

	books in home	books in classroom	school library	community library
Beverly Hills	199	392	60,000	200,000
Watts	.4	54	23,000	110,000
Compton	2.7	47	16,000	90,000



Connecting school success to the print climate

SOURCE: "Bridging Inequality with Books,"
by Stephen Krashen
Educational Leadership, January 1998, pp. 19-22

Forty miles apart on the map, these three communities are *worlds* apart when it comes to classroom achievement and their print climates. While 93 percent of Beverly Hills students go on to college, the majority of Watts and Compton students don't even complete high school. Demographics explain much of that tragic tale.

See also: *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease
Penguin Books, 2006, 6th edition.