

## Lucy Calkins Classroom Libraries Video Interview Transcript

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**Question:** *What do Units of Study users need to consider as they select Libraries and Shelves?*

**Lucy:** People ask me about how the libraries align with the units of study, and of course the first biggest answer is fabulously, perfectly. The libraries absolutely support people teaching the Units of Study, and they'll make it so you don't have just the curriculum and the books necessary to teach kids to read, but you truly have the tools and tools that are going to turn kids into passionate readers. It's all there for you.

On the other hand, I want to say, though, that it was really important to us that the libraries are for everybody, and if you're not using the units of study and you're teaching reading in a different way, the libraries are equally perfect for you. They're really for everybody. And if you are teaching the Units of Study, you're going to want to just do a little bit of extra research to make sure that you get the particular shelves that you might need for a particular grade. So if you're teaching the fourth grade units, you're going to want to make sure that you get the shelf on weather, and if you're teaching the fifth grade or the seventh grade units, you're going to want to make sure that you get the shelves on argument books.

For those of you who are teaching Units of Study, there are going to be particular choices that you make, and it may be that you don't need the entire core library. It may be you just need those argument books, or you just need the second grade series books, because that's what you particularly need to have the Units of Study go well in your class.

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