

RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LIBRARY MEDIA STUDIES

GRADES 4 & 5

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INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW/PHILOSOPHY

The media center possesses a wide scope of information including text, technology, and media. It provides tools for learning, understanding, and promotes thinking. The library media center is a resource center for completion of assignments, creative exploration, and personal reading, as well as serendipitous learning.

In addition, the library media specialist is sensitive to a wide range of student needs that contribute to achievement. Students who are actively engaged information gatherers build knowledge through interaction with information enhanced by their personal experience. Students develop the ability to judge quality, relevance, and usefulness of information. They demonstrate the ability to create new knowledge by adapting, applying, designing, inventing and authoring information. Teachers, administrators, parents, and others work collaboratively with the media specialist to facilitate each student's journey toward information literacy.

Schools have an obligation to expose students to a variety of literary experiences on a regular and frequent basis. The library media studies curriculum should promote lifelong reading by exposing children to quality literature and reference sources. Students develop into readers for their own purposes. Providing them with classics as well as current materials offers opportunities to pursue reading according to their personal interests. Lifelong readers come to appreciate the value of literacy and connect knowledge to their own needs, the essence of learning.

In the media center, students will view the library media specialist as a teacher, instructional partner, information specialist, and program administrator providing vision, collaboration, and leadership.

The Media Studies Curriculum provides opportunities for support and connection to all subject areas of The New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These standards define general, cross-disciplinary literacy expectations that must be met for students to be prepared to enter college and workforce training programs ready to succeed. The K–12 grade-specific standards define end-of-year expectations and a cumulative progression designed to enable students to meet college and career readiness expectations no later than the end of high school.

Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards, retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades, and work steadily toward meeting the more general expectations described by the standards.

The NJSL Standards may be viewed here: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/2016/ela/>

The instruction integrates these state standards with the Information Literacy Standards for Student Learning, as prepared by the American Association of School Librarians. The standards are called the American Association of School Librarians Standards for the 21st Century and may be viewed here:

http://www.ala.org/aasl/sites/ala.org/aasl/files/content/guidelinesandstandards/learningstandards/AA_SL_Learning_Standards_2007.pdf

The instruction integrates these standards with *The American Association of School Librarians Standards*.

OBJECTIVES

- The library collection should embody adequate materials to specifically support the curricula and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
- The library collection should include materials and web knowledge to meet grade level research and thematic units.
- Through research, students will learn to acquire and use information through texts, periodicals, reference books, and databases.
- The library media program is not an isolated subject. It is essential to student inquiry and learning. It must be fully integrated into the curriculum to promote student achievement. It promotes process thinking and orderly steps toward research goals. It strengthens collaborative learning.
- The library media specialist partners with and encourages staff to design learning opportunities that use individual and collaborative discovery as a learning tool. By providing organized resources to enhance curricula, the media specialist makes learning through research a viable opportunity for both students and staff.
- The effective media center operates with a combination of both fixed and flexible schedules to allow for student access time, collaboration, management duties, and research.
- The media center creates an inviting haven for education and learning.

COMPONENTS OF THE 4-5 LIBRARY MEDIA STUDIES CURRICULUM

- **Materials:** Student-centered, professionally selected and organized collection of print and non-print resources representing a wide range of subjects, levels, interests and media.
- **Curriculum Integrated Learning:** The library media specialist and teacher plan and teach cooperatively. The library media specialist also teaches the use of library and information skills on a regular basis.
- **Technology:** Students use the Internet, databases, and software applications to organize and create content.
- **Incentives:** The library media specialist plans for a variety of reading appreciation programs. The activities reinforce the joy of reading for one's own purposes and interests. Programs should intermittently span the school year, promoting lifelong reading for enjoyment.

COURSE OUTLINES AND OBJECTIVES

The following areas of instructional goals may be used during the yearlong course of study.

