## School library media center resources


#### Abstract

Historically, libraries have been an important component of the educational process, contributing to the success of the educational mission of schools. Education reform has prompted increased attention to the role school library media centers might play in the expanding role of computerand technology-based education. However, policymakers have expressed concern that school library media centers have suffered from inadequate resources and support. Differences in library resources between schools can indicate how technology-based equipment and services are distributed as well as student accessibility to these resources.


- In school year 1993-94, about one-third of public school library media centers had computers with modems, automated circulation systems, and database searching capability with CD-ROM; 9 percent had on-line database searching capability; and 47 percent had the capability to use compact-disc-based periodical indices.
- Library media centers in public schools with less than 20 percent minority enrollment were more likely to have computers with modems, database searching capability with CD-ROM, and on-line database searching capability than library media centers in schools with 20 percent or more minority enrollment.
- In school year 1993-94, the availability of resources and services provided by library media centers
was directly related to the poverty level of the school. For example, schools with low poverty levels ( 5 percent or less of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch) were more likely than schools with high poverty levels ( 41 percent or more of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch) to have library media centers equipped with computers with modems, an automated circulation system, database searching capability with CD-ROM, on-line database searching capability, and connection to the Internet.

Public school library media centers were far more likely to have computers with modems, automated circulation systems, database searching capability with CD-ROM, and a connection to the Internet than were private school library media centers (see supplemental table 6-1).

Percentage of public school library media centers that offered selected services and equipment, by selected school characteristic s: School year 1993-94

| Selected services and equipment | Total | Percentage of minority students enrolled |  | Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Lessthan 20 percent | 20 percent ormore | 0-5 | 6-20 | 21-40 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 41 \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |
| Telephone | 61.2 | 61.8 | 60.0 | 75.6 | 71.0 | 63.6 | 50.5 |
| Fax machine | 7.8 | 9.3 | 5.7 | 12.3 | 10.1 | 7.2 | 5.6 |
| Computer with modem | 34.3 | 36.8 | 31.2 | 51.2 | 40.0 | 35.1 | 27.3 |
| Automated catalog | 24.0 | 25.0 | 21.5 | 27.5 | 28.4 | 26.7 | 18.1 |
| Automated circulation system | 37.9 | 38.2 | 36.8 | 42.4 | 46.2 | 40.4 | 30.2 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 31.2 | 34.2 | 27.3 | 43.4 | 38.8 | 34.3 | 21.8 |
| On-line database searching | 9.4 | 10.9 | 7.6 | 20.7 | 13.3 | 8.3 | 5.9 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 46.7 | 51.7 | 40.0 | 67.4 | 54.8 | 48.3 | 36.9 |
| Video laserdisc | 31.9 | 31.5 | 31.3 | 39.2 | 39.0 | 31.0 | 25.8 |
| Connection to Intemet | 12.0 | 12.9 | 11.2 | 21.9 | 16.0 | 11.2 | 9.0 |
| Cable television | 76.2 | 78.6 | 72.3 | 80.7 | 79.4 | 77.5 | 73.5 |
| Broadcast television | 48.6 | 46.1 | 52.2 | 47.6 | 45.1 | 48.5 | 51.2 |
| Closed circuit television | 25.5 | 22.7 | 28.7 | 27.2 | 24.5 | 27.0 | 24.8 |
| Satellite dish | 22.9 | 24.9 | 21.7 | 21.6 | 23.0 | 24.7 | 23.8 |

NOTE: Percentages are based on schools that have library media centers. In school year 1990-91, 96 percent of public schools had library media centers.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (Library Media Center Questionna ire), 1993-94.

Percentage of public school library media centers that offered selected services and equipment: School year 1993-94



NOTE: Percentages are based on schools that have library media centers. In school year 1990-91, 96 percent of public schools had library media centers.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (Library Media Center Questionna ire), 1993-94.

