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#### CHAPTER I

#### THE PROBLEM AND DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED

The elementary school library is the center where a full range of print and audio-visual media are accessible to students and teachers (2:xv). The elementary school library is sometimes known by other names such as the instructional materials center, media center, or learning resource center. These names indicate that the library is not just a storehouse for books, but the center from which learning and learning materials may be obtained. The elementary school library, as described above, has only recently become part of the elementary school. Prior to 1960 most elementary schools did not have a centralized library service. The common trend was for each room to have a small collection of books. These collections were often traded between rooms or continuously shared by the students of different rooms (18:464).

The emphasis for centralized libraries within a school building has been the result of many factors. The collection in a room was always limited in size and content. The books became worn and outdated. They were not usually classified in a way in which location of needed informa-

tion could be readily found.

The multimedia approach to education, based on the recognition that children learn in different ways, probably caused the greatest need for a centralized library (19:18). The multimedia approach is to present the concept to be learned in an array of ways by exposing the student to many materials of various types. The American Library Association stresses that:

The media program is indispensable in the educational programs that now stress individual-ization, inquiry, and independent learning for students. Media convey information, affect the message, control what is learned, and establish the learning environment (2:1,3).

Media, then is seen as a tool to enhance learning. New learning programs and individualized programs have stressed the use of media and have included media in their programs. Publishers have expanded their output to include many related materials in the form of books, tapes, discs, cassettes, films, filmstrips, film loops, slides, transparencies, kits, collections, and pictures. Government monies have encouraged the acquisition of book collections and various other types of media. The logical place for the storage and circulation of this media is in the school library (13:475).

In this way the elementary school library emerges. Space has been made available for the library facilities by remaking a former classroom, by moving a portable building to the school site, or by building an addition

to the school. In new school buildings, the library is often centrally located, easily accessible to students and teachers, and is constructed to accommocate individuals, small groups, and class size groups. The center is capable of handling a continuous flow of users.

When a new library is created, its successful continuation becomes dependent upon many things:

- 1. The collection must be kept up to date. The acquisition of new and relevant materials is a continuous process. It is necessary to remove unused and outdated materials from the collection. It is also necessary to duplicate worn materials and those heavily used.
- 2. The collection must be useable. Not just the books, but all materials should be classified in an organized, easy to use, method (1:4). Up to date catalogues and guides should be available for the collection. Materials should be properly and speedily reshelved.
- 3. The library must be properly staffed. The duties assumed by the librarian include those of selecting materials, acting as a resource person, and guiding individual students in learning activities. These duties closely parallel those of a teacher and demand that the librarian be a professionally trained person (23:17).
- 4. Students must possess the necessary skills for the proper utilization of the library. Skills include

- those processes, ideas, methods, and tools used in the library to locate and assimilate information.
- 5. The library must be available to students at any time they may personally have need to use it (17:8).

#### I. THE PROBLEM

#### Statement of the Problem

This study investigates two factors that were assumed to influence the amount and kind of library skills acquired by fifth grade students during the period of two consecutive years at Harvard Elementary School. The two factors were teacher-librarian cooperation and library availability.

### Purpose of the Study

Students, with the expansion of knowledge, should be able to seek independently that part of knowledge which seems important to them. Library skills can be keys to this knowledge. The study of literature points to the fact that cooperation between the teacher and the librarian is highly desirable in teaching library skills (9:3). Literature further points that it is an individual's right to have available information (1:7).

A child learns things which are meaningful to him. Library skills will be more meaningful if these skills are related to what the child is learning in the classroom.

Teacher-librarian cooperation and extended availability of the library were attempts to aid meaningful learning. This study was designed to relate that through teacher-librarian cooperation, there would be a gain in the mastery of library skills. This study was further designed to note that through the extended availability of the library there would be a gain in the mastery of library skills.

#### Limitations of the Study

An attempt has been made to note those extraneous variables which might have been a possible limitation to this study. The writer of this paper was personally involved in the study as a teacher of two of the groups of children. The writer of this paper and the teacher of the other two groups did not correlate their library skills emphasis with each other. The extended use of the library was only possible when this use did not inconvenience other classes. The test used, Peabody Library Information Test, Elementary Level, was copyrighted in 1940. A discussion of this test is given in Chapter III.

#### II. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED

### Library

The term library has specifically been used to mean elementary school library. The term library has been used rather than media center, instructional materials center,

or learning resource center. The definition for the term library was found in the <u>Dictionary of Education</u>:

An organized collection of books and other teaching aids housed in a school for the use of pupils and teachers and in charge of a librarian or a teacher (7:319).

### Library Skills

The <u>Dictionary of Education</u> defines skills as:
"Anything that the individual has learned to do with ease and precision (7:503). Library skills in this study referred to those processes, ideas, methods, and tools used in the library to locate and assimilate information.

#### Cooperation

Cooperation was defined as the joint effort of the librarian and teacher in teaching library skills and in presenting follow-up activities to strengthen and utilize these skills.

### Library Availability

Library availability has been used to refer to student accessibility to the library.

