

## **Course Description**

### **Grade 5 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 continue to learn about various genres and the famous authors in various genres. They will review the location of various call numbers in the library. They will be introduced to the reference section and the use of various types of reference books.

**Textbooks:** None

#### **Materials:**

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

**Time Allotment:** 40 minutes per day, 1 day per week in 5-day cycle

#### **Course Content:**

- Library orientation
- Coordination with classroom units (non-fiction: biographies fiction: mysteries, science fiction, Newbery award winners)
- 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 to find fiction and non-fiction
- Magazines
- Fiction/nonfiction
- Research for classroom projects
- Reference section—using almanac, atlas, dictionary, encyclopedia, thesaurus
- MLA citing sources in research—book, magazine, encyclopedia, web site
- In-depth study of featured author's life and work
- Writing, typing, saving a book review
- Appropriate use of library materials
- Parts of a book—table of contents, index, glossary
- Research strategies—search engines, note-taking

#### **Areas to be evaluated:**

- Class discussion
- Finding fiction and non-fiction book in computerized card catalog

#### **Additional activities:**

- Book/magazine check-out once a week
- Students vote for favorite Iowa Children's Choice book