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My librarian is Matthew Hoffman at McKinley Middle School. Although he is not at school all days of the week, he has a full time presence around the school. He has not only been a librarian but a teacher and mentor to me and other students around the school.

As a new student to McKinley Middle School, I had some difficulty in transitioning. Mr. Hoffman was there to help. He made the library a sanctuary by letting me stay where I could further my class work and continue to do well. Mr. Hoffman sacrificed himself in the name of science when I needed test subjects for my pain experiment for the science fair. I got a 95 A in my science class for that.

As a librarian, Mr. Hoffman has gone the extra mile for me and other students. When a student wanted a book that was not in the library's collection, Mr. Hoffman ordered it. He even provided books he thought some kids may like based on their interests. I like to read manga, so I asked if he could order more "Naruto" and "Dragon Ball" series of books. He did just for my entertainment, enjoyment and educational enrichment. For my passion of reading Mr.Hoffman created a book club for people like me who also like to read and set for us to meet every Wednesday.

Finally, Mr. Hoffman made sure I could have access to the library during lunch time and after school. Our school requires students to have a pass to go to the library and they are limited on a first come basis. After developing our friendship, Mr. Hoffman always saves me passes during the day even if I was a little late every once in a while.

Ever since I met Mr.Hoffman, he has been very helpful and I appreciate him as a staff member. Considering that it's my first year, he welcomed me very well as a newcomer and I will never forget that.