

**Robert Hunter Library Media Center
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Our Philosophy:

We believe that the purpose of the library media center program and its staff is to promote a love of reading, research, and lifelong learning, and foster independence in book selection.

Our Collection:

We are proud to provide a well-rounded, diverse selection of print and non-print resources for our students. Our library houses approximately 19,000 books, Playaways, and Light Box titles. We also provide Sora, a robust, online library of digital books. Sora books can be read on any device by downloading the Sora app. Our online reference databases include PebbleGo (grades K-2), PebbleGo Next (grades 3 and 4), World Book Online (grades K-4), Scholastic True Flix (grades 3-4), and EBSCOhost. All of our databases require login authentication.

The catalog to our collection is computerized by the web-based Destiny system, the same system used by the other media centers in the district. We have four computer OPACs (online public access catalogs) for our students to use. In addition, these computers have internet access available for student use.

Library Media Center Visits:

Students visit the library media center on both a scheduled and an independent basis. All students in grades kindergarten through fourth visit the library media center on a six-day cycle for instruction and book selection.

Number of Books Students May Check Out:

Kindergarten -- one

First grade -- two

Second grade -- two

Third grade -- three

Fourth grade -- four

The library media specialist reserves the right to limit the amount of books allowed out to students who have chronic overdues or repeat incidences of lost or damaged books.

Overdue Policy:

Students have a one-cycle grace period with overdue books. If they have books overdue more than one cycle, they will not be permitted to take out any new books until the overdues are returned, regardless of whether they have reached their limit or not for their grade level. Please keep in mind that we are trying to promote responsibility, and the understanding that everyone shares library media center resources. Chronic overdues are unfair to other students who are waiting for these books. Thanks for your understanding.

Policy on Student Selections:

It is our belief that the library media center is the place where students can explore and learn about the things that are of interest to them. We try to guide them to the most appropriate choices for their age, interest, and reading levels. This is not always an easy task! If you find that your child has selected a book that he or she does not like, or that you feel is not a good fit, please send it back the next day so that another can be selected. An occasional "mistake" in the selection process is to be expected, and is part of the problem solving and critical thinking process. Please remember that every family is unique. What might not be right for your child may be a good fit for someone else's child.

Borrowing Procedures for Students:

Each student is issued a barcode bookmark at the beginning of the year which is essentially their "borrower's card." They are kept in the media center by class in a pocket chart. All students are given a plastic book bag to carry their books back and forth to school in to promote book care. Please DO NOT throw it away. Have your child use it each week to protect their library books.

I hope that this information has given you a better understanding of our library media center, its rules, and procedures. Please remember to call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns. Those who read, succeed!!!

Sincerely,

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