### Experimental Groups

The term experimental groups referred to those groups of children who received extended use of the library and those groups whose teachers cooperated with the librarian in library skills training.

#### Control Groups

The term control groups referred to those groups of children who were limited to one weekly half hour library period and those groups whose teachers made no proclaimed or intentional attempt to cooperate with the librarian in library skills training.

# CHAPTER II

#### REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

The review of the literature was done with reference to the following four areas: 1. The consequences when library skills are not taught. 2. Evidence to support the value in teaching library skills. 3. Teacher-librarian cooperation related to positive skills assimilation. 4. The effect that availability of the library has on skill learning.

# I. THE CONSEQUENCES WHEN LIBRARY SKILLS ARE NOT TAUGHT

Society is placing strong demands upon the schools in the area of accountability. Case has said "Education is going to be on the firing line to be held accountable for what it achieves." He goes further to say that librarians must be able to "relate their ability to meet the job performance requirements directly to the successful development of the final product—the student" (4:852).

Morse declares, "The library cannot be operated as though it were a passive repository for printed material" (14:1). The library should be a living, vibrant, function-

ing organism of the school program which meets the needs of the individual students. This should not take away from the fact that the facilities of a library ought to be discovered and explored by every child. Rhodes reports about the elementary school student in this way:

He feels more free to explore, to take the books down from the shelves, to handle them, to sample. In these years he has time that he may never have again, once the burden of extensive homework falls on his shoulders, to wonder without definite goals to follow his own desires and interests among books (17:7).

According to statistical data obtained by Morse, there are college students who never develop skills but continue to locate materials in an exploratory manner.

Morse concluded, "Browsing, as a method of finding the book or periodical desired, is at least as popular as the use of the card catalogue" (14:185). In an article by Tripp, those who do not possess certain skills have not reached a degree of maturity:

Students are abysmally ignorant of the most basic reference tools, and often the teachers who sent them there seem not much better informed. The student who has learned to gather information quickly and efficiently has mastered the mechanics of maturity as a student, much as in learning the conventions of social behavior he masters the mechanics of maturity as a social being (21:4514).

# II. EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE VALUE IN TEACHING LIBRARY SKILLS

A skills program in schools was well under way in

Washington State by 1964. Eight hundred thirty-six elementary schools responded to a survey conducted by the Washington State Office of Public Instruction. The survey indicated that eight-seven percent of the schools responding to the survey gave library orientation to new students at the beginning of the school year. Seventy-seven percent had planned programs of instruction beyond the orientation period. Fifty percent had their own curriculum guide or manual for library instruction (22:63).

Rhodes expressed that ability to use library skills is "attitude-conditioning", and should be trained in the child in the early impressionable years. This author further says that the child gains independence through using the school library. This independence will later help him cope with the high school curriculum (17:7).

Gaver makes the reference to the value of relating library skills to the curriculum:

Children who have had systematic instruction in library skills closely related to the curriculum and the opportunity to use an organized library collection consistently and continuously score higher on work-study tests and/or on tests of library skills than do children lacking this opportunity (5:121).

Henne concurs with this idea of integrating the program of library instruction with the curriculum. The skills needed will be determined by the content of the curriculum and the kinds of library resources used (8:18).

Skills for the curriculum are important, but there is something more important than the curriculum—the needs of the individual student. Differing abilities exist in addition to the differing needs of students. Henne makes the following statement about abilities:

In the program of library instruction, the recognition of individual abilities is stressed . . . When the program of library instruction is truly integrated with classroom instruction, the needs of the retarded, the slow, the underachieving, and the academically talented are taken care of in a realistic and natural way (8:17).

To summarize the articles in this section, Bowden closely agrees with others in writing the all inclusive statement:

Children not only require mastery of the tools of learning--reading, writing, and arithmetic--but effective methods of locating and using the tremendous amounts of information available to them (3:1).

# III. TEACHER-LIBRARIAN COOPERATION RELATED TO POSITIVE SKILLS ASSIMILATION

Library guides produced by school systems tend to point to the fact that student involvement in the library, including the learning of skills, is under the joint responsibility of the teacher and the librarian. The library guide for Highline Public Schools states:

A cooperative plan is needed between the librarian and the teacher for teaching the skills that will enable students to use the library effectively (9:3).

The idea of cooperation is picked up by the Long Beach Public Schools by the statement that "teacher-librarian cooperation is essential to maximum student growth and development" (12:7). The Pasco School District speaks of a team in their library guide:

When teachers and librarians form a team and work together, they help promote study skills that lead to independence in learning (16:ii).

The Oakland Public Schools guide links teacher-librarian cooperation with a successful school program (15:1).

This apparent need for cooperation is also voiced by other writers. Jones includes the administration in the cooperation and refers to such cooperation as an essential ingredient for an effective library program (11:16). Hodges reports that recent research indicates the teacher and librarian working together have a greater influence on pupils' reading than either the teacher or librarian working alone (10:1). In the conclusions of a study done by Sturdivant, she noted "The presence of the classroom teacher in the library during the skills instruction seemed to have an added learning effect on students" (20:30).

