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An introduction to school librarianship

Course trailer

NICK:

As school librarians, information and learning is at the heart of what we do. We tend to be curious people. We're a bit like magpies. We'll find a bit of information here or recommend a book for somebody there. And we're communicators as well. We network with students, and staff and parents. But I think also as librarians, we have a lot to learn and a lot to share with each other. I've been a school librarian now for 14 years. And one of the greatest things I find is being able to support students in their learning and developing, and making the library into a place in school where students really want to be.

SARAH:

But what I love about school libraries is the fact that you've got so much opportunity to create and develop the job to make it your own. You've got the autonomy that perhaps you haven't got as a member of the teaching staff. And I think it's important to recognise what the school needs as well. But I think you can make it very much your own.

And in that journey, you discover really what kind of a librarian you want to be. With schools, you've got the opportunity. Do you want to do reading for pleasure? Are you interested in tech? Do you want to concentrate on information literacy? So, you've got all of that choice.

NICK:

And there's plenty in this course that will help you find your strengths and explore all of those different aspects of being a school librarian. We'll also be sharing plenty of our experiences with you, and things that we've learned along the way, perhaps the hard way.

SARAH:

So, we really hope that you're going to find this course full of practical ideas that you can use. There's going to be some great sources of inspiration. And yeah, we're going to guide you through those tricky bits. So overall, think of this as a celebration of just how rewarding school librarianship can be.