My library in Tinmouth is too small to have classes.  It is too small to accommodate desks and chairs and give effective access to the shelves on the walls.  It is too small to have a dynamic and appropriate collection for our learners.  It is too small to be shared with other departments and still be accessible as a library.  There is no room to store materials.  There is no room to have a checkout desk or a permanent computer with a scanner.  It is a box 15'x14' with shelves jutting out 1.5 feet from each wall.  Add to that a desk for a shared teacher and the square footage is approximately 132 square feet.  Fill that with 10-15 children, and me, and there's just no space to move, let alone with even minimal social distancing.  This is a problem because there is no place to start projects, there is no place to draw, or write, or engage in activities other than reading and book selection.  I have a board but if they all brought chromebooks they would have to be on the floor and that requires too much space.  My library will survive but with more space it would surely thrive.

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