What Is Your School Library’s Virtual Presence?

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Today's Presentation

Loertscher: Virtual Learning Commons

Share Ideas

Current Practices

Suggestions & Recommendations

URLs for presentation:
Slideshare: http://www.slideshare.net/hweimar
Smore: https://www.smore.com/1kem9-virtual-learning-commons-the-lmc
How many of you have heard of David Loertscher's Virtual Learning Commons?
engaging feedback
purposive expressive quality
digital challenges opportunities
motivating leverage nontraditional
collaborative authentic
So, how is a **Virtual Learning Commons** different from a traditional library website?
A sense of community needs to be fostered and developed among all stakeholders

- real-time participation
- collaboration
Participation, Creation, & Learning

Library

- Learners: Collaboration
- PTA/PTO Volunteers
- Reading: Sharing and Support
- Create, Build, and Share
- Tutorials
- Teachers: Professional Learning Environment
- Teachers: Assignments
- Learners: Showcase
- Digital Citizenship, Team Membership, Choice, Engagement
- Clubs: Book, etc.

IT: Access  Administration Participating  Professional Platform
Examples of Practice:

- SurveyMonkey

- SHSU Library Science Alumni & Student Listserv
- Texas Library Connection
- LM_Net
- Facebook
- Twitter

- Received nearly 300 responses.
Why should you provide a **Virtual Learning Commons** for your teachers/students/parents?

- We need to encourage **collaboration** to prepare students for the future.

- We need to make learning accessible in order to provide for “on-the-fly learning” and transform students into **self-starters**.
The Five Main Portals of the Virtual Learning Commons
1. The Information Center
2. The Literacy Center
3. The Knowledge Building Center
4. The Experimental Learning Center
5. School Culture
The **Information Center**

- The landing page.
- Links users to useful tools.
- Features a “hook” in the center of the page
- Calendar of events or for teachers to reserve space/equipment
Rockwall-Heath HS Library
Penny Harris

- Example
  - http://heathhslibrary.weebly.com

- Attractive and informative
Plano West Library welcomes students looking for a quiet place to study, meet a study group, find a book to read, or peruse the latest magazines. Students may check out books, magazines, and equipment (graphing calculators, headphones, microphones, cameras, and memory card readers), use copy machines, scanners, printers, and purchase school supplies. With access to 40+ abases, students can research from one of our computers, on their own devices, or at home.

The library also houses a KwikBoost charging station where students can quickly power up phones.

Printing and School Store

Students may print to the black and white printer from any computer in the library. Select the printer ending in P066 from the drop down menu.
About the Jamestown Library

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Mission

The mission of the Jamestown Librarian is to:

- assist students in finding books to read for enjoying;
- introduce students to authors, illustrators and books;
- teach information literacy skills;
- foster a life-long love of reading.

The library's collection development plan is to provide materials that:

- the Virginia Standards of Learning;
- meet the needs of varied interests, abilities, learning styles, maturity levels, ethnic backgrounds, family situations, and language proficiency;
- develop a global perspective to prepare students to live in the world;
- encourage growth in factual knowledge, concept development, and appreciation of literature;
- promote literacy and enjoyment of reading and listening

Hours

The Library is open Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students are welcome in the library during these hours.

Circulation

All students may check out books, magazines, and audiobooks from the library. Staff may check out books, audiovisuals, and magazines.
Little River Elementary Library
Charlotte Lombardo
Highland Park Raider Library
Leesa Cole
Middle School North Library
S. Ramsey
BHS Library
J. Allen
1. Users click available time slot
2. Fill in information
3. Automatically goes to user’s calendar
Library Calendar

Our Library Is Open!

Please look at the calendar below to check the availability of the date(s) and periods before you fill out a request.

To request the use of the library, log in to School Wires, Select "Library and Library Lab Sign Up" from the Staff pull down menu, and submit the form.

Thank you!

