

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.

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.

### **WELCOME BACK! We hope everyone had a nice relaxing, book-filled summer!**

As we begin the school year, students will be getting reacquainted with the parts of the library, procedures for the library and the rules and expectations of the library.

In all classes, students will review the library expectations. Grades 1-8 will begin checking out the week of September 10th.

Grades K-2 will listen to stories about the Library and its importance in learning. They will begin by learning library and check out procedures, book care, and identifying and understanding the parts of a book.

Grades 3-4 will review the library set up, checkout procedures and locating books on the school's SOAR library system.

Grades 5-8 will be using Google and the many tools it has to offer throughout the school year. This month, students will log onto Google Classroom and will fill out Google form surveys to help guide the instruction for the rest of the year.

Let's all have a great year in LIBRARY

**L**isten to your teachers.

**I**nquire if you need help.

**B**e respectful of others.

**R**ead for fun.

**A**lways walk, never run.

**R**eturn books on time.

**Y**our voice should stay quiet.

Librarians,  
Mrs. C. Hart and Mrs. M. Wojciechowski