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## **Nothing Like the Library**

1. Why are libraries important to you and your classmates?

Because of their wealth of information, libraries provide an opportunity to reflect on all points of humanity. I learn about the different aspects of the world and timeline through books. Certain books like *Heidi* explain the brighter parts of life. *Heidi* describes striking scenery like the fiery mountains at sunset. A darker area of civilization is represented in gloomier books like *Between Shades of Gray*. *Between Shades of Gray* takes place during World War II and depicts the unwarranted cruelty the Russians inflicted on the Lithuanian oppositionists. These examples explain the importance of books and learning about history. Reading provides an opportunity to learn about life around me.

## 2. How have libraries impacted you personally?

Libraries have inspired my love of reading through the easy accessibility of books. I have entry to hundreds of books and I do not have to spend hundreds of dollars on books. When I get uninterested I know that I can turn to a rousing, relaxing or ridiculous book. Because of books my knowledge of the world around me expands daily. Without libraries life today would not be as sophisticated.

3. How are libraries important for the future of North Carolina?

Libraries provide quiet places where I can read and work. Libraries are everywhere which means that if I ever need a place to go and study or work a library is always there. A library creates a perfect place to go and study quietly. The atmosphere is serene and combined with the comfortable chairs it is extremely relaxing. The librarians are reliably available and experienced to give me good book suggestions. The shelves are open and easy to look through. If I already know what I want it is easy to go online and enter the book title or author. There is nothing like the library for relaxing, studying and reading.