My library (Irasburg Village School) does not have enough room to hold classes of students.  We occasionally have room to circle up on the rug depending on the size of the class, but there is no table space or presentation room.  We share a space with art and music classes.  In order to not have classes that overlap, I teach lessons in the classrooms and then schedule a separate time for book checkout.  This is a problem for our students because they have limited opportunities to visit the library and when we do have classes in the physical space, our activities are limited.  Only 2 out of 8 classes are held in the actual physical library.  It can be hard to perform readers advisory or make connections from my lessons to the materials we have in the library. Teachers don't visit as often to collaborate so as not to disturb art/music classes.

My library is also not able to accommodate a wheelchair.  This is a problem because our students with different accessibility needs can only access part of the library.  It is not equitable or legal.

I think all Vermont school library spaces need to offer paid time to arrange and manage the space.  This is important because it is extremely difficult to make large, but necessary, changes while students are using it (especially if part-time and in a multi-use space)

If you want to rearrange a section, add a makerspace, change your layout, etc you need to do it on your own time and with no help.

Thank you,

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