

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: Responsibility (our character trait for the month), Fall, and Halloween. We will use these books to learn about fiction/nonfiction and story elements.

Grades 3 and 4 will use their knowledge of our library website and the library organization and have a "book hunt" to independently find books on the shelves. We will celebrate Halloween at the end of the month with spooky stories and activities.

Grades 5-6 will be using their knowledge of Google drawings from last month, to create a Google drawing poster for the school that will go on display. They will then learn about different authors and series by participating in book talks and a book tasting.

Grades 7-8 will dive into research by exploring the cause of the Salem Witch Trials. Students will participate in a scavenger hunt in which they will analyze data and artifacts from the events of the time.

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