

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.

Grades 1 and 2 will focus on the following book themes this month: Fairy Tales, Winter and Gingerbread Stories. We will use these books to focus on asking and answering questions and comparing Fiction and Nonfiction texts. We continue checking out each week and practicing book care rules. Please spend some time over the winter break reading!!!

Grades 3 and 4 will be introduced to several authors this month and the books they have written in order to explore different genres of literature. They will also "travel the world" and explore a holiday celebration in another country. Please spend some time over the winter break reading!!!

Grades 5-6 will take a deep dive into the book "The Polar Express". They will explore story elements, learn about the author and complete additional activities in response to the theme of the story. Please spend some time over the winter break reading!!!

Grades 7-8 will learn all about proper research techniques, starting with proper search techniques using keywords. They will also have an opportunity to evaluate different genres of literature through the website [teenink.com](http://teenink.com).

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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