest books for me to read. Ms. Lin shows me movies and books she thinks I might like. (She can put away 15 books in 5 minutes.) Ms. Dierric is close to my age and talks to me about school. Mr. Dante helps keep us safe.

One librarian brought her baby to the library to show us. That was nice of her. The librarians do more then just help they talk to me about regular things.

My future is very important to me. I am an artist. I enjoy all art. I don't get to go to the museums a whole lot. So most of the time I check books out from the library to read about art and artists. I'm no in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I am writing a short story. I watch the other kids in my class struggle with what to write, not me. I have so many ideas, I enjoy writing storys and that's because the library inspired me to write storys. I've read so many books from the library. Don't you think with out the library I would struggle with making a short story? I think I would. When I get older I plan to write a story about a librarian and how she gets sucked into a book. I will donate my first copy to the West End to say "Thank you."

I believe coming to the library helps build up character and personality. Well the library build up character and personality. I think I'll brow up to be a fine young women and fulfill my dreams. Being able to come to the library, enjoying and learning from the librarians and the books has and is a blessing for me and my family. It is also a tradition that I know I will continue. Ever world I said is how I feel about the library and what it means to me.

Thank you.