In a study done by Gengler a different approach was taken to the same cooperative problem. An experimental group had librarian operated library instruction classes which helped assist classroom teachers in providing problem solving skill training. The control group did not have a

librarian available. The results of a selected skills test indicated the experimental group obtained a significantly higher mean (6:34).

# IV. THE EFFECT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE LIBRARY HAS ON SKILL LEARNING

A problem closely related to the acquisition and maintenance of library skills is the availability of the library facilities. The American Library Association includes in its standards the statement that:

It is the right of every child and young person in a democratic society to have the resources of learning easily accessible, primarily because these resources and the school library program that implements their use constitute a fundamental part of the education of youth (1:7).

The idea of availability does not only refer to the presence of materials in the school building, but how readily available these materials are to the child when he has a need for them. Rhodes makes the statement that:

The immediate availability of books when the library is a part of the elementary school becomes important when the sense of timing of children is considered... Books can be obtained immediately from the school library. The hunger to fill the need can vanish between right now and soon (17:8).

Gaver positively links the opportunity to use an organized library collection consistently and continuously with scores achieved on tests (5:121). To schedule classes of students in the library without regard to need seems

illogical. Individual needs can be better met when the child is free to use the library at any time.

# CHAPTER III DESIGN OF THE STUDY

This study was done at Harvard Elementary School, Franklin Pierce School District #402, Tacoma, Washington. The study began in the school year 1969-1970, and was concluded in the school year 1970-1971. Four fifth grade classes were used in the study.

The question, "How can the library best be used to student advantage?" was the incentive for this study. The study was designed to compare two aspects: teacher-librarian cooperation in skills training and availability of the library facilities.

Teacher-librarian cooperation in skills training was used primarily to mean that the teacher, being aware of skills taught by the librarian, presented follow-up activities to strengthen and utilize these skills.

The library in question was not readily available to student use. The library occupied a former thirty by thirty foot classroom, accessible by a single door. The presence of bookshelves, tables, work areas, and carrels, caused the room to be crowded when used by an entire class. The library was serviced by a qualified librarian for a

period of two and one-half hours each afternoon. Each class had a weekly scheduled one half-hour period for its use. The library room was used for special education classes during part of each morning.

Extended use of the library was obtained by allowing students to leave the classroom, at any time, to go to the library. The library was available for use before and after school, during recess and lunch, when the room was empty, and when the class in the library was not involved in listening to skills presentation, to instruction, or to a story.

The standardized test used to measure gain in library skills was the <u>Peabody Library Information Test</u>,

<u>Elementary Level</u> written by Louis Shores and Joseph E.

Moore. A copy of this test may be found in Appendix B.

This test, copyrighted in 1940, was the only available standardized test for library skills.

The <u>Peabody Library Information Test</u> is a comprehensive library test having ninety-seven questions covering seventeen areas involving library skills and library related knowledge. The use of a comprehensive test was advisable because the teachers of the different groups may have emphasized differing aspects involving library skills. The Peabody test includes questions involving the Dewey Decimal Classification System, as commonly used in school libraries.

Testing in the field of specialized media would be difficult as there are many types of media and various methods of classification.

The library skills presented by the librarian and the skills which received follow-up by the teachers were not related to those on the test in any systematic way. A pre-test and post-test using the same form was given to all groups. The pre-test was given in November of each school year. This was after the librarian had presented all orientation and all formal skills instruction. The post-test was given in late May each year.

# I. DESCRIPTION OF CLASS GROUPS AND EACH GROUP'S PART IN THE STUDY

### Group A

Group A was one of the two fifth grade classes enrolled in Harvard Elementary School during the school year
1969-1970. Group A had twenty-seven students who were
enrolled from September through June. Students who came
and/or left during the year were not a part of this study.
The mean intelligence quotient for Group A was 104.15, as
measured by the Lorge-Thorndike Intelligence Test. The
students of Group A received library orientation and skills
instruction from the librarian. The oreintation and skills
instruction was similar to that given to the other three

groups and was in accordance with the district's library curriculum guide. There was no proclaimed or intentional cooperation between the teacher and the librarian in the teaching of library skills or in follow-up activities involving library skills. Group A served as a control group to check the aspect of teacher-librarian cooperation in skills training.

Group A had access to the school library for one scheduled weekly period. During this half hour period students became orientated to the library facilities, received skills instruction, selected materials for classroom assignments, selected materials for personal interests and recreational reading, and were responsible for the circulation procedures of the materials they selected. Little opportunity was afforded for additional use of the library facilities. Group A also served as a control group to check the aspect of the availability of the library facilities.

### Group B

Group B was the second fifth grade class enrolled in Harvard Elementary School during the school year 1969-1970. Group B had twenty-four students enrolled from September through June. The mean intelligence quotient was 104.04, as measured by the <a href="Lorge-Thorndike">Lorge-Thorndike</a> Intelligence Test. The students of Group B received library orientation and skills instruction similar to that of Group A. There

was no proclaimed or intentional cooperation between the teacher and the librarian in teaching of or in follow-up of library skills. Group B served as a control group to check the aspect of teacher-librarian cooperation in skills training.