Customize Calendar View

April 2015
Stafford HS Library

Library Sign Up

Teacher Name: 

Dates: 

*Resource Requested: 
- Library Lab
- Mezzanine
- Left Side
- Right Side
- Downstairs Computers

Block 1: 
Block 2: 
Block 3: 
Block 4: 
After school: 

*Librarian Assistance?: 
- Yes, please
- No thanks

Do you need any additional equipment?: 

Submit
LHS Library Media Center
Ms. Gonzalez
David C. Barrow Elementary Media Center
Andy Plemmons

Expect the Miraculous

Write something...

5.0 of 5 stars - 2 reviews

When kids ask for princess books, they usually want Disney. Here's a great list of books to suggest to expand their view of princesses.
The **Literacy Center**

- All things reading, writing, speaking, and listening
  - Digital and In-person Book Club information
  - Writing Club information
  - Book trailers
  - Book reviews (from both students and teachers)
- Recommendations of apps, videos, and sites
Check out ebooks & audiobooks through Follett Shelf and OverDrive.
All EISD students and teachers are able to access our collection of almost 7000 ebooks and digital audio books via the Follett Shelf Enlight app!

All can access the Follett Shelf on their computer at https://wbb00363.follettshef.com. They can follow the directions below to access using your iOS or Android device:

**Follett Shelf**

**Accessing eBooks with the Follett Enlight App for iOS Devices and Android Devices with Access to Google Play**

**School name:** Edgewood ISD, San Antonio

**Step 1: Logging in to the Follett Enlight™ App**

- a. Download and install Follett Enlight from the App store or Google Play.
- b. Launch the mobile app.
- c. Enter your User Name and Password.
  - **User Name:** (your 6-digit district id#)
  - **Password:** (your 6-digit district id#)
- d. Enter the Follett Shelf URL:
  - [http://wbb00363.follettshef.com](http://wbb00363.follettshef.com)
- e. If you are on a private/safe/secure device and want to skip steps C and D next time you access the mobile app, select the Stay logged in check box.
- f. Tap Log In.
Norman Public Schools
Apps for Reading

Library Apps/OverDrive
Norman Public Schools is excited to announce it now has a free Library mobile app for both Android and Apple users and that it is making electronic books available to middle school and high school students!

Library Apps for All NPS Students
The free Library mobile apps allow students to reserve/put on hold reading material in their school library they wish to read. To get started:

- Android users download the BookMyne 4.0 app and, within the app, type in their school name or use the "search nearby" feature. CLICK HERE to download BookMyne 4.0.
- Apple (mobile) users download the "NPS Libraries" app via the Apple app store or iTunes.
- CLICK HERE for the NPS Libraries iOS app.

Free eBook Library & Downloads for Secondary Students
NPS is making OverDrive eBooks available for free to all middle and high school students. The eBooks are available through OverDrive and have been screened by NPS librarians. There are separate OverDrive catalogs for middle and high school students. To download materials, users simply log in with their school ID or library card and PIN number.

- CLICK HERE for Middle School OverDrive
For book recommendations, check out Mrs. Owen's Blog at: Staley Mustangs Read

Feel free to leave comments on your favorites!
To hear Kayla's book review, click here.

**Mountain Dog**
by Margarita Engle

Our latest Bobcat Book Review is from a 3rd grader who already has a head start on next year's Bluebonnet List! Tyler was excited to finish reading *Mountain Dog*. When he finished, he immediately wrote his book review so that he could encourage other Bluebonnet Readers! Remember, 3rd graders: Read 5, Then Decide which Bluebonnet nominee is your favorite! Check out next year's list here!
What I'm reading this week:
*The Chicken Squad: the first misadventure* by Do summer reading club.

*Return to Augie Hobble* by Lane Smith. I just picked it up at the Convention! Lane Smith's first novel, but he has other books too.

*Unstoppable Octobia May* by Sharon G. Flake. A little different for me, but I enjoyed it.

*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. Adult novels are not my thing, but I did not enjoy it, but it's on lots of people's recommendation lists.

