



School libraries will continue to be part of creative solutions going forward to mitigate and reverse learning loss. School librarians are prepared to offer summer and extended day enrichment programs, take home learning kits and equipment, and other resources to promote literacy, learning gains, and social-emotional development at all levels—in fact, many are already doing so, but much more can be done with supplemental funding from ARPA. As school districts plan for summer learning and enrichment, partnering with school libraries is an ideal solution to ensure engagement, inquiry, and project-based learning.

School libraries continue to provide WiFi hotspots and devices for students without connectivity for remote learning. They also support educators in the effective use of technology and best practices for distance and hybrid learning models. These resources are essential to recovery as schools and districts carefully and thoughtfully bring students back into the school building and address crises such as learning loss that disproportionately impacts low-income students and students of color.

The ARPA funding is an invigorating investment in education and our collective future. School libraries are prepared to respond to the priorities of this challenging time and offer solutions for safely reopening schools, promoting access

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