



Public libraries and schools working together: an ideas checklist

More choice = wider reading

▪ More enjoyment = better skills

Joining, sharing = belonging

▪ Creative spaces = creative experiences

The first stage		Do we/ can we do this?
Art exhibitions	▪ In the public library	
Bulletin boards	▪ In the public library ▪ In the school	
Class visits	▪ For transition years ▪ For all age groups	
Improving access	▪ Opening hours ▪ Mobile libraries ▪ School Library Service	
Using the web	▪ Linking school to library website ▪ Linking library to school website	
Moving on		Do we/ can we do this?
Annual events and festivals	▪ World Book Day (see below) ▪ National Poetry Day ▪ Children's Book Week ▪ Other national events ▪ Local and national festivals	
Book awards	▪ Shadowing schemes ▪ A local award	
BOOX	▪ In the public library ▪ In the school	
Dads and Lads schemes	▪ In the public library ▪ In the school	
Family reading challenges	▪ A local challenge ▪ Link to a national project ▪ Family Learning Week	
IT	▪ Library and school website links ▪ Reading discussion pages ▪ Stories from the web ▪ A virtual reading club ▪ Children as web authors	
Local Games Workshops	▪ A library event ▪ Related stock	
PAYP	▪ A local programme	
Quizzes	▪ Lit Quiz event ▪ Family quizzes	
Reading Buddies	▪ Link to a secondary school ▪ Link to a primary school ▪ Link to nursery settings ▪ Links to the curriculum	
Reading Champions	▪ Links with schools ▪ Links with community groups ▪ Sporting Challenge ▪ Girls Only projects	

Ideas checklist continued:

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Reading Connects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A local project ▪ Link to a national project 	
Reading groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the public library ▪ In the school ▪ Orange Chatterbooks group 	
Reading raffles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the public library ▪ In the school 	
School open nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New intake sessions ▪ Open evenings 	
Study support clubs and homework centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homework collections ▪ Study support clubs ▪ Help sessions ▪ Special study support sessions 	
Story-sacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Links with nursery settings ▪ Links with the voluntary sector 	
Student librarians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the public library ▪ Links with the Schools Library Service 	
Transition schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key Stage 1 ▪ Key Stage 2 ▪ Key Stage 3 ▪ Key Stage 4 ▪ Other 	
World Book Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World Book Day website ▪ Literature events/author visits 	
Young Cultural Creators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the public library ▪ In the school ▪ Links to other arts providers 	
YouthBOOX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the public library ▪ Links with Youth Services ▪ Links with Connexions 	

Ideas for library and staff development		Do we/ can we do this?
Library makeovers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation with children ▪ Focus groups ▪ Pupil representatives ▪ School committees ▪ Consultation with parents 	
Collections and stock selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the public library ▪ For the school ▪ Vouchers for children to use ▪ Displays and promotions 	
Joint training/professional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the library ▪ In the school ▪ Shared core skills ▪ Reading mentors and champions ▪ Joint INSET days ▪ Staff exchanges 	
Highly developed partnerships		Do we/ can we do this?
Book Pushers Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In a secondary school ▪ In a primary school ▪ Linked to a special school 	
UFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint training in thinking/learning ▪ Peer tutors 	
Young People's Reading Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With one library/school ▪ Across a whole authority ▪ Across a whole region 	
Children's literature conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With one library/school ▪ Across a whole authority ▪ Across a whole region 	
Summer Reading Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Links with schools before the Challenge ▪ Follow-up after the Challenge 	
Chatterbooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Chatterbooks group in the library ▪ A Chatterbooks group in school 	