

Course Description

Grade 4 Library/ Media Center

Philosophy Statement: The library at Des Moines Christian School supports a well-rounded education based on the belief that God is the source of all truth. To this end, the library promotes learning to read and reading to learn with informational and recreational text and literature. The teacher-librarian instructs students to explore God's world through print and electronic media.

Course Objective: Students will be introduced to materials suitable for their reading level, review proper library behavior, library procedures, and book care. They will be introduced to various genres and the famous authors in various genres. Students will become familiar with the computerized card catalog and the location of various call numbers in the library.

Textbooks: None

Materials:

- Computerized card catalog
- Various fiction/non-fiction books

Time Allotment: 40 minutes per day, 1 day per week in 6-day cycle

Course Content:

- Library orientation
- Coordination with classroom units (fiction genres: mysteries, realistic fiction, science fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, non-fiction genres: "how-to" books, poetry, biographies)
- Seasonal themes/crafts
- Promotion of appropriate materials for their level, authors and location
- Promotion of Iowa Children's Choice books
- Promotion of materials to supplement classroom curriculum
- Use of computerized card catalog and location of books in library
- Magazines
- Fiction/nonfiction
- Parts of a book—index, table of contents
- MLA format
- Research strategies
- Reference section resources—encyclopedia, dictionary, atlas, thesaurus, concordance, online encyclopedia
- In-depth study of featured author's life and body of work (famous mystery authors, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)
- Appropriate use of library material and library behavior

Areas to be evaluated:

- Class discussion
- Find fiction and non-fiction book using computerized card catalog

Additional activities:

- Book/magazine check-out once a week
- Students vote for their favorite Iowa Children's Choice book
- Mystery unit—students analyze fingerprints
- Science fiction unit—students design an invention to be used 100 years from now
- Poetry—students analyze imagery and write their own poem using imagery
- Kindergarten/4th grade library buddy activities