

In 1991, I started my career as an educator. In my third year of teaching, I was nominated to be the teacher of the year. Humbled by the recognition, I refused to accept the nomination because I wanted more for the students and the school. In those days, teaching shaped my philosophy and it continues to shape my philosophy for librarianship. I believe librarians are educators who can help every patron who enters their library to improve their quality of life through books and resources that meets their needs.

In 1993-1994, I knew that the population of students that I had the privilege to educate needed more-more resources, better books and the technology to be prepared for the future. Franklin D. Roosevelt said, “We cannot build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future”(Goodreads, 2021). I believe librarians are the ones who can prepare the youth for the future. “Librarians can do this by working effectively with others to broaden perspectives and work toward common goals” (American Association of Librarians, 2018).

The role of librarians has changed over the years as society’s literacy needs have evolved. The importance of reading and how to love books have become more and more essential and critical to our youth. We need to impress on every individual, young and old, the significance of reading to their intellectual and behavioral growth. AASL’s first Common Belief describes and summarizes my philosophy on librarianship (2018, p.11):

- “The school library is a unique and essential part of a learning community.”
- “The school librarian ensures that the school library environment provides all members of the school community access to information and technology, connecting learning to real-world events.”

I shall continue to hold to the belief as a librarian in the importance of providing a welcoming environment with access to updated, meaningful resources that meet the diversified needs of every individual. As librarians, working collaboratively, we must strive to prepare our youth for the future.

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