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# Partnering with Public Libraries

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## Refer Families

### Out-of-School-Time Programming

For those students who can't participate in your OST program for one reason or another, referring families to public libraries may be a good intrum option for them. Oftentimes libraries host events, classes, homework help, clubs and programs during the OST hours. \*Note, most libraries do not replace OST programs as they do not take responsibility for children during the times that they're at the libraries.

### OST in Libraries

Libraries There are a few libraries that host their own OST programs that are a good option for students looking for a more comprehensive afterschool space during the school year. Check these programs out for examples:

[Literacy Enrichment Afterschool Program \(LEAP\)](#)

Free Library of Philadelphia

[After School is Cool](#)

Denver Public Library

[After School Zone](#)

Houston Public Library

## Summer Reading/Learning

Participate in your local library's summer reading and/or learning program. This can be paired with library visits, book drop-offs or program participation at the library.

## Professional Development

Librarians are literacy and often new technology experts. Partnering with libraries for professional development can enhance your OST site staff's programming with growth mindset and technology training from librarians. On the flip side, training in youth development & behavior management from OST staff can benefit librarians in their management of the youth spaces in their libraries.

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