Table 6-1 Percentage of school library media centers that offered selected services and equipment, and library media center expenditures, by control and level of school: School year 1993-94


Percentage of schools' library media centers offering the following equipment:

| Telephone | 61.2 | 55.8 | 74.7 | 40.8 | 30.7 | 52.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fax machine | 7.8 | 4.7 | 15.1 | 5.1 | 3.1 | 7.9 |
| Computer with modem | 34.3 | 28.3 | 48.2 | 19.5 | 12.2 | 30.2 |
| Automated catalog | 24.0 | 20.3 | 32.8 | 9.7 | 5.5 | 15.8 |
| Automated circulation system | 37.9 | 34.1 | 47.7 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 16.0 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 31.2 | 23.9 | 48.1 | 13.9 | 6.3 | 25.7 |
| On-line database searching | 9.4 | 5.4 | 18.9 | 5.5 | 0.7 | 12.2 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 46.7 | 39.6 | 63.5 | 19.6 | 12.3 | 33.5 |
| Video laser disc | 31.9 | 30.3 | 36.1 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 9.9 |
| Connection to Internet | 12.0 | 9.5 | 17.5 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 9.2 |
| Cable television | 76.2 | 75.0 | 80.6 | 39.9 | 42.6 | 43.1 |
| Broadcast television | 48.6 | 48.0 | 49.9 | 39.9 | 42.9 | 39.7 |
| Closed circuit television | 25.5 | 22.0 | 34.0 | 8.8 | 5.7 | 19.2 |
| Satellite dish | 22.9 | 14.4 | 41.1 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 15.6 |
| Total students using library per 100 students each week' | 83 | 89 | 69 | 77 | 85 | 65 |
| Books checked out per 100 students each week' | 128 | 150 | 67 | 116 | 146 | 47 |
| Percentage of schools offering the following services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Microcomputers | 90.1 | 88.5 | 94.0 | 75.8 | 72.8 | 80.6 |
| Long distance learning | 19.0 | 15.9 | 24.8 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.2 |
| Average number of items held per 100 students at the end of the 1992-93 school year: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books (number of volumes) | 2,585 | 2,467 | 2,891 | 3,716 | 3,455 | 5,383 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 9 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 16 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 38 | 35 | 46 | 47 | 44 | 50 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 116 | 114 | 117 | 76 | 74 | 120 |
| Microcomputer software | 18 | 20 | 12 | 26 | 28 | 11 |
| CD-ROM titles | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{O}$ | 2 |
| Expenditures ${ }^{\sim}$ per student for the 1992-93 school year on the following: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books | \$8.52 | \$7.80 | \$10.06 | \$7.86 | \$6.94 | \$12.86 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 2.18 | 1.49 | 4.15 | 1.57 | 0.95 | 4.83 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 1.24 | 1.04 | 1.77 | 1.07 | 0.87 | 1.49 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 0.82 | 0.77 | 0.87 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.72 |
| Microcomputer software | 1.09 | 0.89 | 1.48 | 1.41 | 1.25 | 1.86 |
| CD-ROM titles | 0.63 | 0.38 | 1.24 | 0.69 | 0.59 | 1.69 |

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NOTE: Percentages are based on schools that have library media centers. In school year 1990-91,96 percent of public and 87 percent of private schools had library media centers.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (Library Media Center Questionnaire), 1993-94.

Table 6-2 Percentage of public school library media centers that offered selected services and equipment, and library media center expenditures, by selected school characteristics: School year 1993-94

