



Fair Oaks School Library

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A Curation of Elementary Academic & Literacy Resources



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@ShannonMiller
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Leading from the Library Podcast: When Teachers and Librarians Collaborate, Anything is Possible!

Shannon Miller is a well-known teacher librarian from Van Meter Schools, IA and a spokesperson for Future Ready Schools. She also hosts the "Leading from the Library Podcast" sponsored by Follett. As a teacher, if you have ever wondered what or how school librarians & teachers "collaborate" to support student learning, listen to this 20-minute episode recorded mid-Covid where Shannon and her 2nd grade teacher colleague, Tracy Ferguson, talk about the 13 years they have collaborated on a few BIG and many small projects together. Anything is possible for students & learning when teachers and school librarians COLLABRATE! Teamwork tidbit to think about for 2022-23 school year. 🤝

<https://bit.ly/SchoolLibrarianTeacherCollaboration>



Credit:
@ASCD

ASCD Article: Focusing on the Essentials

In this ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) article, Mike Schmoker, shares how educators should focus on the essentials for reading, discussion, and writing, with students, and then outlines it in three areas to demonstrate the steps and actions to be taken to accomplish student achievement based on evidence-based research. If you are looking for a quick essentials refresh or planning your curriculum delivery for next school year, this article will give you food for thought on execution. "These three essential elements—curriculum, sound instruction, and authentic literacy—and their subsidiary practices are the primary, fundamental drivers of schooling and its improvement."—Mike Schmoker

<https://www.ascd.org/el/articles/focusing-on-the-essentials>



Credit:
@NPR

NPR Books We Love: Kids' Book Lists by Year

A question often asked of a school librarian (and it is one of our absolute favorites!) is, "What book should I read?" School librarians are experts at suggesting books, and we love to match a perfect book to the reader. As readers ourselves, we can make suggestions fairly quickly, depending on our own reading interests and the grade-levels we teach. We also research reputable book lists to make suggestions and for the latest and greatest to develop our library (and personal) book collections. NPR Books is a great curated resource for finding a student's (or your) next read & it's arranged by year.

[Great reads, every year, thoughtfully curated by NPR](#)



Credit:
@penguinrandom

Penguin Random House Open License Extended

When the Pandemic began, many educators struggled with how they would reach their students virtually. One way was through virtual story time and read-alouds. But...was it legal? Penguin Random House recently extended their licensing through December 2022. Read this article to learn the rules and regulations for Penguin's material. We are excited for the support PRH continues to provide to school librarians, teachers, and all educators to stay connected through story with our students. Now we can plan our PHR story time and read alouds this summer.

[Storytime and Read Alouds Licensing with PRH Updated](#)



Credit:
@RAKFoundation

Building a foundation for learning includes developing self-discipline. One way to do this is by setting aside your electronics (phone, video games, TV, etc.) and performing random acts of kindness towards yourself and towards others. The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation has a summer challenge for students to complete, and it includes a tracker sheet to help participants to be successful. Families can participate, too! 🤝 Learn how to make kindness normal and build self-discipline at the same time. It's never too late to become a better student & citizen in your community. Be sure to share you tracker sheet with Ms. Quintana when school begins in August!

[Random Acts of Kindness Summer Challenge](#)



Credit:
@akjbooks

Fair Oaks Elementary School Library Highlight

Mrs. Quintana recently created a Donors Choose requesting social and emotional learning and mindfulness books to add to the library collection. Within just a few minutes of posting the Donors Choose, the entire collection of 29 books were funded. So exciting! These books are published by AJK Education, and will be in the library in mid-August for students to check-out, teachers to use in the classroom, school counselors to use for lessons, and of course, for Mrs. Quintana to create a book display and new section in the library for these topics, plus facilitate library learning stations to teach and support content in these areas. I am so excited to begin building this collection for our students and staff in the school library.

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