

April 2021  
Updates from Library Media Specialists

HIGH SCHOOL

- Chromebooks sent out for repairs have been returned. Fewer Chromebooks are being sent out. I cannot see the repair ticket history in ChromeHero for some reason. I may be able to resolve this before the tech meeting.
- The new TV/Computer in the LMC has been hooked up. This device will be utilized to show slideshows of announcements, news, documentaries, and other misc. items. NOTE: I wish to be involved in all future items being hung in the LMC, as I have had to alter work because of aesthetics. It is important to maintain a clean and professional environment.
- There is an electrical and ethernet 'post' in the middle of the LMC - Can this be moved over the summer?
- Further updates to the HS LMC Website have been done. Added: research, resources, public library links, and more book reviews.
- Lisa Scofield and I met to discuss the Instructional Library Media component of next year's freshman Blackhawk enrichment program. Right now, we plan to instruct freshmen on how to utilize physical and digital resources in the LMC.
  - Book reviews may be a requirement in future ELA curriculum. Shawn said he will link high school students' Google accounts to Destiny, so they can login. A login is required to write book reviews and put a hold on books. All book reviews will need to be approved by me prior to being available on Destiny.
- Teachers are utilizing the LMC for students to create science projects and presentations for Erik Johnson. Graffunder is using the conference rooms and Chromecast for an upcoming Ag competition. She will also utilize the smart TVs (portable and in the LMC).
- Tech team (TT): May need to change the expectations for next year- no Cbook repairs.
- TT Student Lars Anding has returned to school 8th hour and will be working in the LMC as a 'Help Desk' TA. I teach this hour in the LMC, so Lars will assist students and staff with LM and technology needs. When he isn't busy with face-to-face help, he will be seeking technology tools and shooting a summer book recommendation video.
- Students are taking the ACT Aspire on Chromebooks. The Chromebook "loaner" cart along with extra chargers will be made available.
- Many students are using the quick charge station purchased this year.
- SWANK Streaming is growing in popularity among the HS teaching staff.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Library Instruction
  - 5th and 6th grade scheduled classes
    - Digital Citizenship using Common Sense Media
    - Evaluating sources skills
    - Locating and selecting books based on personal interests
  - LMS goal to support all classroom instruction through library resources
  - 8th Grade Collaborative Research

- Students utilized evaluation skills to conduct independent research
- Reading and Book Access
  - Student requests fulfilled from RV school libraries and public library
  - New book orders include titles requested by students
  - Book format expansion (adding picture books)
- Library Media Specialist Team
  - Discussion regarding end of year policies and practices
- Chromebooks
  - Utilized for instruction
    - Locating books using Destiny Discover
    - Independent online source location and evaluation
    - Reading online using MyON
  - Repairs
    - Process to submit repair tickets working well
    - Email communication to student, homeroom teacher, home email addresses on file when Chromebooks are repaired and ready for pickup
  - Loaners
    - Checkout in exchange for Chromebook needing repair
    - Desktop computers are available for use throughout the day in the library if a student has forgotten their Chromebook

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

- After spring break, students started coming into the library for a 15 minute checkout with their class, each week. It is fantastic to have them back and their excitement to be here is wonderful to see! The new books are flying off the shelves.
- Classes are still held within the teacher classrooms.
- Forward Exam testing began the week of April 12th with the 4th graders.
- Final book orders have been placed for the school year.
- Since March of 2020, around 200 books have been added to the collection at the ELC. The current collection is 5, 515 items, which equates to around 35 books per child.
  - The American Library Association recommends that a highly effective school library have 15-20 books per child.

Since March of 2020, 1205 books have been added to the collection at RVE. The current collection is 12, 797 items, which equates to 32 books per child.

- 700+ new books are waiting to be processed for the ELC and RVE.