Access to a wide variety of excellent Children’s books will help fire a child’s imagination, increase his/her access to information, develop his/her literacy skills and most importantly of all inspire him/her to want to read for pleasure and for information.

 Availability of library books should be a very normal part of the curriculum and funding should be made available for transport etc. While library visits are very much part of life in some families, many children are entirely dependent upon class visits to the library. These visits can prove to be the catalyst that awakens the child’s interest in books and reading.

 A good school library is also vital to a child’s education especially in the areas of literacy and numeracy. As librarians we feel that it is very important that the school library grant scheme be restored to enable schools stock a wide range of books for their students to access.

 Secondary Schools students should have access to a good library in their schools so that their love of reading is fostered as well as their information gathering skills are sharpened. Many secondary schools suffer from very inadequate school libraries so students are dependent upon being able to access their public library. This often causes difficulties for children from rural or suburban areas who need to catch busses etc immediately after school closes.