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# School Library Award

Accredit your school library via our award scheme



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# What is the Award?

# How Do Schools Apply?

The **SLS-UK School Library Award** was initiated by Warwickshire Schools Library Service in 2012. It is now available nationally via ASCEL and administered locally by individual Schools Library Services.

We are delighted that the School Library Association (SLA) the School Libraries Group of CILIP (SLG) and the Society of Chief Librarians (SCL) have endorsed the new 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 assess across three levels how their library service is operating:

## Developing

## Establishing

## Enhancing

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 scheme allows schools to achieve in a range of areas, regardless of sector or financial constraints.

- Email your Schools Library Service (SLS) for an application pack or email [schoolslibraryservicesuk@gmail.com](mailto:schoolslibraryservicesuk@gmail.com) putting **SLS-UK School Library Award** in the subject line. Please ensure your full name, job title and school name are in the body of the email.
- We will pass your application to an SLS which has agreed to administer the award.
- There is an administrative fee which also covers provision of certificates:
  - £40 for schools who subscribe to an SLS
  - £50 for non-subscribing schools who are SLA members
  - £60 for all other schoolsPlease make sure you include invoice details.
- 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 the SLS administering the award signed by him/herself as well as the head teacher.
- Staff from the 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 be welcome to re-submit following a minimum six-month gap.

## REVALIDATION

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