

**DEPED ISSUES GUIDELINES ON SLRS,
IMPROVES PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES, LIBRARY HUBS**

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To strengthen the contribution of school libraries and library hubs as part of school environment and to the learner's development, the Department of Education (DepEd) issued Guidelines on the Provision of Supplementary Learning Resources for Public School Libraries and Library Hubs, as stated in DepEd Order No. 024, series of 2023.

The issuance of these guidelines is to set the standards for the provision of library collections or supplementary learning resources (SLRs) which includes general references, learning area references, fiction books or creative works and non-book type SLRs, for public school libraries and library hubs. These guidelines cover the provision on different processes of SLRs from identification of necessary SLRs, their procurement and distribution. This order also sets proper provision on planning, bidding, supply, and delivery of SLRs with compliance on implementing rules and regulations under appropriate law.

As showed in 2016 and 2018 monitoring and evaluation, there is very few functional public-school libraries and library hubs with outdated collections. Due to insufficient titles in library collections with growing needs of the Filipino learners, the DepEd intended to expand by procuring new titles.

With this, these school libraries and library hubs should have the following to function and to serve its learner - extensive and up-to-date collection, professional and competent staff, relevant and responsive policies, adequate reading and learning spaces, responsive

Information and Communication Technology reading and learning tools and equipment, and compliance with DepEd library programs and information services.

Moreso, these school libraries and library hubs serve to support the K-to-12 Curriculum and its literacy and numeracy programs through equitable provision of quality and accessible SLRs; and to advocate a culture of reading, research, and innovation.

As the department aims to strengthen the relevance of the SLRs to the learning and development of its learners, this order ensures that this contributes to the department's goal of improved learning system in the country.

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