

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.

This month, the students in Grades K-2 will learn about several different authors and their contributions to literature. They will also learn about the Caldecott award and the important job of an illustrator.

Grades 3 and 4 will learn about the arrangement of the library and the different sections of the library.. We will focus on fiction and nonfiction and their arrangement on the shelves. Students will begin using our online catalog system to find books.

Grades 5-6 will begin learning the proper techniques in research. We will utilize the databases of the Chicago Public Schools and how to access them from home. 6th grade will focus their research on their History Fair project while the 5th graders will focus on fun topics pertaining to Halloween.

Grades 7-8 will begin using the library databases to conduct a short mini group project. In honor of Halloween, students will learn all about The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. They will learn about the legend, its authors, the characters and the setting. The students will share what they have learned utilizing Google Slides.

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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