

What Every Parent Should Know About Our School Library

Library Hours and Classes

Our school library is open daily from 7:45–3:15. Classes visit library on a weekly basis during their encore rotation time for instruction and to check out materials. Since we utilize student stations for circulating books, students may visit the library during their open classroom time to exchange books as well.

Library Books

1st through 4th grade students are allowed to have two books checked out at a time at Sequoyah. 5th grade students can have 3 books out at a time. Kindergarten students are allowed to have one book checked out at a time. They may renew books unless another student or staff member has placed a hold on the book.

Overdue Books

Overdue notices are sent home weekly in email. Please check your spam folders to ensure you receive your student's overdues. We do not charge fines, but parents are responsible for lost or damaged books. Please ensure books are returned by the end of the year so report cards will not be held.

Makerspace

The library has a makerspace section that can be utilized by staff and students. Students will use the makerspace as part of their library instruction periodically throughout the year.

Birthday Book Club – Gift Books

Students who wish to participate in this fundraising effort donate either \$15 or a new, hardback book to our library. They then pick out a special book from our stash of new titles, have their picture made with the book, and are the first to check that book out from our library. We include a commemorative nameplate inside the book as a reminder to future readers of a special person's birthday. A form will go home in the first Monday Folder of your child's birthday month. Parents and students can also donate books at any time in honor of special teachers, memorials, etc. We appreciate your effort in raising funds to purchase more books for our library!

Library Volunteers

As the sole librarian at Sequoyah, I have many different responsibilities eating at my time. Not only do I teach classes everyday, I am also responsible for running our school news network (WSES), assisting with yearbook, circulating books, book repair, processing overdues, maintaining our computers, ordering and processing new books, and shelving materials turned in by staff and students. I'm lucky to have some dedicated volunteers who enjoy working with the students and behind the scenes to make our library run smoothly. Library volunteers are always needed. If you have as little as thirty minutes each month in your schedule to share with us, we would love to have you as a part of our team! No experience is necessary, so give us a call or drop by to chat! Please visit Membership Toolkit to sign up to volunteer.

Library Website

Please visit our library website for links to eBook databases, search engines, and typing programs that you can use at home with your children.

eBooks

We have access to 2 databases of eBooks. Follett Shelf/ Destiny Discover and MackinVia can be accessed on our school website. Each student has their own username and password. They have a variety of popular fiction and non-fiction titles that can be read on any computer or handheld device. While all students have an account, 2nd-5th will be taught to use the software in library class. Their username and password matches the login they use for their chromebook in the classroom. K-1st should have help from a parent when navigating the site. I can provide the username and password upon parent request. Just send me an email.

Let's have a year full of fun and reading,

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