Grade 4

- **Library Skills**

- Students will be introduced to the DESTINY Electronic Catalog and be able to use it to help locate books.
- Students will understand the checkout and return process through Follett's DESTINY.
- Students will review alphabetizing skills.
- Students will be exposed to various encyclopedias, atlases and dictionaries.
- Students will be able to select the correct encyclopedic volume for a specific topic.
- Students will be able to use guidewords to locate topics in the encyclopedia.
- Students will be introduced to the organization of the fiction and nonfiction sections.
- Students will explore informational texts with an emphasis on using text features to increase comprehension.
- Students will review book parts including title page, verso page, copyright, index, glossary and table of contents.
- Students will be able to identify a book's title, author or editor, and illustrator.
- Students will be introduced to responsible social and ethical behaviors while using technology.
- Students will practice appropriate Internet etiquette.

- **Suggested Activities**

- The library media specialist will model checkout and return processes.
- Students will preview the DESTINY electronic catalog via SMART Board.
- The library media specialist will create a scavenger hunt to explore the DESTINY electronic catalog.
- Students will take a library tour.
- The library media specialist will incorporate alphabetizing activities via meaningful dictionary exploration.
- Students will identify reference books via teacher - made game.
- Cooperative groups will locate student-generated topics in the correct volume of an encyclopedia.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of book parts via topical book talks.
- Students will create their own title page.
- Students will visit age-appropriate Internet sites on the Internet, use proper Internet behavior, and model correct behavior for classmates.

- **Literary Appreciation**
 - Students will understand the Caldecott and Newbery awards.
 - Students will understand the process of book creation.
 - Students will be introduced to the various genres of books: mystery, science fiction, fantasy, historical fiction, realistic fiction, adventure, and biography.
 - Students will experience award-winning literature, seasonal literature and various author studies.
 - Student exploration of various types of literature will be initiated through monthly displays.

- **Suggested Activities**
 - Students will share examples of Caldecott and Newbery winning books.
 - Students will share the biography of a selected winner.
 - Students will create an author study based on student interest.
 - Students will work in cooperative groups to brainstorm why awards encourage excellence.
 - Students will rotate seats to preview a selection of various genres at each table
 - The library media specialist will “booktalk” various genres.
 - Students may complete a book report as generated by the classroom teacher.
 - Students will preview and explore summer reading choices of various genres at the library.
 - Students will compare and contrast texts in various formats.

- **Inquiry and Research**
 - Students will understand that effective research includes various media, including books, encyclopedias, dictionaries, periodicals, the Internet, search engines and databases.
 - Students will be introduced to the Dewey system of organization, understanding that the library is organized by categories.
 - Students will be introduced to basic search strategies using the automated catalog.
 - Students will be introduced to the concept of plagiarism and copyright.
 - Students will be introduced to the concept of citing resources.
 - Students will experience at least one research project in collaboration with the classroom teacher or specialist.

- **Suggested Activities**
 - Through research generated from the curriculum, students will be encouraged to explore various media to meet assigned requirements and their own interests.
 - Students will be introduced to the Dewey Decimal System through various formats.
 - Students will explore the nonfiction sections of the library, noting locations of their own interest.
 - Students will be introduced to appropriate search engines and web addresses generated to meet their learning level.
 - Using pattern cards of source information, students will construct proper MLA format for books, web sites, and encyclopedias.

- Students will complete a research project generated through collaboration with the classroom teacher or subject specialist.

Grade 5

- **Library Skills**

- Students should be able to apply alphabetizing skills to locate information.
- Students will be able to locate information in the encyclopedia, atlas, almanac, thesaurus and dictionary.
- Students will be introduced to the classes of the Dewey Decimal System.
- Students will be able to identify the correct location of books using the Dewey Decimal System.
- Students will be able to independently use the simple DESTINY electronic catalog.

- **Suggested Activities**

- Students will practice alphabetizing by locating topics in the encyclopedia taken from the curriculum.
- Students will view videos - *The Animated Encyclopedia*, *The Animated Atlas*, *The Animated Dictionary* and *The Animated Almanac*.
- Students will participate in the Dewey Decimal passport activity to find topics using the Dewey system as a guide.
- Students will shelve non-fiction books according to the Dewey Decimal System with a “shelf buddy.”
- Students will demonstrate how to locate a book using the simple DESTINY catalog search.
- Students will complete teacher-made worksheets on the Dewey Decimal System.

