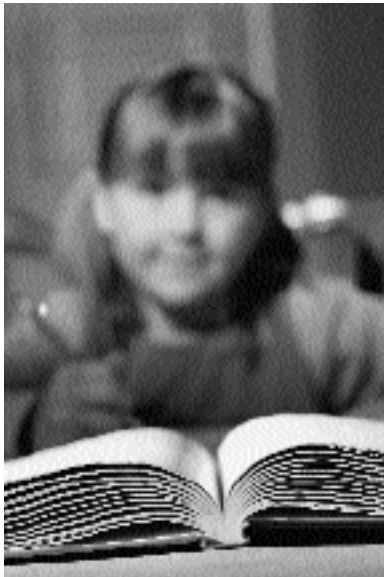


- teachers ask for class sets of novels / materials at various reading levels
- library use goes beyond book exchanges
- students know who you are, know your name and are excited to see you

**What does it take to support literacy?**

- principal / administrative support
- promotion of the importance and value of a teacher-librarian in each school
- a full-time teacher-librarian in every school
- a qualified, dedicated teacher-librarian
- flexible schedule and time
- adequate funding for teacher-librarians, books and equipment
- time, effort and commitment
- support staff

It costs less to support literacy now than to fix the problem later!



Use this information to make yourself a visible, valuable and vital player on your school's literacy team! ■

The President comments:  
**The OSLA's Summer Institutes**  
 in August of each year have become increasingly important to continuing education for teacher-librarians. For more on the role of these institutes, see the report by Michelle Regina on p. 32 and plan to attend next summer's program next August.

**WEB SITES TO USE IN YOUR LITERACY PROGRAMS**

by Sue Tedesco

As teacher-librarians, we have become aware that our role is no longer just the keeper of material and technology. We must also be information specialists. To assist with the increased expectations a review of web sites has been included reflective of this issue's theme of literacy. It is hoped these sites will be of assistance to you and that the needs of both panels (elementary and secondary) are addressed:

**FOR THE P, J, I DIVISIONS:**

<http://www.bookcentre.ca/>

This user-friendly site links you with the Canadian Children's Book Centre, providing a wealth of information on Canadian literature, authors, events, and awards. It provides hot links to authors, professional journals, book reviews, roundtable discussions on children's literature and more.

The site is visually appealing and does not clutter the screen with a large volume of either graphics or excessive information. You are able to control where you would like to go using a very helpful menu of categories and sub categories.

**FOR THE I, S DIVISIONS**

<http://www.publib.saskatoon.sk.ca/novel/welcome.html>

This is also user-friendly but not as visually appealing as bookcentre.ca, although it is a wonderful source of reviews for young adult (aged 12 – 18) Canadian literature. The reviewed fictional literature must be by or about Canadians or must occur in Canada. The site is produced by the Saskatoon Public Library and welcomes searches on authors and subjects and allows you to select from a variety of genres. Hot links are available to other Canadian literary locations by selecting "other cool links". ■