LEVELS OF LIBRARIAN INVOLVEMENT

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**Level 3: Social Action Approach**

*Librarian takes action to improve the literacy and life outcomes of African American male youth, including cultivating student voice.*

- Involve African American male youth in projects and activities that allow them to take personal, social, and civic actions related to literacy instruction.
- Involve African American males in writing culturally relevant and enabling texts.
- Conduct action research to determine how the use of culturally relevant and enabling texts impacts the students in your school and community.
- Advocate with publishers for the publication of more culturally relevant and enabling texts about the African American community.
- Write articles for professional journals and or make presentations at professional conferences on this topic.
- Actively promote culturally relevant and enabling texts to the broader community.
- Work with community organizations to sponsor parent/community meetings about the literacy needs of African American male youth.

**Level 2: Transformative Approach**

*Librarian utilizes and promotes the use of culturally relevant and enabling texts, and involves African American male youth in their selection.*

- Mediate enabling texts with African American male teens.
- Form book clubs for African American male youth in which they read and discuss culturally relevant and enabling texts.
- Form a student advisory group to help make selection decisions.
- Actively promote enabling texts to students, teachers, and parents on the library webpage.
- Provide professional development for teachers on how to incorporate culturally relevant and enabling texts into the curriculum.
- Provide professional development for teachers, parents, and other community members on the need for enabling texts and the mediation process.
- Develop discussion starters for culturally relevant and enabling texts.
- Take culturally relevant and enabling texts to where the students are- lunch room, classroom, afterschool program, etc.

**Level 1: Additive Approach**

*Librarian adds culturally relevant and enabling texts without discussing why these texts have been selected or are necessary.*

- Add culturally relevant and enabling texts to the collection.
- Display culturally relevant and enabling texts in the library.
- Add culturally relevant and enabling texts to recommended reading lists.
- Use culturally relevant and enabling texts as read alouds.