| Selected services and equipment | Percentage of minority enrollment |  | Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than | 20 percent |  |  |  | 41 or |
|  | 20 percent | or more | 0-5 | 6-20 | 21-40 | more |
| Percentage of schools' library media centers offering the following equipment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone | 61.8 | 60.0 | 75.6 | 71.0 | 63.6 | 50.5 |
| Fax machine | 9.3 | 5.7 | 12.3 | 10.1 | 7.2 | 5.6 |
| Computer with modem | 36.8 | 31.2 | 51.2 | 40.0 | 35.1 | 27.3 |
| Automated catalog | 25.0 | 21.5 | 27.5 | 28.4 | 26.7 | 18.1 |
| Automated circulation system | 38.2 | 36.8 | 42.4 | 46.2 | 40.4 | 30.2 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 34.2 | 27.3 | 43.4 | 38.8 | 34.3 | 21.8 |
| On-line database searching | 10.9 | 7.6 | 20.7 | 13.3 | 8.3 | 5.9 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 51.7 | 40.0 | 67.4 | 54.8 | 48.3 | 36.9 |
| Video laser disc | 31.5 | 31.3 | 39.2 | 39.0 | 31.0 | 25.8 |
| Connection to Internet | 12.9 | 11.2 | 21.9 | 16.0 | 11.2 | 9.0 |
| Cable television | 78.6 | 72.3 | 80.7 | 79.4 | 77.5 | 73.5 |
| Broadcast television | 46.1 | 52.2 | 47.6 | 45.1 | 48.5 | 51.2 |
| Closed circuit television | 22.7 | 28.7 | 27.2 | 24.5 | 27.0 | 24.8 |
| Satellite dish | 24.9 | 21.7 | 21.6 | 23.0 | 24.7 | 23.8 |
| Total students using library per 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books checked out per 100 stude |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| eacn week | 138 | 115 | 108 | 123 | 128 | 136 |
| Percentage of schools offering the following services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Microcomputers | 91.5 | 88.5 | 95.9 | 93.9 | 89.3 | 88.0 |
| Long distance learning | 18.0 | 20.4 | 14.8 | 19.0 | 17.2 | 21.3 |
| Average number of items held per 100 students at the end of the 1992-93 school year: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books (number of volumes) | 2,994 | 2,053 | 2,268 | 2,327 | 2,415 | 2,794 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 11 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 45 | 30 | 43 | 39 | 37 | 39 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 125 | 105 | 100 | 114 | 109 | 125 |
| Microcomputer software | 22 | 14 | 11 | 21 | 15 | 18 |
| CD-ROM titles | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Expenditures^ per student for the 1992-93 school year on the following: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books | \$9.32 | \$7.46 | \$9.32 | \$7.94 | \$8.20 | \$8.67 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 2.74 | 1.46 | 2.22 | 2.33 | 2.09 | 2.11 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 1.38 | 1.05 | 1.46 | 1.21 | 1.12 | 1.30 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 0.86 | 0.77 | 1.04 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.78 |
| Microcomputer software | 1.28 | 0.85 | 0.78 | 1.09 | 1.47 | 0.87 |
| CD-ROM titles | 0.73 | 0.51 | 0.82 | 0.60 | 0.67 | 0.50 |

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Table 6-3 Percentage of public school library media centers that offered selected services and equipment, and library media center expenditures, by school size: School year 1993-94

| Selected services and equipment | School size |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than 150 | 150-499 | 500-749 | 750 or more |
| Percentage of schools' library media centers offering the following equipment: |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone | 41.0 | 52.6 | 67.7 | 83.1 |
| Fax machine | 9.1 | 5.6 | 8.3 | 11.9 |
| Computer with modem | 29.5 | 28.9 | 37.0 | 46.9 |
| Automated catalog | 16.3 | 18.8 | 26.2 | 34.8 |
| Automated circulation system | 17.6 | 30.5 | 41.8 | 59.7 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 26.8 | 26.5 | 30.6 | 46.9 |
| On-line database searching | 8.4 | 6.7 | 9.9 | 16.6 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 34.0 | 41.9 | 47.9 | 63.4 |
| Video laser disc | 19.4 | 25.4 | 37.7 | 43.6 |
| Connection to Internet | 7.2 | 10.5 | 13.5 | 17.0 |
| Cable television | 60.3 | 77.7 | 75.9 | 78.7 |
| Broadcast television | 43.7 | 45.3 | 51.7 | 55.8 |
| Closed circuit television | 9.5 | 20.3 | 27.4 | 43.1 |
| Satellite dish | 26.5 | 20.9 | 21.2 | 32.3 |
| Total students using library per 100 stuaents eacn week. |  |  |  |  |
| Books checked out per 100 students eacn week | 220 | 143 | 116 | 61 |
| Percentage of schools offering the following services: |  |  |  |  |
| Microcomputers | 82.2 | 90.2 | 89.9 | 94.5 |
| Long distance learning | 22.5 | 18.8 | 16.7 | 21.6 |
| Average number of items held per 100 students at the end of the 1992-93 school year: |  |  |  |  |
| Books (number of volumes) | 7,115 | 2,736 | 1,641 | 1,348 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 35 | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 105 | 39 | 26 | 22 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 227 | 122 | 97 | 74 |
| Microcomputer software | 54 | 20 | 10 | 8 |
| CD-ROM titles | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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| Books | \$21.80 | \$8.57 | \$6.43 | \$4.88 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 7.54 | 1.99 | 1.26 | 1.41 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 3.68 | 1.10 | 0.97 | 0.78 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 1.89 | 0.81 | 0.68 | 0.48 |
| Microcomputer software | 4.04 | 0.97 | 0.75 | 0.45 |
| CD-ROM titles | 2.05 | 0.52 | 0.50 | 0.43 |