*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. Highly recommended! This book is on lots of "best of the year" lists.
The following book trailers were created by students at East Side Elementary with the help of the school librarian, Mrs. Odom. Book trailers are a way to expose students to various types of literature and encourage others to read the book. We hope you enjoy these trailers. Please click on the link below each trailer to view it at Animoto.com.
Our 5th graders enjoyed stretching their creative muscles in the library today, as they created **Book Spine Poetry** (#BookSpinePoetry). It's not easy to create a whole story or complete image in the reader’s mind when you can only use a certain set of words, but our poets did just that!

Check out some of our #BookSpinePoetry below! How are you celebrating #NationalPoetryMonth?
This is a tale that begins with a wicked king, magic, and three rejected sisters who are talented musicians, but the story doesn't end here.

When Otto is lost in the woods, he is sheltered by three strange birds who give him a gift. The harmonica is different from any he's ever heard. Otto's life is saved, and the new harmonica begins its journey.
Double File Trail Elementary Library
Kay Williams

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Tweets

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@DFTLibrary

Today is Dr. Seuss’ Birthday!!!
pic.twitter.com/55sxpQ1sN

BE WHO YOU ARE!

BE WHAT YOU FEEL!

THOSE WHO MIND DON'T MATTER

THOSE WHO DON'T MIND DON'T MATTER

-Dr. Seuss

PenguinClassroom
@PenguinClass

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! How are you all celebrating this icon of children’s books in your schools and libraries? ow.ly/JQ83E

Retweeted by DFT Library
Commemorate a special occasion for your child by adding a book to our St. Monica Library collection in their name! A commemorative bookplate that includes the child’s name and the giver is placed in each gift book. Also, the child’s name and special occasion will be broadcast over the morning announcements on their special day. Students may pick up their book, which has been checked out to him or her, from the Library anytime after the announcement is made. Your child will be the first person to check out this special book! Gift books may be taken home to enjoy with the family and returned to the Library in two weeks.

The library encourages you to participate directly in the choice of the book by advising of your child’s favorite author, series, genre and/or subject. We will select a book that will enhance our collection from the information you have given.

Please complete the form below.

Thank you for your support of the St. Monica Library.
Join the Birthday Book Club!

The library is proud to present the Birthday Book Club once again this year! Parents, relatives and friends have the opportunity to share their student’s birthday by donating a new book to the Benfer Library. Birthday books may be chosen from a special selection of books that has been ordered especially for the Birthday Book Club.

A decorative bookplate with your child’s name and birthdate will be placed in the book, and he or she will be the first to check it out. After that special two-week checkout period, the book will become a part of Benfer’s library collection for all students to enjoy!

Additionally, members of Benfer’s Birthday Book Club will have their name displayed in the library. Students with summer birthdays may celebrate with a birthday book at any time during the school year. The cost of each Birthday Book is $10. Look for more information to be sent home as your child’s birthday approaches! As always, thank you for supporting the Benfer Library program!

Birthday Book Form
Here is the form that will be sent home at the beginning of your child’s birthday month (in the spring, for summer birthdays).
Nueces Canyon CISD JH & HS Library
Tena Taylor

Nueces Canyon Consolidated ISD
Purpose, Power, Passion, Pride...Preparing Panthers for the Future!

JH & HS Library
* JH / HS Library Homepage
* Listen to Student Booktalks
* Links to Libraries, Research Sites, Free e-books, etc...
* Books in the News
* "How To" Step by Step Instructions
* District Wide All Data

Ellen Hopkins. "Crank"
by samantha
Ellen Hopkins. "Fallout"
by ashby
Ellen Hopkins. "Glass"
by angie
J.K. Rowling. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"
by asdf
Jeff Kinney. "Diary of a Whimpy Kid / The Last Straw"
by ruben R. on 10/15/2013
Jeff Kinney. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid / Rodrick Rules"
by ruben
by rebecca
John Erickson. "Hank the Cowdog / Lost in the Dark Unchanted Forest"
by RTF on 10/15/2013
John Erickson. "Hank the Cowdog / Moonlight Madness"
by Chris & on 10/15/2013
John Erickson. "Hank the Cowdog / The Case of the Carbarkaholic Dog"
by cora
John Erickson. "Hank the Cowdog / The Case of the Kidnapped Collie"
by eli
John Erickson. "Hank the Cowdog / The Case of the Midnight Rustler"
by garth
Mary Dowling. "A Doll in the Garden"
by samantha
Student Book Reviews

WHAT BOOK SHOULD I READ NEXT?

