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## **ABSTRACT**

The study focused on the strategies for the development of public secondary school libraries in the eastern suburbs of Bulawayo. Literature on definitions of school library, roles of libraries in secondary education, aims of the school library, and the central position of a school library, importance of secondary school libraries in supporting curricular activities, teachers and pupils was reviewed. Using a descriptive survey, questionnaires were sent to secondary schools staff, headmasters and or deputy headmasters were interviewed and observations were made to gather data. The study revealed that the secondary school libraries in the eastern suburbs of Bulawayo were not fulfilling the roles of school libraries and this was because of the current state of the school libraries. The researcher made many recommendations which included the need for a written school library policy supporting the provision and maintenance of school libraries and the minimum standards of provision for school libraries and supplementary materials should be set. This means the inspection in secondary schools should include school libraries and the budget for secondary schools should include physical facilities and information resources for school library services.