

The Mark Twain School Library is filled with an abundance of resources for all ages. There are thousands of books, magazines and videos available for student and staff use. There are also 35 computers for the students to utilize for research and assignment completion.

The goals of the library are to:

- *Cultivate a love of reading and encourage students to become lifelong learners
- *Provide a broad range of quality resources to support both recreational reading and curriculum
- *Teach students to become ethical and effective users of both print and electronic resources.

The school's library catalog can be accessed at home by going to <https://library.cps.edu>. There are numerous Ebooks and databases for research and recreational reading that students can access from their home computer.

All students will be introduced to the new books that were purchased to enhance our library catalog and provide additional resources for information and enjoyment.

An additional resource available to our students and their parents is <https://www.tuck.com/best-bedtime-stories/>. This is an online community devoted to improving sleep, health, and wellness and contains suggestions for age-appropriate books available in print and online. Check out this website for book selection ideas and possible stories to read aloud with your child.

This month, the students in Grades K-2 will begin reading books that have been nominated for the Monarch Award and vote for their favorite.

Grades 3 and 4 will begin a unit on Digital Citizenship and Safety. They will focus on how they share information on the internet which creates their digital footprint and staying away from scams on the internet.

Grades 5-6 will be working on several Google Tools this month including Google Earth and its Voyager section.

Grades 7-8 will create new posters for the library which encourage reading. Some of the posters will hung in the library for 2018.

Be sure to read throughout the school year! Readers are Leaders!!!!

This year as part of the Library rules, we are asking the students to Be their **BEST!**

1. **Be Honest**
2. **Exhibit a Positive Attitude**
3. **Show Respect**
4. **Take Responsibility**

Librarians,
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Mrs. M. Wojciechowski