A big question...Well, here you can find out what your friends are reading and what they think of the books.

A WALK TO REMEMBER, NICHOLAS SPARKS

Reviewed by Lupita Serrano
“A Walk to remember” by Nicholas Sparks will make you cry, laugh, and fall in love with it over and over again. It all begins in High School with two very different teenage opposites, Jamie and Landon. Jamie and Landon believe that they have nothing in common and that they are very different from each other because the way they dress, act and the people that they hang out with. They are soon to find out that they are meant to be.

Landon is the type of guy described as “cool”. Jamie, on the other hand, is sweet, caring, and really religious,

BE A REVIEWER!

How do students submit reviews? Provide directions here...

WEB OF LIES, ANNE SCHRARFF

Reviewed by Duc Phan
Set in a middle-class suburb, Anne Schrantz’s novel Web of Lies is a mystery about one happy family. The main character is Shane, who is a fourteen year old boy. Burnette is the antagonist and a playboy. He kills his wife to get life insurance money. He wants to receive the maximum amount of money from his wife’s insurance.

Shane’s father dies while fighting in the Vietnam War. For Shane, his father is a hero. When his dad dies, Shane and his family are left sad and lonely. Shane feels bored and uncomfortable about what has happened to his family. He wants to go to his grandpa’s house to live.
Book Talks!

In February, some of Cathey’s 7th grade students created group presentations focused on multiple works of a single author. Whole classes from multiple grade levels came to view and hear the presentations. Every author featured in the presentations can be found in our CMS campus library and/or Overdrive digital library. Excellent work, 7th graders!
Gene Pike MS Library
Sue Fitzgerald

Dare to READ
Posted by Susan Fitzgerald at 10/16/2014

- A Monster Calls
- Doll Bones
- Everlost
- Neil Gaiman
- The Graveyard Book
- The Hunt for the Seventh
- @ your library
- Read
Anonymous: Needs to Be Updated...

**Adult/Youth Crochet Class**
Every Third Friday at 9:00 AM

**Mother/Daughter Book Group**
Every third Wednesday 6:30 PM
October—Witches
November—A Season of Gifts
December—No group, but come pick up your book to be ready for January!
January, 2015—The Boy On the Porch

**Guys Reads**
Every Second Wednesday 6:30 PM
November—The Family Under the Bridge
December—No group, but come pick up your book to be ready for January!
January—Mr. Terupt
Suggested Summer Reading Lists

Grade Level Reading Lists

- Grade 6
- Grades 7-8
- Grades 9-12

Note: A rising student is one that will be starting that grade in the new school year. For example, a rising tenth grader is one who completed the ninth grade in school year 2013-2014 and will be a tenth grader in the 2014-2015 school year.

Fairfax County Public Library Summer Reading Program

The Fairfax County Summer Reading Program encourages children and teens to read for pleasure during summer vacation. It is held in cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools.

- The Summer Reading Program runs from June 20 to August 30.
- Kids from birth to sixth grade read 15 books. Students in grades 7-12 read eight books.
- Learn more about the Fairfax County Public Library summer reading program.

About Summer Reading

In order to encourage and support reading achievement, every student who will be entering grades six through twelve in the fall must read at least one book over the summer.

The follow-up in the fall will be determined by each school. The Summer Reading lists contain suggestions for reading; although students may read any other book that is approved by their parents, except where individual schools have issued their own summer reading requirements. Any school-based requirements supersede the County requirement.