Group B had access to the school library for one scheduled weekly period. The students in Group B, however, were allowed to use the library at various times when it did not inconvenience other classes. This extended use involved class activities when the entire class worked in the library on some specific assignment and personal activities when an individual would go to the library to seek information or select materials. Opportunity was provided for each student in Group B to make a visit to the Main Branch of the Tacoma Public Library to select books. Group B also served as an experimental group to check the aspect of the availability of the library facilities.

### Group C

Group C was one of the two fifth grade classes enrolled in Harvard Elementary School during the school year
1970-1971. Group C had twenty-eight students. The mean
intelligence quotient was 108.86, as measured by the LorgeThorndike Intelligence Test. The students of Group C received library orientation and skills instruction similar
to that received by Groups A and B the year before. The

teacher planned and presented follow-up activities related to some of the skills training given by the librarian.

Most of these activities were related to subject matter taught by that teacher. These activities were not elaborated upon here because the writer of this paper and the other teacher did not correlate any of their activities involving library skills. Group C served as an experimental group to check the aspect of teacher-librarian cooperation in skills training.

Group C had access to the school library for one scheduled weekly period. Little opportunity was afforded for additional use of the library facilities. Group C also served as a control group to check the aspect of availability of the library facilities.

#### Group D

Group D was the second fifth grade class enrolled in Harvard Elementary School during the school year 1970-1971. Group D had thirty-two students. The mean intelligence quotient was 109.84, as measured by the Lorge-Thorndike Intelligence Test. The students of Group D received library orientation and skills instruction similar to that received by the other groups. The teacher planned and presented follow-up activities related to some of the skills training given by the librarian. A sampling of these activities or lessons may be found in Appendix A.

Group D served as an experimental group to check the aspect of teacher-librarian cooperation in skills training.

Group D had access to the school library for one scheduled weekly period. The students in Group D were allowed extended use of the library similar to that of Group B. Students in Group D made a visit to the Main Branch of the Tacoma Public Library. Group D served as an experimental group to check the aspect of availability of the library facilities.

Table I is a summary of how each class group related to the rest in terms of class size, intelligence quotient, year involved, and whether a control or an experimental group for teacher-librarian cooperation and library availability.

TABLE I SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES AMONG GROUPS A, B, C, AND D

Group	Year	Group I.Q.	Size	Cooperation Aspect	Extended Use Aspect
A	196 <b>9-</b> 70	104.15	27	Control	Control
В	1969-70	104.04	24	Control	Experiment
G	1970-71	108.86	28	Experiment	Control
D	1970-71	109.84	32	Experiment	Experiment

# II. SUBJECT MATTER ACTIVITIES UTILIZING LIBRARY SKILLS

The lessons or activities included in Appendix A

were all related to subject matter taught to Group D. Objectives involving library skills were as follows:

The primary objective was that students would develop skills in finding, reading, and organizing information from various sources independently.

The secondary objectives were: (1) students would become aware of a need for classification in a library, (2) students would establish an understanding of the classification system used, (3) students would demonstrate an ability to locate materials, (4) students would demonstrate an ability to use the card catalog, (5) students would become familiar with many types of reference materials, (6) students would become familiar with the collection in general.

A sampling of the lessons or activities given to Group D appears in Appendix A.

# CHAPTER IV PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA

The results of the study, as determined by the pretest and post-test of the <u>Peabody Library Information Test</u>, <u>Elementary Level</u>, are discussed in this chapter. Table II shows the mean pre-test scores and the mean post-test scores along with the numerical gain of the post-test over the pre-test.

TABLE II

MEAN SCORE GAIN OF POST-TEST OVER PRE-TEST FOR GROUPS A, B, C, AND D

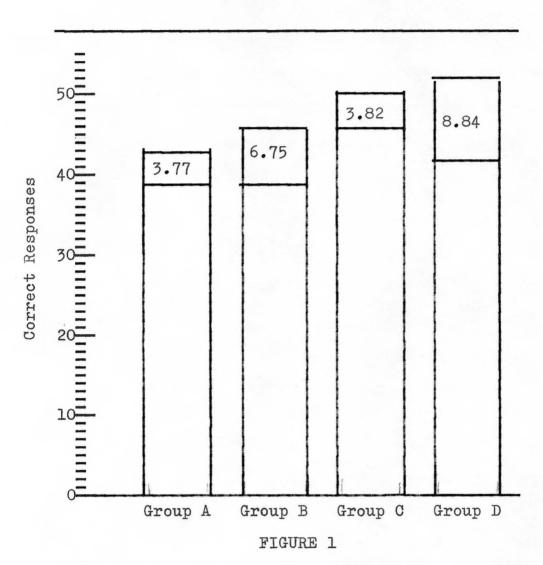
Groups	Pre-test Score Mean	Post-test Score Mean	Numerical Gain
A	38.93	42.70	3.77
В	38.83	45.58	6.75
C	45.79	49.61	3.82
D	42.13	50.97	8.84

For each group, the mean post-test score is higher than the mean pre-test score. Groups B and D show gains that are considerably higher than those of Groups A and C. Group D shows the greatest gain.