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Table 6-4 Percentage of public school library media centers that offered selected services and equipment, by state: School year 1993-94

| State | Computer with modem | Automated catalog | Database searching with CD-ROM | On-line database searching | Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | Connection to the Internet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 34.3 | 24.0 | 31.2 | 9.4 | 46.7 | 12.0 |
| Alabama | 33.0 | 37.6 | 29.3 | 5.7 | 44.1 | 3.2 |
| Alaska | 34.7 | 34.3 | 39.7 | 6.8 | 44.6 | 15.1 |
| Arizona | 28.1 | 38.3 | 28.0 | 5.6 | 43.0 | 6.0 |
| Arkansas | 19.0 | 18.7 | 20.5 | 5.6 | 29.7 | 8.5 |
| California | 19.9 | 14.0 | 23.4 | 3.1 | 38.0 | 6.2 |
| Colorado | 47.0 | 43.6 | 43.3 | 30.7 | 60.7 | 16.3 |
| Connecticut | 43.8 | 12.8 | 45.4 | 17.9 | 54.4 | 6.5 |
| Delaware | 41.8 | 22.5 | 34.7 | 14.4 | 48.2 | 5.7 |
| District of Columbia | 23.5 | 4.4 | 25.4 | 10.4 | 31.2 | 1.7 |
| Florida | 45.3 | 29.8 | 39.9 | 11.8 | 71.0 | 21.1 |
| Georgia | 29.8 | 48.2 | 34.5 | 13.6 | 46.6 | 10.8 |
| Hawaii | 75.3 | 27.1 | 47.7 | 24.3 | 64.8 | 29.4 |
| Idaho | 29.9 | 15.4 | 21.6 | 6.2 | 32.1 | 8.6 |
| Illinois | 32.2 | 17.7 | 23.0 | 7.9 | 36.6 | 7.1 |
| Indiana | 29.9 | 31.0 | 32.0 | 2.4 | 66.1 | 5.5 |
| lowa | 38.8 | 17.4 | 44.2 | 14.6 | 71.2 | 8.6 |
| Kansas | 24.9 | 31.5 | 20.9 | 9.7 | 46.6 | 10.6 |
| Kentucky | 30.1 | 33.1 | 32.3 | 4.3 | 60.3 | 5.3 |
| Louisiana | 24.2 | 13.9 | 21.9 | 2.3 | 28.1 | 6.2 |
| Maine | 33.3 | 18.9 | 25.5 | 5.4 | 38.9 | 5.4 |
| Maryland | 41.0 | 15.4 | 31.8 | 22.3 | 46.2 | 32.6 |
| Massachusetts | 38.2 | 9.1 | 45.3 | 8.9 | 46.3 | 24.1 |
| Michigan | 42.2 | 12.1 | 38.1 | 10.2 | 57.9 | 15.1 |
| Minnesota | 35.6 | 53.4 | 52.9 | 13.8 | 69.0 | 17.3 |
| Mississippi | 9.4 | 5.2 | 14.2 | 3.0 | 23.2 | 3.1 |
| Missouri | 31.3 | 39.4 | 31.4 | 17.8 | 46.0 | 15.7 |
| Montana | 50.8 | 20.6 | 43.7 | 17.4 | 58.2 | 6.2 |
| Nebraska | 31.6 | 29.0 | 36.3 | 12.1 | 58.8 | 15.8 |
| Nevada | 18.4 | 48.2 | 32.2 | 3.0 | 37.1 | 9.4 |
| New Hampshire | 43.9 | 21.4 | 39.8 | 8.2 | 51.2 | 17.4 |
| New Jersey | 39.1 | 28.5 | 30.2 | 7.2 | 46.2 | 5.2 |
| New Mexico | 32.8 | 21.9 | 32.0 | 3.9 | 43.1 | 7.8 |
| New York | 39.5 | 14.3 | 25.2 | 12.5 | 44.8 | 16.0 |
| North Carolina | 40.4 | 29.4 | 42.0 | 10.8 | 65.0 | 7.9 |
| North Dakota | 65.8 | 18.0 | 27.3 | 39.1 | 41.1 | 36.8 |
| Ohio | 33.1 | 12.9 | 16.9 | 3.3 | 31.9 | 7.1 |
| Oklahoma | 20.1 | 32.7 | 32.5 | 6.7 | 44.1 | 4.0 |
| Oregon | 38.6 | 39.2 | 51.5 | 18.9 | 49.5 | 11.7 |
| Pennsylvania | 33.9 | 17.3 | 32.6 | 2.5 | 39.2 | 6.4 |
| Rhode Island | 25.0 | 11.8 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 21.7 | 18.6 |
| South Carolina | 44.0 | 46.4 | 39.4 | 6.9 | 55.4 | 13.5 |
| South Dakota | 56.2 | 12.6 | 37.7 | 23.1 | 60.2 | 9.0 |
| Tennessee | 15.1 | 18.9 | 16.6 | 2.5 | 34.9 | 3.6 |
| Texas | 39.4 | 20.5 | 27.2 | 9.9 | 33.9 | 24.7 |
| Utah | 22.2 | 37.4 | 28.6 | 5.1 | 39.1 | 6.7 |
| Vermont | 47.0 | 27.2 | 35.3 | 14.5 | 51.9 | 32.2 |
| Virginia | 61.7 | 35.5 | 38.6 | 10.6 | 72.4 | 31.4 |
| Washington | 40.2 | 35.7 | 43.1 | 11.7 | 53.1 | 13.0 |
| West Virginia | 24.7 | 16.7 | 18.0 | 8.3 | 31.0 | 6.4 |
| Wisconsin | 34.2 | 27.2 | 36.1 | 14.8 | 57.1 | 9.0 |
| Wyoming | 39.0 | 28.0 | 32.1 | 8.1 | 41.7 | 6.6 |