Some schools and courses, particularly at the high school level, have additional summer assignments. Parents and students should inquire about summer assignments when registering at the school. Most of these assignments are posted at the individual school web sites.

Resources

FCPS students can access online digital books (ebooks).

The Fairfax County Public Libraries have lists of many good books for readers of all ages.
The Knowledge Building Center

• Personal Learning Networks:
  • Hobbies, personal interests, organizations, informational learning

• Resources for units of study

• Learning experiences resulting in projects

• Examples of successful projects
Newton North HS Library Learning Commons
Advocacy: Just the Facts

The Newton North Library Learning Commons is centered around you, the learner. To support you, we provide resources related to the entire school curriculum in many formats. We teach and collaborate with your teachers and peers in all departments. We offer and promote books that we think you'll love to read. It's both a physical and virtual space where you, either by yourself or as part of a group, question, investigate, problem-solve, innovate, and create.

Meet your Library Teachers:

**Annette Tate**
Library Teacher, Community Outreach, Research, Collection Cataloging and Maintenance
B.A., Wake Forest University, Education
M.S.I.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Fun facts: Ms. Tate was an English major in college but what she really loves is math; also she lives in a college dorm!

**Erin Dalbec**
Library Teacher, Website and Technology, Research Assistance, Collection Development
B.A., Worcester State College, Communications
M.S., Suffolk University, Media and Philanthropy
M.S.I.S., Simmons College
Fun facts: Ms. Dalbec loves playing bass in a rock band, mountain biking and watching the N.E. Patriots!

**Lauren Italiano**
Library Teacher, Readers’ Advisory, Research Assistance, Collection Development
B.A., Elementary Education, College of New Jersey
M.S.I.S., Florida State University
Fun facts: I love to cook, I have a turkey fryer, and I'm not afraid to use it!
The Research Process taken from the Big6 Research model

**Task Definition**

- The most important step in the research process is to define the problem and identify the information you need in order to complete the task given by your teacher.
- Brainstorm and determine the possible sources and select the best sources for the task.

**Questions to ask that might help define your task**

1. What kind of final product are you expected to present to the teacher?
   - Is it a written report?
   - An oral presentation?
   - A poster?
   - A multi-media presentation?
   - Or something else?

2. Does it have to be a certain length, size, or duration of time?
   - Do you have any freedom or choice in how to present your project?
BHS Library Learning Commons
Amy Andreas

INFORMATION SEARCH PROCESS (ISP)

The information below was taken from the webpage of leading educational researcher Carol Kuhlthau. Please visit her webpage for more information on the Information Search Process and Guided Inquiry. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can implement this research process within your classroom!

INTRODUCTION

The Information Search Process (ISP) presents a holistic view of information seeking from the user's perspective in six stages: task initiation, selection, exploration, focus formulation, collection, and presentation. The six-stage model of the ISP incorporates three realms of experience: the affective (feelings), the cognitive (thoughts), and the physical (actions) common to each stage (1). The ISP reveals information seeking as a process of construction influenced by Kelly's personal construct theory (2) with information increasing uncertainty in the early stages of the ISP.

The development of the ISP as a conceptual framework is the result of more than two decades of empirical research that began with a qualitative study of secondary school students and the emergence of an initial model, that was verified and refined through quantitative and longitudinal methods of diverse library users and further developed in
Sharyland High School Library
Nicole Cruz
# Research Resources - Subscription Databases

Contact campus library for home access information

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## Carlsbad High School Library
### Lorie Mitchell

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Download the BLUE Gale Access My Library App  
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| Destiny Quest (Card Catalog & WebPath Express) |
| Carlsbad Current-Argus |
| MackinVIA |
| Kindle |
| Nook |
Multi-media Project Ideas

Animoto – Book Trailers

PhotoPeach – Book Trailers

Pic Lits – Inspired Picture Writing

Storybird – digital storytelling site
Heritage High School Library
Kim Vincent

How Do I...?

How do I access the library databases?

How do I download books?