The results as indicated by Table II can be further clarified by a comparison with Table I. Group A, a control group for both teacher-librarian cooperation and the extended availability of the library, had a mean gain of 3.77 correct responses or the smallest gain of the four groups. Group B, a control group for cooperation but an experimental group for extended availability, had a higher mean gain of 6.75 correct responses. Group C, an experimental group for cooperation but a control group for extended availability, had a mean gain of 3.82. Group C's gain was comparable to that of Group A. Group D, an experimental group for both cooperation and extended availability, had the greatest mean gain, that of 8.84 correct responses. Figure 1 graphically shows the gains of the four groups.

Table III shows a breakdown of the question groups with the post-test scores as a percent of the pre-test scores. The high rise in percentages for the last three items may be attributed to the fact that an increasing number of students finished the post-test who did not finish the pre-test within the thirty minute time limit.

Question group number five deals with numeration ability. Each of the four groups had some skills training in numeration from the librarian prior to the pre-test. Each group had some proficiency in numeration at the time of the pre-test. The pre-test percentage scores for ques-



THE MEAN GAIN IN CORRECT RESPONSES OF THE POST-TEST OVER THE PRE-TEST FOR GROUPS A, B, C, AND D

TABLE III

THE POST-TEST SCORES AS A PERCENT OF THE PRE-TEST SCORES BY QUESTION GROUPS

Question Group	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1	11.03	15.87	2.50	12.09
2	8.47	28.26	-2.82	16.42
3	0	14.55	6.15	17.53
4	0	4.48	0	5.83
5	-66.67	6.38	-18.18	37.04
6	7.14	6.17	88	5.88
7	- 5.26	10.48	- 2.65	-15.58
8	17.54	17.54	56.61	50.00
9	8.16	-21.43	1.59	4.11
10	7.06	- 3.80	18.18	15.52
11	160.00	40.00	0	5.00
12	22.97	19.72	4.00	27.55
13	-30.56	46.67	18.75	19.30
14	33.33	17.02	12.66	58.62
15	50.00	66.67	163.65	208.34
16	90.63	186.36	36.07	272.00
17	180.00	220.00	62.50	899.71

tion group five were Group A--37.04, Group B--39.17, Group C--27.86, and Group D--33.75. Group D shows a sizable increase and Group B shows a small increase. Both Groups A and C suffered excessive losses. The students in Group D participated in activities involving the arrangement of numerals.

Table IV shows question group items which showed a gain of twenty percentage points or more on the post-test over the pre-test.

TABLE IV

POST-TEST QUESTION GROUP SCORES WHICH GAINED TWENTY
PERCENTAGE POINTS OVER PRE-TEST SCORES

Group	Question Group	Pre-test	Post-test	Gain
A	16	23.70	45.19	21.49
В	16	18.33	52.50	34.17
C	8	37.86	59.29	21.43
D	8	41.25	61.88	20.63
D	14	45.31	71.88	26.57
D	16	15.63	58.13	42.50

All items shown on this table represent a gain of one or more correct responses per student on the question group indicated.

Question group number sixteen deals with interpreting

information found in a bibliographic entry. Groups A, B, and D have considerable gains on this question group. Group D, which shows the largest gain of 42.50 percentage points, participated in activities involving bibliographic entries. Activities for Group D appear in Appendix A.

Question group number fourteen deals with interpreting information found in a Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature reference. The reference was similar to a bibliographic entry. Group D participated in activities involving bibliographic entries.

Question group number eight deals with locating information with the aid of cross references. Groups C and D had considerable gains. None of the Group D activities closely related with this question group. Both Groups C and D worked extensively with encyclopedias which may explain the gain in this cross reference area.

Two additional question groups noted are groups twelve and fifteen as referred to in Table III. Question group number twelve, dealing with locating subjects and titles in the card catalog can be associated with one of the Group D activities. Group D had a gain which was higher than the gains of the other groups but this gain was not significant. Question group number fifteen deals with general library related knowledge. Group D had a considerable gain in percentage points of 19.53.

Table II indicated that Group D had a greater mean gain than did Groups A, B, or C. Tables III and IV indicated that Group D had greater gains on various question groups than did Groups A, B, or C.

#### CHAPTER V

#### SUMMARY, OBSERVATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chapter V contains a summary of the study, a discussion of the observations made by the writer of this paper in relation to the results of the pre-test and the post-test and recommendations involving possible implementations and future studies.

#### I. SUMMARY

The intent of this study was to determine whether the two factors, teacher-librarian cooperation and library availability, would influence the amount and kind of library skills that would be acquired by fifth grade students. The study was conducted over a two year period beginning with the school year 1969-1970, and ending with the 1970-1971 school year. Four fifth grade classes enrolled in Harvard Elementary School, Franklin Pierce School District, Tacoma, Washington, were evaluated as to library skills acquired by a pre-test and a post-test of the Peabody

Library Information Test, Elementary Level.

