

We are delighted to offer schools in Warwickshire the opportunity to accredit their library service via our national award scheme.

WHAT IS THE AWARD?

The *SLS-UK School Library Award* is available nationally, via the Association of Senior Education and Children's Librarians (ASCEL), administered locally by individual SLSs. We are delighted that the School Library Association (SLA) CILIP School Library Group (SLG) and Libraries Connected (LC) [formerly *The Society of Chief Librarians*] all endorse the Award. Any primary or secondary school may apply to work towards achieving the main award or the **Gold** version for high-achieving services.

The award is a self-assessment process conducted by the designated member of staff in charge of the library and endorsed by the Head Teacher. It is an audit of 20 key activities with supporting documentation where necessary.

For each activity, schools note across three levels how their library service is operating: **Developing** **Establishing** **Enhancing**

Sometimes there is a cumulative development of the service through the three stages, so a school ticking the 'enhancing' box should also tick 'developing' and 'establishing' if these imply a separate activity.

An award is given to a school where the library is achieving 10 or more **separate** activities / services in the 'establishing' and/or 'enhancing' category. A **Gold** award is given for 15 or more services in the 'enhancing' category only.

The process allows schools to achieve the award in a range of library and curriculum-related areas, regardless of sector or financial constraints.

HOW DO SCHOOLS APPLY?

You will need to **email us** for an application pack at:
schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

marking your subject line ***SLS-UK School Library Award (Warwickshire SLS)***

Please ensure your full name, job title and school name are in the body of the email.

The award is open to all schools in Warwickshire.

There is an administrative fee which also covers provision of certificates:

- **£50** for schools who subscribe to Warwickshire SLS
- **£60** for non-subscribing schools who are members of the SLA
- **£70** for all other schools.

Please make sure you enclose invoice details if you are not part of Warwickshire's finance system.

We will send you a pack and will invoice for the fee.

Using the audit sheet in the pack, the designated library or literacy specialist will need to complete the assessment form and return it to Warwickshire SLS signed by him/herself as well as the head teacher.

Staff from Warwickshire SLS will assess the submission and make an award to the school via a certificate as appropriate. Their decision is final, but a school will usually be welcome to re-submit following a minimum six-month gap.

REVALIDATION

This is now possible for the same fee after a period of 5 years or so, or a change in key personnel or circumstances in school.

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