How do I search for a book that’s on the library shelves?
http://lib.friscoisd.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=007&lang=eng&reloadxls=true#focus

How do I see what I have checked out, when my books are due, and put books on hold?
http://lib.friscoisd.org/ipac20/ipac.jsp?session=1344OLQ329008.36154&profile=007&menu=account&ts=1344888329008

How do I pay for a lost library book with a check, credit card, or debit card?
Senior Research Paper

NNHS Library Catalog

eBooks - The following titles are available from Follett Shelf and can be accessed through the library catalog:

- Alan Paton's Cry, the beloved country
- Anton Chekhov
- Bloom's How to write about Geoffrey Chaucer
- Bloom's How to write about Homer
- Bloom's How to write about James Joyce
- Bloom's How to write about Joseph Conrad
- Bloom's How to write about Shakespeare's comedies
- Bloom's How to write about Shakespeare's Histories
- Bloom's How to write about Shakespeare's Romances
- Bloom's How to write about Shakespeare's Tragedies
- Bloom's How to write about the Brontës
- Bloom's Literary Themes: Dark Humor
- Bloom's Modern Critical Views
- The Brontës
- Dramatists and Drama
- Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature
- Enid Maria Romanov's All Quiet on the Western Front
- James Joyce
- Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness
- J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings
- Novelist and novels
- Poets and poems
- Short story writers and short stories.

Online Resources

- EbscoHost
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
  - Concise Major 21st Century Writers
  - Literary Movements for Students
  - Literary Themes for Students
  - Literature and It's Time
  - Novels for Students
  - Poetry for Students

British Authors

- Douglas Adams
- Richard Adams
- Jane Austen
- J.G. Ballard
- J.M. Barrie
- Charlotte Bronte
- Emily Bronte
- John Bunyan
- Anthony Burgess
- Lewis Carroll
- Agatha Christie
- Roald Dahl
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- Joseph Conrad
- Daniel Defoe
- Charles Dickens
- Daphne Du Maurier
- George Eliot
- Henry Fielding
- Ian Fleming
- S.M. Forester
- John Fowles
- Thomas Hardy
- Aldous Huxley
- Kazuo Ishiguro
- J.R. James
- Rudyard Kipling
- D.H. Lawrence
- John La Carre
- Doris Lessing
- C.S. Lewis
Wild Writers Spotlight

The Human and the Whale

Apr 15 2015 - 08:35:00 am

by Irina Griffin

The creativity and talent of our students here at Benfer is inspiring!!

Today's poem by Irina, a 5th grader, encourages us to think about the plight of the whales in our Earth's oceans. On the left side, a human thinks about the majesty of his whale companion, while on the right side of the poem, we see that the whale has sadly learned to be wary of sometimes-dangerous humans. What an amazing piece of writing, Irina, and it's a great poem for us to read and think about on Earth Day (coming up on April 22)! Thank you for sharing!

Listen to Irina's poem [here](#).
Ensign SLMC
Mrs. Bauman

PROJECTS WE ARE WORKING ON IN THE LMC

Here are where all of our links are stored! Hooray!

Text Messaging Practice
http://www.fakephonetext.com/ (For the Conversation)
http://www.emoji.com/ (For the Emoticons)

Alternates: (Only Use with permission)
• ClassTools SMS
Website: http://www.classools.net/SMS/
• ifaketext
Website: http://ifaketext.com/
Assessments

21st Century Skills (Self-Assessment)

Freshmen Pretest

Student Noodletools Survey (Pre)

Calendar of Classes

Student Noodletools Survey (Post)

Faculty NoodleTools Survey (Pre)

Expectation Two: Use Real-World Digital Resources

Expectation Three: Work Independently and Collaboratively

Information Literacy Self-Assessment

Ancient Civilizations Research and Photostory Rubric (for download)

Ancient Civilizations Research and Photostory Self-Grading Assessment
Computer Games for Learning & Fun!

Ensign Games now has its very own website!

Click here to visit our Game Website

Or type this web address into the web address bar:
http://ensigngames.weebly.com/
What is **missing** from these examples?

