Canyon Creek Elementary Library Media Guidelines

Mission statement

In our library at Canyon Creek Elementary we encourage a lifelong love of reading in a welcoming atmosphere. Every student should be able to see themselves in a book. In our library, students are empowered to think critically, collaborate with peers, and effectively use information for enjoyment and learning.

Scheduling

First through sixth grade students receive 30 minutes of library media instruction per week. Kindergarten receives 15 minutes each week. Scheduled library periods may be missed due to holidays, assemblies, field trips and early outs, these classes will not be rescheduled. In addition to scheduled class times, the library is open for book exchange at specified times during the week.

When not in use for scheduled classes, the library will be available for additional scheduling under teacher supervision.

Circulation

Kindergarteners may check out two books at a time beginning in October. First and second grade students may check out two books and third through sixth grades may check out three books at a time.

Books are checked out for 14 days, after which they are overdue. Students with an overdue book will not be allowed to check out other materials until the missing material is returned, renewed, or the replacement cost has been paid. All books checked out by students must be returned to the library two weeks before the last day of school.

Teachers may check out up to 30 books/materials and may renew them unless they have been requested by another teacher. All materials must be returned to the library by the second to last day of the school year.

Lost and Damaged Books

Patrons must pay the replacement cost for lost materials. If the material is found within 30 days from the payment date, the fee will be reimbursed. Damaged books may be assessed a fee based on the severity of the damage to the book, up to the total replacement cost of the book. This will be determined by the library media specialist.

Behavior

While students are in the library, they are expected to follow the posted school rules: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Love your Books.

Computer Access

Students may use the library computers and ipads for instruction, catalog searches, placing holds or doing research during their scheduled class time and during open library times.

Selection

Materials selected for the library will support the curriculum, recreational needs and interest of students. Materials will be chosen for their accuracy, timeliness, and provision of balanced views. Materials will meet the developmental/maturity level of students and will provide for the younger, as well as the more mature readers. Requests and suggestions from students, parents, and faculty which fit these criteria may also be considered.

Donations

Materials donated to the library are appreciated and will be added to our collection if they meet our selection criteria. If not, they may be donated to teachers, students, other organizations or disposed of.

Weeding

In order to maintain an attractive and up-to-date collection, all materials will be evaluated for weeding. Materials may be removed from the collection for being outdated, inaccurate, damaged, duplicate, unused, or no longer part of the curriculum. Award winning or heavily circulated materials that are damaged or worn out may be replaced at the librarian's discretion when funding is available.

Materials removed from the collection will have their barcode labels removed. They will be stamped as "No longer the property of Davis School District". They may be donated to teachers, students or other organizations, or disposed of.

Inventory

Inventory will be completed every two years. Dewey and Reference books will be inventoried one year, then Fiction, Everybody Books, and Spanish the next.

Parental Restriction

Davis School District recognizes the right of parents under state law and District Policy 11IR-107 Recognizing Constitutional Freedoms in Public Schools, to restrict their child's access to materials the parent deems inappropriate. However, no parent has the right to make that decision on behalf of other students. A parent desiring to restrict their own child's access to specific library books or materials shall submit the request in writing to the librarian at the school the child is attending.

Davis School District has approved a Challenged Library Materials Procedure for any complaints regarding collection holdings. The policy and forms can be obtained online at http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/Page/46

Library Advisory Committee

Canyon Creek Library Advisory Committee will help provide input and promote library programs. This committee will meet at least one time during the school year. They may also help as the Collection Evaluation Committee.

Collection Evaluation Committee

The Canyon Creek Evaluation Committee responds to challenges to library materials. The Collection Evaluation Committee consists of an odd number of voting members, not less than five, and may include an administrator, counselor, upper and lower grade level teacher, parent representative, and student representative where appropriate. The school library media specialist will be a voting member of and chair the committee.