

**I just discovered this article in the Washington Post, published five days ago (2/19).**

**D.C. school librarians want the district to keep them employed even if budgets are tight.**  
[<https://tinyurl.com/udehh2h>]

**It was too late to write a letter to the editor, but I posted this on the Washington Post website, same link as above.**

**The Post's report on the movement to reduce the number of school librarians has a serious omission: the failure to mention the research. In a recent review, published in a highly prestigious journal, Keith Curry Lance and Debra Kachel recently concluded that "... the most substantial and consistent finding is a positive relationship between full-time, qualified school librarians and scores on standards-based language arts, reading, and writing tests, regardless of student demographics and school characteristics."**

**I suggest that decision makers and journalists inform themselves about this research.**

**Lance and Kachel's paper, "Why school librarians matter: What years of research tell us" is available for free download at: <https://kappanonline.org/lance-kachel-school-librarians-matter-years-research/>.**

**Among the posted comments, only one mentioned this research. See post by Educaitonfirsttochangetheworld.**

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