

## **Anne Alsobrook Library Media Center**

The mission of the Anne Alsobrook Library Media Center is to provide access to resources to meet the curriculum and pleasure reading needs of our students and faculty, to help our students and staff become more effective and lifelong users of ideas and information, and to plan with and assist our teachers in strengthening the teaching/learning process.

Our library media center serves students in grades PK-12. It is open from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm each school day and has approximately 17,000 books and videos for students and faculty. Students have access to a 3-D printer, 20 laptops and 5 desktop computers.

Open access to a quality school library program is essential for students to develop the vital skills necessary to analyze, evaluate, interpret, and communicate information and ideas in a variety of format. Because of this belief our library media center operates with a modified flexible schedule:

- All PK, Kindergarten, and first grade classes come to the library media center each Friday for circulation and story time.
- Monday through Thursday the library is open for students and teachers to use for circulation, research, and projects. Students, classroom teachers, and the librarian become partners in the learning process with a flexible library schedule.

This schedule fosters collaboration between the librarian and teachers. Collaboration with classroom teachers to design, implement and evaluate inquiry lessons encourages a high level learning experiences for students and is the catalyst that makes the integrated library program work. During the lesson planning the classroom teacher brings the knowledge of subject content and the student needs.

The school librarian contributes a broad knowledge of resources and technology, an understanding of modern teaching methods, and a wide range of strategies that may be employed to help students learn inquiry skills. Together they are able to provide differentiated and adaptable experiences for students of all abilities and interests to meet the requirements of the curriculum.