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Libraries provide easy access to literary works for individuals belonging to underprivileged backgrounds, students pursuing educational success, and they benefit a variety of age groups that cannot easily attain resources through personal means. Books of higher reading levels cost on average \$10 - 20 for one copy, which can be unaffordable for low income scholars. I'd also like to highlight that book retail companies such as Barnes n Nobles are scarce and only located in communities with populations of middle class or higher class residents because of the store's incentive to make profit. Libraries tackle this financial barrier by allowing the public to check out books for a duration of time, free of charge and within close distance. This raises people's incentive to read because they do not have to pay large sums of money to read books that will ultimately benefit them upon reviewing the contents.

Not only do the large variety of books promote literacy, but so does the space within the library building itself. Coming from a household size of six family members and two non-related families when I was younger, I understand the challenge of maintaining academic performance in a constantly distracting environment. Libraries provide a quiet, organized setting so students can escape from home and focus on their assignments or personal reading goals. Countless times throughout my 4 years of high school, I have booked a study room along with my classmates at the Imperial Beach Library to study for important exams and projects because all of us had undesirable households for the purpose of intense focus.

Libraries also cater to the younger and older age groups in addition to students in secondary school or college. Some community libraries have scheduled events where volunteers read to a crowd of primary school students. This activity is a perfect introduction to the world of literature for children who cannot yet read by themselves. It also adds additional practice outside of school hours. These social gatherings give them the space to voice their understanding of the book with one another and further their interests in obtaining knowledge from the books.

Libraries also have computer rooms which are often used by older citizens who lack personal computers at home or simply need guidance through modern technology to access and print important documents.

Local libraries are critical for promoting literacy and lifelong learning for all individuals within the community through its free book selections, quiet atmosphere for studying, and resources such as events or technology. Supporting community libraries is to support the educational progress of society!