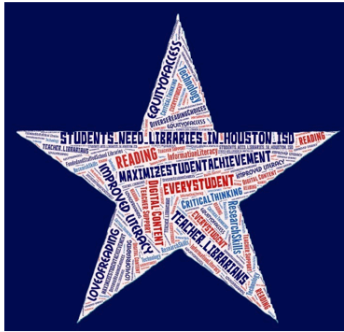




Students Need Libraries in HISD

<https://www.studentsneedlibrariesinhisd.org/>

Every Houston ISD student deserves a full-time certified school librarian and a fully-stocked library.



**FRIENDS of HISD
LIBRARIES**

Friends of HISD Libraries

<https://www.friendsofhisdlibraries.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HISDFriends>

We work to expand HISD libraries' capacity through funding and volunteer support, and to advocate for HISD libraries as essential centers of student learning.

"Food for Thought as Summer Comes On." SNL Speaks Out Blog, May 30, 2025

SNL Newsletter, May 30, 2025: **Celebrating HISD Libraries and...**

Library Program of the Year: This award invites HISD campuses to nominate their campus library staff. These library candidates then complete a rigorous application process that includes submission of a digital portfolio illustrating their library program, followed by an interview of the 4-5 finalists each year. The winner is selected by a panel of judges using a predefined rubric. Judges are retired school librarians and previous winners. The program has been going since 1986, formerly as Librarian of the Year.

HISD Schools without Functioning Libraries cover 105,494 students, 93% of whom are Economically Disadvantaged. See linked map.

Wasted ESSER Funds

\$19,540,043 ESSER expenditures for Houston ISD library resources through Spring 2023

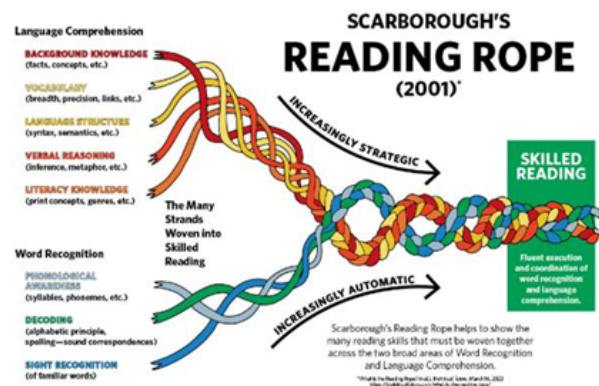
\$10,403,430 Wasted ESSER-purchased library resources due to HISD library closures as of May 2025

READING STAMINA

"Scarborough's Reading Rope." Landmark Outreach 14 Oct 2022.

"It's Not Just About the Phonics" by Sarah Schwartz.

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