Brandon Ellis

School Librarian

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SUMMARY

Certified school librarian with 3 years leading a middle school library and 4 years as an English teacher before that. Teaches research and information literacy lessons, selects books with teachers to support the curriculum and manages a $20K materials budget. Runs a library that 900 students visit for reading, research and quiet study.

EXPERIENCE

School Librarian

08/2023 - Present

Barton Hollow Middle School

Austin, TX

Librarian at a 900-student grade 6-8 campus.

- Teach **120+** research and information literacy lessons a year, aligned to English and science TEKS units.
- Select books and databases with department heads, spending a $20K materials budget on curriculum-linked titles.
- Manage circulation, cataloging and inventory of 16,000 items in Destiny Library Manager with a part-time clerk.
- Launch a lunch book club and a Lone Star reading list challenge that draw 140 students each year.

English Teacher

08/2019 - 06/2023

Wilbarger Creek High School

Pflugerville, TX

English I and II teacher at a 2,600-student high school.

- Taught 5 sections of English I and II to **150** students a year, raising STAAR passing rates by 9 points.
- Partnered with the campus librarian on a research paper unit that used 4 library databases.
- Built Canvas courses for 2 grade levels and trained 6 colleagues to use them during hybrid learning.
- Coached the campus UIL literary criticism team to 2 district placements.

SKILLS

- **Information Literacy**
- **Collection Development**
- **Destiny Library Manager**
- **Cataloging**
- **Research Databases**
- **Canvas**
- **Curriculum Planning**
- **Budget Management**
- **Microsoft Office**
- **Communication Skills**

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Information Studies

The University of Texas at Austin

School Librarianship

Austin, TX

05/2023

CERTIFICATES

School Librarian (EC-12) Certificate

Texas Education Agency

07/2023

English Language Arts and Reading 7-12 Certificate

Texas Education Agency

06/2019