

I feel that one of the most important functions of the primary school teacher/librarian, in the 21st Century, is to instill in students a love of literature. How diminished is a future devoid of warm, intoxicating, imaginative moments that help children to cope with life? Nursery rhymes and fairy tales start children on the road to a future that is enriched with language. Unfortunately, some parents do not engage with their children in this way. For some children, the school library is their only connection with books. Therefore, an intrinsic role of the primary school teacher/librarian, to my mind, is to bring the wisdom of the past and the excitement of the "still-to-be-written" future literature, to the notice of children. Primary school teacher/librarians do this by sharing stories and introducing children to fictional and real-life characters, who, sometimes, may be the children's only role models and heroes.

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