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I should like to bring your attention to the following report from the American Library Association:

<http://www.ala.org:80/ala/pressreleases2007/june2007/skillsactpr.htm>

The research referred to here began with the work of Keith Curry Lance in Colorado schools as long ago as 1994. His studies have been replicated numerous times. (See www.iasl-online.org/advocacy/make-a-difference.html).

What is the Queensland Government doing to acknowledge the latest research into the effective involvement of school libraries in the curriculum in improving student learning outcomes?

The following questions were to be asked recently in the NSW Parliament:

http://warriorlibrarian.com/LIBRARY/questions_on_notice.pdf

Note in particular questions 0131 and 0132.

The concerns raised by the questions to the NSW Parliament exist for Queensland Government schools as well. What is the Queensland Government doing to acknowledge the concerns?

Some five years ago, in Queensland, a School Library Review was conducted through the then Access Ed section. I have read that report and it raises many questions that relate to these two sources.

What has happened to that report? If it is being ignored, why?

What is the Department of Education, Arts and Training doing to educate its school administrators on the critical learning strategy of Information Literacy?

I have already sent an email to my local Member and to the Minister for Education.

However, I would like all Government members to make themselves aware of how far behind the thinking about government school libraries in Queensland has become.

With respect, I ask that you please read the information at these sites.

Yours sincerely,

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