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Updates from Library Media Specialists

HIGH SCHOOL

- While teaching on Friday, my Chromebook kept lagging and kicking me out of Google Meet. I tried to plug an ethernet adapter directly into my Chromebook, but that also did not work.
- Students have commented that their Chromebooks always run super slow, and they say the new devices are just as bad and sometimes worse. This is something that I think we need to pay more attention to.
- Next point to discuss is repair of NEW Chromebooks. I sent a Chromebook out for repair due to a cracked screen. I collected it from the student last Thursday and filled out a ticket using ChromeHero. We are supposed to have all Cbooks repairs in a week. The student came in Friday (1 week later), and I did not have her repaired Chromebook. I tried to look on the ticketing system for an estimated return date, but that information is not available.
- A few small mentions - I need students to have a Destiny login, so they can put a hold on books. I'll be reaching out to Shawn for help. Several schools allow students to login to Destiny using their Skyward login information. Then they can hold books.
- I also still need a phone in my office.
- I am awaiting the purchase of a computer by Shawn to connect to a small TV, so I can continue to make the mobile teaching station available upon request.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Library Instruction
  - Scheduled classes for 5th and 6th grade students
    - Digital Citizenship using Common Sense Media
    - Locating books in the library
    - Using online catalog (Destiny Discover)
    - Locating and evaluating internet sources
    - Instruction based on Wisconsin Information and Technology Standards and the American Association of School Libraries Standards.
  - Collaborative Research Instruction
    - 5th grade Biographies for Black History Month
      - Using print and digital resources
      - MLA Citations of sources
    - 8th grade overview for conducting research
      - Locate sources
      - Annotations
      - MLA Citations

- Reading and Access to Books
  - Open checkout during homeroom for in-person students
  - No contact pick up and return for virtual students
  - Student requests fulfilled
    - Loan from ELC, RVES, RVHS, Spring Green Public library
    - Purchase new books

Library Media Specialists Team Planning
- o Set goal for regular monthly meetings
- o How we are utilizing Wisconsin Information and Technology Standards and American Association of School Libraries Standards
  - ▪ Focus on digital citizenship with Common Sense Media
  - ▪ Balance between technology and using library resources
- o Future Ready Library plan for DPI
- o Use of AR
  - ▪ Promote reading?
  - ▪ Punitive for some?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING CENTER

- Digital Citizenship classes using Common Sense Media will be completed in the next week or so. It has allowed for a lot of discussion with grades 3 & 4 about their usage of the Internet and online gaming habits.

- 2nd grade classrooms now have Chromebooks from the high school, with the understanding that these would be outdated by next year. All students have been given their login information and we are starting on learning how to make a basic Google Slideshow during our library/technology classes.

- Repairs via ChromeHero ticket system are going well. There are only 2-3 repairs needed each month at the elementary level.

- River Valley Elementary - Checkout of library materials has been very different this year. Our circulation numbers are much lower than compared to years past.

  9/1/2017-2/1/2018 = 9,392
  9/1/2018-2/1/2019 = 10,491*
  9/1/2019-2/1/2020 = 11,870*
  9/1/2020-2/1/2021 = 8,239

  *It is worth noting that 2018 and 2019 is when a media specialist vs. an assistant started to manage the library and started teaching regular classes.

- Early Learning Center Stats - This year, 4K teachers chose not to have students take books home .

  9/1/2017-2/1/2018 = 2,927
  9/1/2018-2/1/2019 = 3,152
  9/1/2019-2/1/2020 = 2,517
  9/1/2020-2/1/2021 = 1,789

- Students are not allowed in either of the elementary libraries at this time. All library/technology classes are held in the classroom.

- Students in K-2 are choosing books with a "book menu", where they choose a type of book I.e. cat, dog, trucks, favorite characters, cooking, space, etc.
- Grades 3&4 are using the online version of Destiny (our library management system) to place holds on specific books that they would like.

- Diane Alt, the library assistant and myself, pull books for students based on this menu and book holds. We then deliver them to the student cubbies.

- There are 112 items that were not returned from before and during COVID.

- I have created over 125 videos for online learners since March of 2020.

- I am using Seesaw and Google Classroom to teach our virtual learners.

- On our staff development day in January, the Library Media Specialists met to discuss standards, the DPI Future Ready Plan and discussed aligning our curriculums to each other and to State and National Standards.