#### II. OBSERVATIONS

Each of the four groups in the study made some progress from the time they took the pre-test until the time they took the post-test. The knowledge they had at the time of the pre-test was assumed to have been influenced by the skills training program given by the school librarian. The students evidently acquired the additional skills by using the library. This use, in some instances, had the support of training and guidance by the librarian and/or the teacher. It is not probable that much of the test was remembered over the six month lapse of time between the pre-test and the post-test. Neither of the tests was announced in advance nor were the results discussed by the teachers.

It was evidenced by comparing the results of the post-test with those of the pre-test that the aspects of teacher-librarian cooperation and extended library availability did effect the amount and kind of library skills that were acquired by the various groups of students. The results of tests showed students of Group D gained most in the acquisition of library skills when they were allowed extended use of the library and when there was teacher-librarian cooperation in the presentation and follow-up of library skills training.

When students of Group B received extended use of

the library without teacher-librarian cooperation, there was still considerable gain in the acquisition of library skills. When students in Groups A and C were limited to a weekly one-half hour period in the library the addition of the teacher-librarian cooperation aspect had no measurable effect on the acquisition of library skills.

The study by Sturdivant recommended that: "further investigation would be desirable to determine the extent of the influence of the classroom teacher on her students in the library" (20:30). The writer of this paper would have to conclude that teacher cooperation with the librarian in library skills training has no measurable influence when the use of these skills in a library is limited. Rivlin has stated:

The full educational use of the school library is not achieved through a short series of special lessons on the use of the card catalogue and reference books (18:464).

The results of this study have indicated through teacher-librarian cooperation there were gains in the mastery of library skills only when cooperation was linked to the aspect of extended library availability. This study has further indicated that through the extended availability of the library there were gains in the mastery of library skills.

#### III. RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations were made involving possible actions or implementations by librarians and teachers and possible future studies.

Library curriculum guides and the programs of instruction in library skills should be closely correlated with course of study curriculum guides by grade level and modified to meet the differing situations of the various schools and teachers.

Teachers should re-evaluate the purposes for which they send students to the library. An open library with no scheduled class times may prove to be of more value to teachers in terms of work load than the weekly half hour free period received when the students all leave the room to use the library.

A study should be made into the extended availability aspect in a situation where there would be no limitations put on the student use of the library.



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APPENDIX A ACTIVITIES

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#### Arranging Books

The necessary materials included the classroom collection of approximately two hundred books. The class was divided into small groups of four to six students. The books were randomly distributed to the groups.

The assignment was to put the books into some order. From the order obtained, students were instructed to number or letter the books so the order could be maintained. A group spokesman was asked to explain the classification and arrangement of the books to the class and accept constructive criticism.

#### Collection Familiarization

The necessary materials included a shelf of books in the library.

The assignment was to tell what the books were about on a particular shelf and how they were classified.

#### Arranging Numerals

The necessary materials included a list of numerals which were the Dewey Decimal Classification Numerals for books.

The assignment was to arrange the numerals in numerical order, the order in which books would be placed

on a shelf. Figure 2 was given as an example for students who did not fully understand decimals.

Book Numbers	Money
629.01	\$629.01
629.1	\$629.10
629.13	\$629.13
629.2	\$629.20

FIGURE 2

#### A COMPARISON OF BOOK NUMBERS AND MONEY

#### Locating Cards

The necessary materials included the card catalog and a list of books arranged under author, title, and subject.

The assignment was to locate the book card and record the call number.

#### Comparing Cards

The necessary materials included the card catalog, nine by twelve inch card stock, and three by five inch cards.

The assignment was to find an author card, a title card, and a subject card for one book. Students were instructed to make a copy of each card and to display them on a nine by twelve inch piece of card stock.

#### Vocabulary

The necessary materials included a notebook.

The assignment was to make a dictionary of new words. The words were to be student suggested and teacher assigned. They were to be library related words, subject area related words, and personal interest words.

#### Reference Description

The necessary materials included a reference book, a bulletin board, and student prepared display.

The assignment was to make a bulletin board display on what could be found in a dictionary, encyclopedia, or other reference book.

#### Reference Use

The necessary materials included the library.

The assignment was to have a question a day, or other regular period, that would require the use of reference materials.

#### Bibliographic Entry

The necessary materials included a number of reference books and record forms.

The assignment was to find as many sources as possible that state the same fact, such as, Olympia is the capital of Washington. Students were instructed to record the sources on forms as shown in Figure 3.

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	Title			
	Volume	Page	Date Published	
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#### REFERENCE AND BIBLIOGRAPHIC ENTRY FORM

FIGURE 3

#### Personal Reading Records

The necessary materials included record forms.

The assignment was to (1) keep a record of each book used to find information, Figure 3, and (2) keep a record of books read, Figure 4.

