

LISTEN & LOOK FOR CHECKLIST:

Class Libraries

Observer's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Class Libraries: Rich diverse class libraries in all subjects are curated and designed for ease of students' use. Books should literally and figurately be at students' fingertips and eye level. The library should be available for browsing by students for a significant portion of the school day. A starter library for ELA classes has 600 unlevleed books, and the goal is to increase the collection to 1,000-1,500 over time. For content classes, we suggest starter libraries with 150 books that increase to 300 books over time.

Dates Observed: _____

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- Library is attractive and inviting.
- Books are organized by genres and/or topics.
- Teacher periodically asks students to suggest books, authors, and genres they'd like to see in the library.
- Books reflect a variety of cultures and racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds
- Books have a wide range of reading levels.
- Checkout and return system is age-appropriate.
- Teacher displays several books so students see front covers.
- Teacher features authors, genres, and/or topics and displays these around the room.
- Students have browsing time to choose books.
- Students can self-select books.
- Teachers help students who have difficulty finding a "good fit" by re-teaching the process.
- Students may check out two to four books so after finishing one they can quickly start a new book.

Jot Other Observations Here: _____

Date of Follow-Up Conversation: _____