

Library and Information Services to Children: A Review*

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ABSTRACT Considering the background to the provision of library services in the rural areas, it seems that these are poorly developed and that children in rural areas do not enjoy the same privileges as children from urban areas. In view of the lack of infrastructure in rural areas it is impossible to provide adequate library and information services to children and so the paper deals with the question, how can service provision be improved? The purpose of this paper is to determine the information needs and usage behaviour of rural children and to identify and describe the types of library services found in most rural areas. Based on the literature the researchers recommend that services and facilities should be implemented in the school libraries. Furthermore, the researchers suggest that the Department of Education should build a centre for library services in each circuit. It is strongly recommended that the Department of Education should become more involved and take ownership of school libraries.