

Mark Twain Library

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/school.asp?sID=189>. There are numerous Ebooks and databases for research and recreational reading that students can access from their home computer.

To begin the year, the students in Grades K-2 will learn about proper book care and library manners.

Grades 3 and 4 will be introduced to our newly redesigned online catalog system. They will be learning the overall structure of the website as well as learn how to access books and information from the website.

Grades 5-8 will be doing much of their work on Google Classroom this year. This is an online tool that all students can access using their CPS email accounts. Google Classroom provides students the ability to access, complete, and collaborate on assignments electronically. Students will begin the year learning how to access this tool and becoming familiar with our online catalog system.

All students will be receiving their Lexile level this month. This is one of the many tools they can use to select a book in our library and the public library. Be sure to ask your child about their lexile.

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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