- **Literary Appreciation**

- Students will be able to locate fiction via the author’s last name.
- Students will experience an author study to appreciate the work of an individual author.
- Students will experience audio books.
- Students will refine his/her genre preferences as well as experience new genres.
- Students will be able to locate biographies and autobiographies.
- Students will be aware of special collections.

- **Suggested Activities**

- Students will be asked to locate books found in the library written by one particular author.
- As part of the author study, students will compare and contrast stories.
- Students will experience listening to an audio book.
- The library media specialist will introduce various genres through lecture and examples from the collection.
- Students will be assigned a specific genre by their classroom teacher and complete a book report.
- Students will complete a map of the library and will label the areas that contain specific collections.

- **Inquiry and Research**
 - Students will be able to select correct materials on a specific topic.
 - Students will be able to locate and utilize a book's glossary, index, and table of contents.
 - Students will recognize that the content of a reference text may be organized by chronological, topical or numerical order.
 - Students will be able to recognize and understand primary sources.
 - Students will be able to take notes using simple procedures.
 - Students will be able to understand the importance of citing print and electronic resources.
 - Students will be assigned research projects during the school year and will understand that research is a collaborative process including the library and classroom teacher.

- **Suggested Activities**
 - Students will be directed to specific sections of the Dewey Decimal System to ascertain materials to meet their research needs.
 - Students will locate the glossary, index and table of contents in a book and complete teacher-made worksheets.
 - Students will be introduced to actual examples of primary sources and will complete a primary source scavenger hunt using age-appropriate periodicals found in the library.
 - Students will be given curriculum related materials to practice note taking skills.
 - Using pattern cards, students will create a works cited for print and web resources.

PROFICIENCY LEVELS

The Library Media Studies curriculum is appropriate for all students within the 4th and 5th grade population.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessments may include, but are not limited to:

- **Formal**
 - Teacher-created information assessment sheets
 - Publisher-created information assessment sheets
 - Assessment rubrics
 - Assigned original writing
 - Assigned student presentations

- **Informal**
 - Small group and class discussions
 - Teacher observations
 - Anecdotal notations
 - Cooperative learning opportunities

- Teacher/Curriculum Assessment
 - Assessment will be conducted according to the following statement:
 - The grades 4 and 5 Library Media Studies curriculum committee will be in contact throughout the academic year concerning curriculum assessment. Suggestions for improving and changing the curriculum are encouraged. The principal and department supervisor will also meet with the media specialist(s) to discuss the need for modifications and changes.

GROUPING

The Library Media Studies classes are heterogeneously grouped classes; placement criteria are determined by Individual Educational Plans when necessary.

ARTICULATION/ SCOPE AND SEQUENCE/TIME FRAME

Library Media Studies for grades 4 and 5 is a full-year course meeting on a weekly basis.

RESOURCES

- Speakers may include, but are not limited to:
 - One or more authors, illustrators, storytellers, oral history experts, historians.
- Technology
 - Students shall use the computers for independent or cooperative research and learning activities.
 - Library media specialists shall also use appropriate technology to enhance their knowledge of the subject area, activities and/or lessons.
 - Use of technology will conform to the following New Jersey Student Learning Standards: (8.1.8.A.1) (8.1.8.A.2) (8.1.8.A.3) (8.1.8.A.4) (8.1.8.A.5) (8.1.8.B.1) (8.1.8.D.1) (8.1.8.D.2) (8.1.8.D.3) (8.1.8.E.1)
- Books, Audio books, Audiovisual Media
 - Materials shall be selected according to the policies set forth by the Board of Education.
- Supplies and Materials
 - Books / Fiction
 - Books/ Nonfiction
 - Reference materials
 - Periodicals
 - Audio visual materials
 - Office and clerical supplies
 - Library charts and posters
 - Periodicals
 - Reading incentive supplies
 - SMART Board

METHODOLOGIES

A wide variety of methodologies will be used. The following are suggestions, not limitations, as to how the program may be implemented and facilitated. Codes refer to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for 21st Century Life and Careers – Career Ready Practices (2014).