The **Collaborative Learning Experiences**. It is difficult to find examples of a true Knowledge Building Center.

In addition to Project Resources, you need to provide:

- **Personal Learning Networks**
- **Calendars**
- **Student work space**
- Information about **assessment**
- A place for them to communicate
- An area for **reflection**

**How** can this be accomplished?
The Experimental Learning Center

- Tech Info: Tips, tutorials, guides, resources

- Home of the student technology group:
  - Tests and teaches tech tools to adults and students

- School-wide focus:
  - Calendars, progress reports, plans, action research projects

- Project progress reports
# Experimental Learning Center

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Why use the Library?

media center
Gene Pike MS Library
Sue Fitzgerald

Google Apps in Education

Gene Pike Middle School is excited to announce that all students and faculty members now have a Google in Education account. Please see the following information about your account.

Logging Into Your Account

1. Open the browse Internet Explorer
2. Go to Google.com
3. In the upper right hand corner click on the Sign In box
4. In the Google Sign In box enter your NISD email address (firstname.lastname@nisdtx.org) Some addresses have a slight variation
5. Leave the Password box empty and click on the blue Sign In box
6. A 2nd box will appear
7. User name and password are the same as your school computer log in
8. If successfully logged into your Google account you should see your NISD email in the upper right hand corner

Setting Up a Google Site for Your Digital Portfolios

All students will have digital portfolios through Google Sites. The portfolios may be access either at school or home. Follow the directions above to log into your Google account. Make sure you change your share option to nisdtx.org to view only.

1. Log into your NISD Google in Education account
2. Click on the Apps box in the upper right hand corner and choose site
3. Click on create
4. In the site name box add your title (firstname.lastname)
5. Scroll down to select themes and choose a theme (you can change your theme later)
Copyright Information

Ethical behavior includes respecting copyright laws at all times. Please see the link below to guide you as you create presentations and projects for your class assignments.

Helpful Links:

- Copyright for Students: This site answers some common questions students have about copyright and provides links to graphics they can use in presentations.
- Copyright Sliderule: This easy-to-use sliderule provides information about works published since 1923. Using it, you can quickly identify if a work is in the public domain or is copyright protected.

Sites to Help With Digital Projects

- Search Creative Commons: This search engine lets you narrow your search by source; you might wish to look only at Google Images with a Creative Commons license, for example.

- When you use any pictures, music, videos, etc you have to find copyright free resources. Below are some places to find copyright and royalty free images and music. When you use an image or music from these places you do not have to ask permission, but you DO have to give them credit for using it.

Images
http://nice技术水平.com/
Westwood Library
Sarah Day & Amy Woolsey
Benfer Library
Jamie Camp

Library Report: March 2015

Library Lessons with Check-Out
95
Check-Out Only
22
Classes

Individual Student Library Visits
519
Books Circulated
7,929
Items

Digital Citizenship Lessons
124
students

Online Resources
Encyclopedia Britannica: 2383 searches
Gale:
PebbleGo: 147 searches
TumbleBooks: 1000 searches
620 views

News from Our Library
- Collection development: Library staff worked to disposition obsolete and damaged books
- 1st–2nd graders discovered fun math books in the library! Check out One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab!
- 2nd–3rd graders used databases to conduct research
- Kindergarten/5th grade Buddies shared books
- Bobcat Book Reviews online & on announcements
- Wild Writers’ Spotlight online & on announcements
- STAAR Testing (2 days)
- SPRING BREAK!

March 2015
Join the RGV Librarian Book Discussion

Donalyn Miller, author of *The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child*, will be the featured speaker at the Region One Spring Extravaganza Meeting on February 13th. Workshop # 43900. As a RGV library coordinator, Mrs. Cruz was recruited to lead chapter 6 discussion via the Region One Facebook page. Pick up a copy of this amazing book today and follow along.
Progress Reports/Statistics

Irving Middle School Annual Report

Flyer Library October/November Monthly Report
Buna HS Library
Melissa Stanley
The School **Culture**

- A living school yearbook
- Draws students, teachers, administrators and even parents
- Exhibition space of those connected to the school
- Events, assemblies, interviews, celebrations, contests, candid camera shots, sports, concerts
LIBRARY CULTURE

Each spring the library hosts the Financial Reality Fair for students and businesses (undignified) town Wide. “Can you spot Mayor Hannis?”

