

PUBLIC LIBRARY AND SCHOOL LIBRARY COOPERATION

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In some countries like Finland there is strong teamwork between school and public libraries, especially in the running of reading programs. In some developing countries the school library is also the public library in a community.

Some years ago a productive partnership between a school and public library in north Queensland won an IASL award.

In situations where teacher librarians are seeking to build either a joint library service or closer cooperation, the following articles and websites may be of benefit.

PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

[Productive partnerships: public and school libraries promoting lifelong learning](#)

This 2010 *Connections* article details the partnership between Mackay West State School and Mackay City Council Library Service, particularly in the areas of work shadowing, the Library Monitor Program, the GOAL program – Grade Ones at the Library, and MWSS's website.

[From small things big things grow: productive partnerships – Learning for Life](#)

The submission on the Productive Partnerships Project presented to the Australian Government.

[School and Public Library Relationships: Essential Ingredients in implementing education reforms and improving student learning](#)

This article explores a range of cooperative and effective relationships between school and public libraries and offers ideas for successful cooperation

[Finland's public library strategy implemented in projects, 2006](#)

The Finnish approach has tended to be to invest in excellent public libraries, which are then required to cooperate strongly with the schools.

[Grant opportunities to support cooperative projects](#)

This is an older document (1999) but it provides examples of some successful joint school and public library cooperation projects and gives tips on how to apply for grants.

[Expanding Service Horizons: Cooperative Planning Strategies](#)

A webpage that provides ideas on learning and cooperative planning between public and school libraries.

[New perspectives for the merging of public and school library](#)

This article chronicles the collaboration of Danish library associations to form a 'combi library'. From *Scandinavian Library Quarterly*, Vol.39, No.1 (2006)

[Model school libraries: Tools or threats? Reflections on a development project in Sweden. L. Limberg, 2002](#)

This article describes a project where six Swedish schools created their own model libraries in Orebro County. A couple of these were combined public and school libraries and the development and enrichment when both characteristics of the library were emphasised provides an interesting challenge.

[Limitless libraries](#)

"A cooperative program between Nashville Public Library and Metro Nashville Public Schools with the goal of improving school libraries, fostering resource sharing between the two institutions, and improving student access to learning materials"