NOTE: Percentages are based on schools that have library media centers. In school year 1990-91,96 percent of
public schools had library media centers.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey
(Library Media Center Questionnaire), 1993-94.

## Table S6 Standard errors for the text table in Indicator 6

| Selected services and equipment | Total | Percentage of minority enrollment |  | Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Less than 20 percent | 20 percent or more | 0-5 | 6-20 | 21-40 | $41 \text { or }$ more |
| Telephone | 1.3 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Fax machine | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Computer with modem | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 4.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Automated catalog | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.2 |
| Automated circulation system | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| On-line database searching | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| Video laser disc | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.3 |
| Connection to Internet | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Cable television | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Broadcast television | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| Closed circuit television | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| Satellite dish | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 |

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey
(Library Media Center Questionnaire), 1993-94.

Table S6-1 Standard errors tor table 6-1

| Selected services and equipment | Public |  |  | Private |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Elementary Secondary |  |  | Total Elementary |  | Secondary |
| Percentage of schools' library media centers offering the following equipment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| Fax machine | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| Computer with modem | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| Automated catalog | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.9 |
| Automated circulation system | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| On-line database searching | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.2 |
| Video laser disc | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Connection to Internet | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Cable television | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| Broadcast television | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.5 |
| Closed circuit television | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.6 |
| Satellite dish | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Total students using library per 100 students each week | *0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Books checked out per 100 students each week | 2 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 28 | 8 |
| Percentage of schools offering the following servic |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Microcomputers | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.9 |
| Long distance learning | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.6 |
| Average number of items held per 100 students at the end of the 1992-93 school year: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books (number of volumes) | 57 | 81 | 101 | 252 | 349 | 726 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | *0 | *0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 16 |
| Microcomputer software | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| CD-ROM titles | *0 | *0 | *0 | *0 | *0 | 1 |
| Expenditures per student for the 1992-93 school year on the following: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books | \$0.23 | \$0.25 | \$0.42 | \$0.45 | \$0.52 | \$1.26 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.36 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.15 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.10 |
| Microcomputer software | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.35 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.59 |
| CD-ROM titles | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.17 | 0.25 | 0.18 |

* Standard errors less than 0.5 are rounded to 0 .

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (Library Media Center Questionnaire), 1993-94.

