

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.

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.

Grades 1 and 2 will focus on the following reading strategies and themes during the month of April: Easter, Earth Day and Weather. We will also celebrate National Library Week by having a bookmark coloring contest.. We continue checking out each week and practicing book care rules. Please spend some time reading each night with your student!!!

Grades 3 and 4 students will begin a unit on internet safety. We will discuss online safety and security as we work through activities and games as a whole class, in small groups, and online practice activities. We will also celebrate National Library Week with a bookmark contest. Please have your student spend time each night reading!!!

Grades 5-6 will begin a unit on the Dewey Decimal System which is used to organize the nonfiction books in the library. Students will delve into the history of the system and explore the ten main sections by creating posters. We will also celebrate National Library Week with a bookmark contest. Keep reading!!

Grades 7-8 will finish up the unit on evaluating resources. They will then move on to learning about how to create a bibliography for their resources. This is an essential skill that they will use all through high school and college! We will also celebrate National Library Week with a bookmark contest. Keep reading!!

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,

Mrs. C. Hart & Mrs. M. Wojciechowski

