

SAMPLE LETTER TO LIBRARIANS/PRINCIPALS/SCHOOL BOARDS

THE GOOD BOOK CHALLENGE

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Subject: Advocating for the Inclusion of Classic Books in School Libraries

[Date]

[Librarian's/Principal's Name]

[School Name]

Dear [Librarian's/Principal's Name],

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As a member of the [school/community], I am writing to express my strong support for the inclusion of classic books in our school library. Classic literature holds immense educational and cultural value and plays a crucial role in fostering a well-rounded and informed student body.

Classics such as "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, and "1984" by George Orwell offer unique insights into different eras, societies, and human experiences. They stimulate critical thinking, empathy, and a deeper understanding of historical and societal contexts.

These timeless literary works provide an opportunity for students to engage with challenging ideas and diverse perspectives. They encourage critical analysis, discussion, and the development of essential critical thinking skills that are fundamental to academic and personal growth. By exposing students to a wide range of classic literature, we empower them to think critically and form well-informed opinions about the world around them.

Moreover, classic literature often forms the foundation for modern literary works, inspiring many contemporary authors and influencing popular culture. By introducing students to classic books, we enrich their literary experiences and encourage them to explore the evolution of storytelling and ideas throughout history.

I understand the importance of a well-curated library that caters to the varied interests and needs of students. By ensuring the presence of classic books in our school library, we offer an invaluable resource that broadens students' intellectual horizons and encourages a lifelong love of reading.

I kindly request that the school administration and the library team consider actively promoting and integrating classic literature into our school library collection. This can be achieved through the following steps:

Regularly Update the Classic Book Collection: Ensure that the school library maintains an up-to-date and diverse collection of classic literary works that align with the curriculum and offer a wide range of historical, cultural, and philosophical perspectives.

Curate Reading Lists and Displays: Create curated reading lists and displays that feature classic books, showcasing their relevance and encouraging students to explore these literary treasures.

Host Literary Events and Discussions: Organize book clubs, reading sessions, and discussions centered around classic books, fostering an environment where students can engage with these texts and share their insights.

Collaborate with English Departments: Work closely with English teachers to incorporate classic literature into the curriculum, ensuring students have the opportunity to read and analyze these works as part of their academic studies.

I firmly believe that by embracing classic literature in our school library, we will enrich our students' educational experience and help them develop into critical thinkers and well-rounded individuals. Thank you for considering this important initiative. I would be happy to further discuss this matter and offer my assistance in any way that can contribute to the enrichment of our school's literary resources.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

