

INTRODUCTION
LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES HANDBOOK
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL - REVISED 2009

Philosophy

The library media program is central to the school's total educational mission. It is fully integrated into the curriculum serving the school's educational goals and objectives. The principal supports and works with the library media specialist, teachers and students to facilitate a program that strengthens and extends the educational process of the school.

The purpose of the school library program is to provide instructional resources and services to the students, staff, and administration at the point of need. The library media program provides access to a wide variety of traditional and up-to-date instructional resources, both print and non-print.

Mission

The mission of the school library is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information. This mission is accomplished:

- By providing intellectual and physical access to materials in all formats
- By providing instruction to foster competence and stimulate interest in reading, viewing, and using information and ideas
- By working with other educators to design learning strategies to meet the needs of individual students.

Goals

The goal of the program is to ensure that students attain knowledge and skills, as well as increase their understanding of Catholic faith, becoming lifelong learners, critical thinkers and informed, ethical citizens. The goals for the library manager include maintaining up to date knowledge of the curriculum, of students' needs, and of instructional resources. The library manager will work with teachers and administration to develop guidelines in the selection of resources, use a variety of up-to-date tools, such as Internet sites to locate materials, and promote learning resources by allowing teachers and students to preview and evaluate new material.

Objective

The library media specialist works together with classroom teachers to further enhance the subject matter that is currently being learned by students. A library lesson plan form is submitted to the library media specialist to prepare for the lesson.