

@ Our PMS Library

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Navigating a New Year.

One change that has proved exciting for students, parents, and teachers was the fact that textbooks were checked out to students at walk-thru registration. This made it possible to get those books home with the help of mom or dad. It also helped in the classroom because teachers did not have to give up class time to come to the library to check out textbooks, and - possibly to the chagrin of the student body - textbook homework could be given starting on the first day of school!

This year we have student TAs every period in the library, and are excited to have their outstanding help, and enthusiasm!



Library TAs "read" shelves for missing books, check out books to kids, teachers, and whole classes, create research folders & cards, put up art... Their latest exciting project is creating **animated book trailers** which we hope to add to our book blog!

What's Going On?

Sixth grade Core classes visited the library for a three day orientation and book-talks. Science classes came in to study S.F. Bay organisms in preparation for their Discovery Voyages.



Seventh graders enjoyed book talks with Core classes as well as researching information about people of the European Middle Ages. Science classes reviewed "Best Bets for SARs" including the RSS feeds available via the library webpage.



Eighth grade Colonial America research has begun; they use the information they collect to create time period journals from the point of view of a European journalist traveling through the English colonies.

What are they saying?

"I am so happy I don't have to carry all these books home by myself. They never fit in my backpack!"

"Now that was a good time!" [Re: 7th grade research about Medieval Times.]

"I read all of the *Hunger Games* series, and I am reading them again before the movie comes out."

"Where is that *Cirque du Freak* number 7? I can't wait; I am totally addicted to these books!"

Ask Your Sixth Grader

What does OPAC stand for?

Ask Your Seventh Grader

Which Medieval townspeople are you featuring in your Accordion book?

Ask Your Eighth Grader

Have you used the RSS feeds to find an article for your SAR?

Brunch & Lunch in the Library!



The library is open every day at brunch as well as Wednesdays at lunch. (T/Th lunches open soon!)

Kids come in to hang out, play on the computers, do homework, check out books, read, play, talk, joke, and relax! Thanks to parents for making this possible!