

Lisa Cataldi

From: Librarian Jess <librarianeco@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2026 9:29 PM
To: House Education Committee
Subject: bill, 2026 -- H 7417: Support School Libraries in Every Rhode Island School

You don't often get email from librarianeco@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Rhode Island Legislators,

I am writing to urge you to support legislation requiring every school in Rhode Island to have a library staffed by a certified librarian.

Research consistently shows that schools with active library programs and professional librarians have higher or improving student achievement, stronger literacy skills, and better research and critical thinking abilities. Librarians play a vital role in helping students develop a love of reading while also teaching them how to find, evaluate, and use information responsibly.

For many students, the school library is their primary access to books, technology, and academic support. Ensuring that every school has a library and a trained librarian is an investment in student success and educational equity.

Passing this legislation would be a meaningful step toward strengthening education across Rhode Island. I strongly encourage you to support it.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to Rhode Island students.

Sincerely,

Jessica Pelletier
In support of: bill, 2026 -- H 7417