The Prom is, of course, an important annual school event and many a dress was found online in the LMC.

Building spirit is second to none and equipment from the Learning Commons like the Commons is on display.

Proudly Ballin’

On November 19th, the Library (Learning Commons) hosted the signing of two amazing scholar athletes who will be joining Division I baseball teams at UMASS Amherst and UCONN. Congratulations boys, we’re all so proud of you!
Bobcat Parent Blog

Enjoy Reading Aloud!
Dec 09 2014 - 05:20:03 am

At this time of year, many people are shopping for a few fun items to purchase for the children on their holiday gift list, and books are always a great option! Reading aloud to a child is a powerful way to enjoy a few quiet (or not so quiet) moments, and it impacts learning in profound ways too! Sharing a story with your child fosters their reading fluency, helping them to read more smoothly and with expression. Children are generally able to understand a much more complex story when it is read aloud to them than they can read on their own.

Here are a few tips for reading aloud to your child:
- **Read books that thrill your child!** Let them choose the book, or help them choose books that capture their imagination and interest!
- **Read smoothly and with expression!** You don’t have to be perfect! Just have fun!
- **Encourage your child to follow the text as you read aloud.** This is a powerful way to enhance reading ability—AND it’s easy!
- **Talk about what you are reading!** Ask your child what might happen next, or why a character made a certain decision. What do they think about the story? What makes it interesting? Or disappointing? Or funny?
- **Read aloud to your child regularly!** Every day, children should read by themselves (or look at a picture book, if they aren’t yet readers) AND listen to a fluent reader.
- **Make it a bright spot** in the day for both of you! This is not a time designed for quizzing or school studying! Make it a warm, shared experience that everyone looks forward to! This is how readers & learners are made.
- **If you would like to read more about how to read aloud to children, HERE are some great guidelines to get you started!**

If you need some good suggestions for read alouds, here is an article that might give you some good ideas:

27 Books Parents Should Read to Their Kids Before They Grow Up
Hopkinton High School Library

HHS Library Newsletter
http://hopkintonhslibrary.blogspot.com

April 2018
Volume 3, Issue 8

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the HHS Library!

April is National Poetry Month, a large literary observance celebrating the importance of poetry in our culture and our lives. On Thursday, April 9 at 3:00pm, there will be a poetry reading and discussion at the HHS Library. This event is part of Mass Poetry's Common Thread Discussion series. We will also be displaying student work in the library. If you are a student poet please consider contributing some of your work!

April

Library Hours
Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30am - 2:00pm

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Park Ridge HS Library Advisory Board

Join anytime! Stop in to see Ms. Nellen! You can also email me.

Upcoming meeting schedule:

- Tuesday, February 11
- Thursday, February 20
- Tuesday, March 18
- Thursday, March 20

Upcoming projects:

- Blind date with a book display (to display Feb 1.)
  - Books need to be pulled, wrapped, personal ads need to be written for each book.
- Student and Staff book recommendations bulletin board (to display ASAP)
  - Reach out to students for book recommendations
- Books into movies (to display March 1)
  - See Anoushka for details
- Poetry Display- April is National Poetry Month!
  - Ideas: Post-it Note poetry, Spine poetry

Ongoing help need:

- Future bulletin board and display ideas

Check out THIS website to help come up with bulletin board ideas.
Platforms to use for Virtual Presence

- Google Sites (FREE)
- Webs (http://www.webs.com/)
- Weebly (http://www.weebly.com/)
- Blogger (http://www.blogger.com)
- Haiku Learning (individual teachers can have a FREE account)
- LibGuides
References