- Cooperative learning groups CRP1, CRP4, CRP5, CRP6, CRP8, CRP9, CRP12
- Differentiated instruction methods CRP2, CRP6, CRP8, CRP10
- Workshop approach CRP1, CRP4, CRP5, CRP6, CRP8, CRP9, CRP12
- Individual assignments CRP2, CRP4
- Whole class instruction CRP2, CRP4
- Small group instruction CRP1, CRP4, CRP5, CRP6, CRP8, CRP9, CRP12
- Technology-aided instruction CRP2, CRP4, CRP8, CRP11
- Peer-to-peer instruction CRP1, CRP4, CRP9, CRP12

Career Ready Practices describe the career-ready skills that all educators in all content areas should seek to develop in their students. They are practices that have been linked to increase college, career and life success. By end of grade 8, students will be able to:

- 9.2.8.B.1 – Research careers and determine attributes of career success.
- 9.2.8.B.2 – Develop a Personalized Student Learning Plan with the assistance of an adult mentor that includes information about career areas of interest, goals and an education plan.
- 9.2.8.B.3 – Evaluate communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that can be developed through school, home, work, and extracurricular activities for use in a career.
- 9.2.8.B.4 – Evaluate how traditional and nontraditional careers have evolved regionally, nationally, and globally.
- 9.2.8.B.5 – analyze labor market trends using state and federal labor market information and other resources available online.
- 9.2.8.B.6 – Demonstrate understanding of the necessary preparation of legal requirements to enter the workforce.
- 9.2.8.B.7 – Evaluate the impact of online activities and social media on employer decisions.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS

The nature of the Library Media Studies curriculum allows it to be connected with all disciplines.

DIFFERENTIATING INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Differentiating instruction is a flexible process that includes the planning and design of instruction, how that instruction is delivered, and how student progress is measured. Teachers recognize that students can learn in multiple ways as they celebrate students' prior knowledge. By providing appropriately challenging learning, teachers can maximize success for all students.

Examples of Strategies and Practices that Support:

Students with Disabilities

- Use of visual and multi-sensory formats

- Use of assisted technology
- Use of prompts
- Modification of content and student products
- Testing accommodations
- Authentic assessments

Gifted & Talented Students

- Adjusting the pace of lessons
- Curriculum compacting
- Inquiry-based instruction
- Independent study
- Higher-order thinking skills
- Interest-based content
- Student-driven
- Real-world problems and scenarios

English Language Learners

- Pre-teaching of vocabulary and concepts
- Visual learning, including graphic organizers
- Use of cognates to increase comprehension
- Teacher modeling
- Pairing students with beginning English language skills with students who have more advanced English language skills
- Scaffolding
 - word walls
 - sentence frames
 - think-pair-share
 - cooperative learning groups
 - teacher think-alouds

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Library Media Specialists and associate media specialists will continue to improve their expertise by participating in a variety of professional development opportunities made available by the Board of Education and other organizations, which may include, but are not limited to:

- New Jersey Association of School Librarians Conference
- Rutherford Board of Education professional development opportunities
- Regular collaborative meetings of librarians within our district
- Professional memberships
- Professional meetings
- Professional book shows
- Professional journals

Curriculum Map—Library Media Studies - Grade 4

September	October	November	December	January
Library procedures. Orientation and skills	Book Appreciation/ Seasonal Literature	Book layout. Fiction and Non-Fiction Emphasis on illustration and text	Fiction and nonfiction enriched with seasonal books and visual text.	Exploration activities: fiction and nonfiction
February	March	April	May	June
Historical Genre Student response	Biography Student response	Inquiry and Research: Preparation skills	Curriculum based Inquiry and Research	Summer Reading Orientation and appreciation

Curriculum Map - Library Media Studies – Grade 5

September	October	November	December	January
Library Orientation Literary Appreciation	Dewey classification activities	Historical genre Book related activities	Folklore Seasonal literature	Book Talks/ Content Areas
February	March	April	May	June
Book Talks/ Content Areas	Inquiry and Research State Reports Student response	Inquiry and Research State Reports Student response	Inquiry and Research State Reports Student Response	Summer Reading Orientation and appreciation