Table S6-2 Standard errors for table 6-2

| Selected services and equipment | Percentage of minority enrollment |  | Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than | 20 percent |  |  |  | 41 or |
|  | 20 percent | or more | 0-5 | 6-20 | 21-40 | more |
| Percentage of schools' library media centers offering the following equipment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone | 1.6 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Fax machine | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Computer with modem | 1.4 | 1.4 | 4.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Automated catalog | 1.0 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.2 |
| Automated circulation system | 1.6 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 1.2 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| On-line database searching | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 1.6 | 1.4 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| Video laser disc | 1.2 | 1.6 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.3 |
| Connection to Internet | 0.8 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Cable television | 1.1 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Broadcast television | 1.5 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| Closed circuit television | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| Satellite dish | 0.9 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Total students using library per 100 <br> students each week |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books checked out per 100 students |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage of schools offering the following services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Microcomputers | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Long distance learning | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.6 |
| Average number of items held per 100 students at the end of the 1992-93 school year: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books (number of volumes) | 85 | 74 | 112 | 86 | 116 | 124 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | *0 | *0 | *0 | *0 | 1 | ${ }^{*} 0$ |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 3 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 7 | 5 | 20 | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| Microcomputer software | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| CD-ROM titles | *0 | *0 | *0 | *0 | *0 | *0 |
| Expenditures per student for the 1992-93 school year on the following: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Books | \$0.33 | \$0.37 | \$0.95 | \$0.42 | \$0.31 | \$0.38 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.10 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.19 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.07 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.18 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.07 |
| Microcomputer software | 0.15 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.32 | 0.09 |
| CD-ROM titles | 0.40 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.05 |

*Standard errors less than 0.5 are rounded to 0 .
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey
(Library Media Center Questionnaire), 1993-94.

## Table S6-3 Standard errors for table 6-3

| Selected services and equipment | School size |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than 150 | 150-499 | 500-749 | 750 or more |
| Percentage of schools' library media centers offering the following equipment: |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone | 3.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Fax machine | 1.6 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| Computer with modem | 3.2 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Automated catalog | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| Automated circulation system | 2.4 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 2.4 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.7 |
| On-line database searching | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 2.6 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Video laser disc | 3.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Connection to Internet | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| Cable television | 3.3 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| Broadcast television | 3.3 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Closed circuit television | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| Satellite dish | 2.6 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Total students using library per 100 |  |  |  |  |
| Books checked out per 100 students |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage of schools offering the following services: |  |  |  |  |
| Microcomputers | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| Long distance learning | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Average number of items held per 100 students at the end of the 1992-93 school year: |  |  |  |  |
| Books (number of volumes) | 359 | 101 | 34 | 22 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 2 | *0 | *0 | *0 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 27 | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| Microcomputer software | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CD-ROM titles | 1 | *0 | *0 | *0 |
| Expenditures per student for the 1992-93 school year on the following: |  |  |  |  |
| Books | \$1.40 | \$0.27 | \$0.33 | \$0.17 |
| Current serial subscriptions (print and microfilm) | 0.43 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Video materials (tape and disc) | 0.34 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| Other audio-visual materials | 0.33 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.04 |
| Microcomputer software | 0.96 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.03 |
| CD-ROM titles | 0.27 | 0.03 | 0.13 | 0.03 |

${ }^{*}$ Standard errors less than 0.5 are rounded to 0 .
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (Library Media Center Questionnaire), 1993-94.

