

LIBRARY

Library Media Program

The mission of the St. Joseph Elementary School Library Media Program is to provide a resource of diverse learning materials that fosters an appreciation for literature and ensures students and staff become effective users of ideas and information. Collaborative planning between classroom teachers and the library media specialist ensures that the entire school is involved in a cooperative, integrated learning process and that classrooms are linked to the resources available in the library media center. The information problem-solving process evolves from the classroom/content area and is then integrated with the Library Media Program. The library media program serves as an integral part of all areas of the school curriculum and fosters lifelong learning.

Philosophy

St. Joseph Elementary School Library Media Center exists to provide a wide range of learning resources at varying levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal and presentation of different points of view to meet the needs of students and faculty. The Library Media Center supplements classroom activity and is an integral part of the curriculum. A close partnership with classroom teachers is a fundamental requirement for a successful program. While reading and literature continue to enrich our lives, technology now channels vast amounts of information through a variety of media and community resources. We must be able to access freely, process adequately, and evaluate critically this information. St. Joseph Elementary School believes that an effective and well-administered school media center is the most effective way to provide students with literacy and information skills that are essential in an information based society that requires lifelong learning.

Program Goals & Objectives

1. To provide a facility that functions as the information center of St. Joseph Elementary School.
2. Develop information finding, analyzing and problem-solving skills to support classroom investigations, encouraging users to become skilled creators of information and ideas.
3. To provide access to information in all content areas through various learning activities appropriate to students of all ages and abilities.
4. Cultivate appreciation for a variety of experiences, including literature and electronic resources.
5. Provide leadership, instruction, and consulting assistance in the use of leading edge instructional and information technology.
6. To provide resources and activities that reflect the diversity of experiences, opinions, and cultural perspectives.
7. To offer students resources and activities that contribute to the development of lifelong learning, while accommodating a wide range of interests, capabilities, learning styles, instructional methods, and teaching styles.
8. To teach students to access information through diverse learning resources, including information and materials outside the Library Media Center.

Learning Activities

Instructional Strategies: Interactive listening, reading, discussion, cooperative learning groups, student research, literature enrichment activities, and guest and student presentations. Library Media Skills : Conduct, care and responsibility, circulation procedures, card catalog access, parts of a book and other materials, organization and utilization of resources, information retrieval from a variety of formats, authors and illustrators, literature appreciation, literature genres, book selection criteria, listening and viewing skills, research and study skills.