

The School Library Monthly Update



BEYOND THE SHELVES: EXPLORING THE BENEFITS OF AI IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

School librarians are at the forefront of cultivating a resource-rich environment for students, and the newest here-to-stay resource is generative AI.

Generative AI is a technology that learns from various examples and then creates new, original things like images, text, or music based on what it learned.

So what do school librarians need to know about AI? **See more on page 2.**

TO-DO

- Use the [School Library Collection Development Guide](#) to help review your policy.
- Be the copyright expert in your school with help from the [School Library Copyright Guide](#)!
- ✓ Check out the [School/Public Library Collaboration Guide](#).

REMINDERS

- The [School Library Services](#) page of the SDSL website has a variety of helpful guides for all of your school library needs.
- ✓ [Register for the 2023 SD Library Association Conference.](#)
- ✓ The School Library Collect + Connect Meet-Ups are back for the 2023-2024 school year. [Enroll today!](#)

EVENTS

SDLA Conference 2023

September 27-29, Rapid City

SDSL Literacy Workshop

October 12, Pierre

School Library Collect + Connect

Every Month

More

[SDSL Events Calendar](#)

FOUR Ways to Effectively Use AI in the School Library

1 Personalized Recommendations

AI can analyze students' reading preferences, borrowing history, and academic needs to provide personalized book recommendations. This not only encourages students to explore new genres but also helps them discover resources aligned with their interests and studies.

Research Assistance

AI can assist students in finding relevant and reliable sources for their research projects. It can help them formulate search queries, suggest keywords, and provide information on various topics.

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3 Idea Generation

AI can help school librarians generate topics, questions, ideas, themes, etc. for book clubs, storytelling and read-alouds, newsletters, bulletin boards and book displays, interactive learning activities, back-to-school library orientations, lessons, and so much more!

Career & College Guidance

AI can provide information about different career paths, college options, scholarship opportunities, and application processes, assisting students in making informed decisions about their future.

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Not sure where to start? Explore and experiment with **ChatGPT** and then do an internet search for AI tools for librarians!