Table S6-4 Standard errors for table 6-4

| State | Computer with modem | Automated catalog | Database searching with CD-ROM | On-line database searching | Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | Connection to the Internet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| Alabama | 4.2 | 5.9 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 1.5 |
| Alaska | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 2.3 |
| Arizona | 3.5 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 2.2 | 4.4 | 1.9 |
| Arkansas | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 2.5 |
| California | 4.3 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 5.7 | 2.3 |
| Colorado | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 3.5 |
| Connecticut | 6.5 | 2.7 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 6.0 | 2.6 |
| Delaware | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 2.0 |
| District of Columbia | 4.0 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 1.1 |
| Florida | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.4 |
| Georgia | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 4.7 | 2.7 |
| Hawaii | 5.3 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| Idaho | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 2.3 | 5.1 | 3.1 |
| Illinois | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 2.2 |
| Indiana | 6.7 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 6.3 | 1.2 |
| lowa | 6.4 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 3.1 |
| Kansas | 3.0 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 2.5 |
| Kentucky | 6.2 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 6.3 | 2.4 |
| Louisiana | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 3.8 | 2.4 |
| Maine | 5.4 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 2.0 | 6.7 | 1.6 |
| Maryland | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 4.7 | 3.5 |
| Massachusetts | 4.9 | 1.6 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 4.8 | 3.8 |
| Michigan | 7.6 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 5.3 |
| Minnesota | 4.8 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 5.6 | 3.6 |
| Mississippi | 2.0 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 3.6 | 1.3 |
| Missouri | 4.3 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 4.2 |
| Montana | 4.3 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.0 |
| Nebraska | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 3.0 |
| Nevada | 4.0 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 2.9 |
| New Hampshire | 6.6 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 2.6 | 5.9 | 4.4 |
| New Jersey | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 1.4 | 7.2 | 1.3 |
| New Mexico | 6.1 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 1.5 | 5.5 | 2.4 |
| New York | 5.2 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 5.1 | 3.6 |
| North Carolina | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 4.1 | 2.3 |
| North Dakota | 5.3 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| Ohio | 7.1 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 6.7 | 2.3 |
| Oklahoma | 2.7 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 1.7 |
| Oregon | 5.8 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 4.7 | 6.5 | 4.2 |
| Pennsylvania | 6.9 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 1.1 | 6.4 | 3.1 |
| Rhode Island | 4.9 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 4.8 | 4.2 |
| South Carolina | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 1.7 | 7.1 | 4.1 |
| South Dakota | 6.8 | 3.4 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 2.7 |
| Tennessee | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 6.5 | 1.9 |
| Texas | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| Utah | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 1.9 |
| Vermont | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 3.4 |
| Virginia | 8.3 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 5.6 |
| Washington | 5.2 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 2.6 |
| West Virginia | 6.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 5.5 | 3.2 |
| Wisconsin | 6.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 2.6 |
| Wyoming | 3.4 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 2.3 |

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(Library Media Center Questionnaire), 1993-94.

## Percentage of public school library media centers that offered selected services and

 equipment, by selected school characteristics: School year 1993-94| Selected services and equipment | Total | Percentage of minority students enrolled |  | Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Less than 20 percent | 20 percent or more | 0-5 | 6-20 | 21-40 | 41 or more |
| Telephone | 61.2 | 61.8 | 60.0 | 75.6 | 71.0 | 63.6 | 50.5 |
| Fax machine | 7.8 | 9.3 | 5.7 | 12.3 | 10.1 | 7.2 | 5.6 |
| Computer with modem | 34.3 | 36.8 | 31.2 | 51.2 | 40.0 | 35.1 | 27.3 |
| Automated catalog | 24.0 | 25.0 | 21.5 | 27.5 | 28.4 | 26.7 | 18.1 |
| Automated circulation system | 37.9 | 38.2 | 36.8 | 42.4 | 46.2 | 40.4 | 30.2 |
| Database searching with CD-ROM | 31.2 | 34.2 | 27.3 | 43.4 | 38.8 | 34.3 | 21.8 |
| On-line database searching | 9.4 | 10.9 | 7.6 | 20.7 | 13.3 | 8.3 | 5.9 |
| Compact disc for periodical indices, etc. | 46.7 | 51.7 | 40.0 | 67.4 | 54.8 | 48.3 | 36.9 |
| Video laser disc | 31.9 | 31.5 | 31.3 | 39.2 | 39.0 | 31.0 | 25.8 |
| Connection to Internet | 12.0 | 12.9 | 11.2 | 21.9 | 16.0 | 11.2 | 9.0 |
| Cable television | 76.2 | 78.6 | 72.3 | 80.7 | 79.4 | 77.5 | 73.5 |
| Broadcast television | 48.6 | 46.1 | 52.2 | 47.6 | 45.1 | 48.5 | 51.2 |
| Closed circuit television | 25.5 | 22.7 | 28.7 | 27.2 | 24.5 | 27.0 | 24.8 |
| Satellite dish | 22.9 | 24.9 | 21.7 | 21.6 | 23.0 | 24.7 | 23.8 |

NOTE: Percentages are based on schools that have library media centers. In school year 1990-91,96 percent of public
schools had library media centers.
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