

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 May: Cinco de Mayo, Pets, Butterflies, and an author study of Eric Carle. 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 conclude a unit on internet safety and citizenship. We will discuss online safety, security and appropriate behavior as we work through activities and games as a whole class, in small groups, and online practice activities. Please have your student spend time each night reading!!!

Grades 5-6 will continue working on a unit all about the Dewey Decimal System. Students will work in groups to analyze one section of the non-fiction section. They will then create a poster for their section that will be displayed in the Library.

Grades 7-8 will be working on a unit all about citing sources. They will learn about the proper way to create a bibliography. They will also utilize online tools such as easybib.com to help them when writing a works cited page. They will then put their knowledge to use by completing a short research project in which they will find out about the meaning of their name while making sure to cite all their sources.

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