Date	Title	Author	Comment

FIGURE 4
PERSONAL READING FORM

# APPENDIX B PEABODY LIBRARY INFORMATION TEST ELEMENTARY LEVEL

### PEABODY LIBRARY INFORMATION TEST

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APPENDIX C
RAW DATA

TABLE V

PRE-TEST SCORES, POST-TEST SCORES,
AND GAINS FOR GROUP A

Student	I.Q	Pre-test Score	Post-test Score	Gain
lF	125	66	71	5
2M 3 <b>F</b>	123 123	64 60	56 66	<b>-</b> 8 6
4F	122	56	53	- 3
5M	110	55	43	- 3 -12 2 - 7
6 <b>F</b> 7M	112 98	51	53	2
8M	114	46	46	- 0
9M	107	45	55	10
lof	108	60 56 55 51 48 46 45 44 43 42 41	66 53 43 53 46 55 55 52 56	12
11M 12M	103 105	42	55 21	10 -21
13F	119	41	56	15
14F	108	40	40	0
15F 16F	106 110	38	50 47	12 10
17F	107	36	33	- 3
18F	92 88	34	38	4
19M	88	32	20	-12
20F 21M	100 90	26 26	26 30	- Z
22F	101	38 37 36 34 32 28 26 25	40	-12 - 2 4 15
23F	88	24 21	45	21
24M 25 <b>F</b>	84 87	21 17	24 35	3 18
26M	82	16	26	10
27M	100	16	29	13
Total	2812	1051	1153	102
Mean	104.15	38.93	42.70	3.

TABLE VI

PRE-TEST SCORES, POST-TEST SCORES,
AND GAINS FOR GROUP B

Student	I.Q.	Pre-test Score	Post-test Score	Gain
1F 2F 3F 4F 5M 6F 7F 9P 10M 11F 12F 13F 14F 16M 17F 18M 20M 21M 22M 23F	126 119 114 127 94 109 112 93 122 108 123 88 110 100 107 106 106 94 88 80 98 100 86 87	62 58 56 50 48 47 46 44 44 44 42 40 40 32 33 20 17 10	67 66 54 55 55 51 53 44 40 54 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48	582969447304368057450458
Total	2497	932	1094	162
Mean	104.04	38.83	45.58	6.75

TABLE VII

PRE-TEST SCORES, POST-TEST SCORES,
AND GAINS FOR GROUP C

Student	I.Q.	Pre-test Score	Post-test Score	Gain
1M 2M 3M 4M 5F 6F 7F 8F 10F 12F 13M 14F 15M 16F 17M 18M 19M 20F 21M 22F 24M 25F 24M 25F 26M 27M 28M	116 108 114 116 112 115 120 103 113 110 114 122 117 116 96 114 118 106 110 109 101 97 99 101 88 110 106 97	683229555310988652199987765410 8333333333333333333333333333333333333	665 5515 665 665 665 665 665 665 665 665	- 28 -139864212540012485517674989
Total	3048	1282	1389	107
Mean	108.86	45.79	49.61	3.82

TABLE VIII

PRE-TEST SCORES, POST-TEST SCORES,
AND GAINS FOR GROUP D

Student	I.Q.	Pre-test Score	Post-test Score	Gain
1F 2M 4M 56M 7F 9F 10M 12F 14M 15F 178F 120F 224F 23F 24F 278F 278F 278F 278F 278F 278F 278F 278	124 112 116 122 129 106 107 114 118 124 115 110 113 102 108 100 110 116 116 116 117 117 106 94 115 104 90 120 97 100 88 90	65288765333096664309976664311762212	721 721 700 648 232 4788 410 393 794 427 378 243 434 12	7 -11 12 2 7 2 7 10 9 1 3 9 8 8 5 6 20 19 14 18 2 18 2 4 2 6 11 16 12 2 2 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
Total	3515	1348	1631	283
Mean	109.84	42.13	50.97	8.8

TABLE IX

NUMBER OF CORRECT STUDENT RESPONSES BY QUESTION GROUPS

AS ACHIEVED BY GROUP A ON THE PRE-TEST

Student								ues				1000					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1F 2M 3F 6F 7M 9M 10F 13F 14F 15F 16F 19M 22F 24F 26M 27M	6674466656666667764655526363	3443442211222223331210122311	531125133502512253102101201	55553443422333433253322222 <b>1</b>	552510002300252100525030002	334445354523523422334233210	6665666566665555666066546504	554055515024050002120400002	443533033030012234400001001	555463455430325432331520021	100100000110000010000000000000	445566232444334424220000010	12177111121010010000	655623343454330002000010010	131120101201310001000000000	544000440050000000000000000000000000000	103000000100000000000000000000000000000
Total	145	59	57	85	50	84	140	57	49	85	5	74	47	60	18	32	<b>ডা</b>

TABLE X

NUMBER OF CORRECT STUDENT RESPONSES BY QUESTION GROUPS
AS ACHIEVED BY GROUP A ON THE POST-TEST

Student		0	7	4	_	_		ues					7.7	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.67	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1F 2M 3F 45M 6F 7M 9M 10F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12	757467676766766767665744646	344233222421423331222320212	533111333311535313103030020	555523435323535331224420222	30100112222222202200100020302	555455342343524322045434112	66366655665555666525663403	551055025050010511042555500	522323021530235130000120242	645504254440344434232540433	202000101110100011001100000	346534234640444432130464530	41770111120121112001001000	646412635630544305000041134	1333441120202100000000000000	444452235440402203000021033	112002102120100000000000000000000000000	
Total	161	64	57	85	30	90	133	67	53	91	13	91	36	80	27	61	14	

