



Passionate about reading and learning

Northumberland Schools Library Service

What we do

Northumberland Schools Library Service is a subscription service which provides high quality resources and advisory services to schools throughout Northumberland and beyond. Using our service is a very cost effective alternative to buying books and resources for school which will quickly become out of date.

Our Mission

We provide a professional, unique and flexible service that delivers high quality and accessible resources that support a broad and balanced curriculum and inspire the love of reading in all children regardless of age, ability, special needs or geographical location.

“The governors and staff feel that joining the SLS is good value for money”



Why subscribe to SLS?

- **We save you money**
It is more cost effective to borrow books from us. Books can be exchanged regularly, ensuring your school is continuously supplied with high quality, up to date books in excellent physical condition.
- **We save you time**
We research and assess the resources we provide, ensuring they are relevant, up to date and of the highest quality. We compile your projects, reading for pleasure and guided reading loans leaving staff time to concentrate on teaching.
- **We deliver directly to your school**
Resources are delivered to and collected from your school FREE at the beginning and end of every term. Stock is delivered in our strong blue storage boxes.
- **We give professional advice**
Our team of professional and experienced staff are always on hand to give you advice on all library and resource related issues.

Save even more money by signing up for 3 years and enjoy no increase in your subscription rate during that period.





What is included in your Service Level Agreement?

Project loans

Up to 30 books per topic issued for 1 term. Good quality books which will be at an appropriate level for your pupils.

Artefact boxes

Fantastic resources to support curriculum topics.

Fiction/ Reading for pleasure loans

Up to 40 books per box which can be kept for up to 3 years. Inspiring titles which can be used in your school library or in classrooms. 30% can be exchanged annually.

Accelerated Reader

Schools using Accelerated Reader can borrow boxes of up to 40 AR quizzed books at the levels required.

Teacher loans

All teachers may borrow up to 10 items from our special collections at any one time. These resources include artefact boxes, DVDs & CDs and professional support resources.

Professional consultation

Initial consultation on development of your library and best use of resources from one of SLS's experienced librarians.

Free requests

If we do not stock the book you want, we will consider buying it.

Telephone/email helpline

Help and advice from our knowledgeable and experienced staff on school libraries and literacy.

Customer focus meetings

Termly meetings to update staff on the latest school library and literacy developments.

“If your resources had not been available our pupils would not have had such a positive learning experience”

Optional extras

Professional advice and support

Our professional librarians and experienced support staff are able to provide advice and practical support to assist in the development of your school library.

- **Free initial consultation for subscribing schools.**
- **Advice on how to improve and develop your school library.**
- **Policy, planning and design.**
- **Stock editing, review and purchasing recommendations.**
- **Advice on choosing and setting up a library IT system.**
- **Managed library collection - practical assistance to ensure your fiction/reading for pleasure loans are organised and up to date.**



Work with pupils

- **Storytelling.**
- **Book talks and reader development.**
- **Research and library skills.**
- **Training pupil librarians**
- **Support in setting up and running a school reading group**

INSET

- **Tailor made training sessions to suit your needs on resources, school libraries or literacy.**

**Optional extras are chargeable.
Please contact us for a quote.**

“We couldn't have refurbished our library without your guidance and expertise.....so thank you”



Service Level Agreements

We offer four levels of subscription package; Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, tailored to meet the needs of first, primary, special and middle schools.

The maximum number of books that can be loaned at any one time is determined by the number of pupils in the school and the level of service selected.

| Service Level | Description | Number of Books per Pupil |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|
| Platinum | Enhanced package. Includes 1 full day of professional time to manage your library collection. | 11 |
| Gold | Higher level | 8 |
| Silver | Standard package | 5 |
| Bronze | Entry level | 3 |

The current charges are set out in our Service Level Agreement documents on our website.

Stock entitlements are calculated on the basis of a minimum of 50 pupils on roll. Special arrangements are in place for schools with under 50 pupils. Please contact us for a quote.

Additional delivery charges may be negotiated with schools outside our existing operational area.



“I cannot raise standards in literacy without books and SLS is the cheapest way of getting an exchanging them”

Secondary Schools

We offer a bespoke service to meet the needs of High schools, Secondary schools, academies and Independents throughout Northumberland and beyond.

Book Loans

- We offer extended loans of high quality fiction and non-fiction books. Collections can be exchanged regularly, ensuring your stock is always fresh and up to date.
- You can decide on the number of books you need and pay accordingly.
- Charges for book loans are based on a sliding scale - the more you borrow, the more you save! The current charges are set out in our Service Level Agreement documents on our website.
- Schools using Accelerated Reader can borrow boxes of up to 40 AR quizzed books at the levels required.

Complementary Services

- Free requests
- Specialist resources for individual teachers
- Initial professional consultation.
- Telephone/email helpline.
- Termly support meeting for school staff.

Optional Extras

- Professional support and practical assistance to develop your library.



Other Organisations

We offer Service Level Agreements to staff in educational support agencies and other organisations who would benefit from loans of high quality resources.

We also have packages for nurseries and childminders.

You can choose the number of resources most suited to your needs and packages will also include:

- **Free requests**
- **Free telephone/email helpline.**

Optional Extras

- **Professional support.**

Please contact us for further information.

“I really do appreciate your fantastic service”

Contact Us

Enquiries and Helpline

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Opening hours

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm

Please get in touch with us if you are planning to visit to collect pre-ordered resources.



“Schools Library Services are an amazing, cost-effective way for schools to make sure children of all abilities have the best quality materials in the classroom to inspire their learning”



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