

Thelen, Laurie *75 Outrageous Ways Librarians Can Impact Student Achievement in Grades K-8*. Columbus, OH: Linworth Publishing, 2008. 89p. \$39.95. (ISBN:1586832328)

Making learning fun is the theme the author gives this book. Written especially for the elementary to middle school media specialist, the author gives him or her the tools to build literacy and analyze student achievement. Organized into 75 fun ideas for learning, fundraising tips and helpful hints for library promotion the book involves the entire school in developing literacy skills. There are helpful hints about beginning conversations with classrooms teachers without getting a mere yes or no. Statements such as "I can help you teach that unit" build collaboration between the library media specialist and the classroom instructor. Each lesson lists the national grade standards for that specific subject area. Lesson plan collaboration and project procedures are listed with slides or accompanying information. The end of each plan provides an assessment rubric and a list of additional resources.

The activities involve the entire school with tips for fundraising and promotion. Other events center on specific grades and subject areas. A planning form is provided to assist with designing the project and collaboration. The student assessment rubric affords the specialist a way to analyze the achievements of the students. A data spreadsheet is used to indicate the student's level of understanding. An activity list is divided by grade levels for language arts, science, math, social studies, technology, and music/visual arts/theatre. Using this book the school media specialist will be armed with ideas to increase literacy skills and help the teachers promote learning and achievement.

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