TABLE XI

NUMBER OF CORRECT STUDENT RESPONSES BY QUESTION GROUPS
AS ACHIEVED BY GROUP B ON THE PRE-TEST

Student						Q	ues	tic	n (	trou	ıps					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1F 2F 56 5 4 6 7 6 6 5 4 6 7 6 6 7 5 3 5 6 7 7 0 6 5 4 2 2 M 2 2 4 F 2 3 M 2 4 F	333223242322321311110002	533315533005213251210200	445223225222342442253102	525002050152350213022020	455244344554435422212340	656566556655645566656630	550555555505015000001000	035242556203225013001000	453665633446544541210010	010110200001000010210000	464536424435232013322210	7111111111011100000	354530021440530042200000	131210000010110010000000	5245100000400000000000000000000000000000	001100000000000000000000000000000000000
Total 126	46	55	67	47	81	124	57	51	82	10	71	30	47	12	22	5

TABLE XII

NUMBER OF CORRECT STUDENT RESPONSES BY QUESTION GROUPS
AS ACHIEVED BY GROUP B ON THE POST-TEST

Student							Qu	est	ion	G G	coup	s					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1F 2F 4F 5F 78F 10F 12F 13F 13F 13F 13F 13M 12M 22M 22M 24F	7776567677775666757625775	4335233433402224220112222	55333 <b>551</b> 1151155131110313	442333345235224342032340	252202515051220021232150	535445335554524435023232	666665656666665566655566	556555455520504500001000	040340116250334002002020	455536434545443333013020	110021100000121030010000	464434454457626043023050	211141120112111017573010	654443432040333052000000	42133200003020000000000000	544555000043550055400040	3122110000010110012000000
rotal .	146	59	63	70	50	98	137	67	42	79	14	85	44	55	20	63	16

TABLE XIII

NUMBER OF CORRECT STUDENT RESPONSES BY QUESTION GROUPS
AS ACHIEVED BY GROUP C ON THE PRE-TEST

Student	1	2	7	4	_	6		est 8	ion	G1			77	7.4	15	16	ח ר	
	Т	۷	3	4	5	0	7	0	9	10	11	12	1)	14	15	10	17	
1M 2M 4FF 678FFFF 1011234M 1011234FM	6766665666475767555656556646	4333324333325333333202312103	5555234131355031102130312010	5424435235334434443434024444	5525110220001101005101230100	53455445335555555555453453513	5666666555556566546566655665	50555050525505510000000000000	5451333314342132303110201320	6555345455446543345425143330	2021010100100000110000011020	46753435555414133432445433230	1111772717111121071071400110	4444654334424222210504033220	121000111000002001000000000000000000000	5434224350430423320020312000	0402310100010000300000010000	
Total	160	73	65	98	39	115	155	53	63	110	14	100	64	79	11	19	16	

TABLE XIV

NUMBER OF CORRECT STUDENT RESPONSES BY QUESTION GROUPS
AS ACHIEVED BY GROUP C ON THE POST-TEST

Student							Question Groups 13 14 15 16 17											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1M 2M 4M 5F 7F 9F 11F 12F 13M 14F 15F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12	666577766667767655666564466551164	4432445142344312421301302203 71	5313153033551302231311502215 69	5245454435444224533334033433 98	2105120121050012111201011002 33	5345555425444254543452544444 114	6666546366566665666566605566 151	55555555555555050505035500000501 83	5512134221252202415311004312 64	665555552655663355453445641230	1112000100110001000100110200 14	3445645454335220733434045453 104	111771111115131717170103711 76	5243644354734314532310140431 89	31223220103112011112000000000 29	4434544443434440440440230040 83	11133311212102101100000100001 26	

TABLE XV

NUMBER OF CORRECT STUDENT RESPONSES BY QUESTION GROUPS
AS ACHIEVED BY GROUP D ON THE PRE-TEST

TABLE XVI

NUMBER OF CORRECT STUDENT RESPONSES BY QUESTION GROUPS
AS ACHIEVED BY GROUP D ON THE POST-TEST

Student Question Groups 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17																		
	<u>T</u>	2	3	4	5	0	7	8	9	10	7.7	12	10	14	TO	Τ0	17	
1F 2M 4F 56M 78F 10M 12F 10M 12F 10M 12F 10M 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F 12F	77666777767765667777777746377666	2344224343121223333231,43132130322	51555555315555315551015555251122	54545545433303524233343444252222	55252255212200105252211221225210	53454543344405443535554255544550	6656665666506566666666666505640	555555555550505545210550000100	51513521413132103233350330320410	66636564403445455544564543443430	00201112001012010101001101101010	70427456543635753663265530445020	1012111117711111111110110107070	605434324535334444324232530302010	33331012231202013210110010000010	455440454554544444400430050200050	023130022001200211000000000000000	
Total	204	78	114	109	74	126	154	99	73	134	21	125	57	92	37	93	20	