



Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Reading Program

Each year the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award honors outstanding young adult literature by presenting an award to a book selected by Maryland students. The purpose of the award is to promote good reading habits and a lifelong appreciation of literature by encouraging students to read quality contemporary literature.

Middle school students may choose to read books from the 4th-6th grade selection or the 6th-9th grade selection. Students will be introduced to the twenty nominated chapter books during English classes in October. Students are encouraged to read the nominated books. Any student who reads at least three of the nominated books and writes a comment about each of them on Edline will be invited to participate in the Black Eyed-Susan Voting Party. At the party students will vote for their favorite.

Computer Use

Students are encouraged to use the computers in the media center for creating school projects and research. Students must follow the MCPS computer use regulations which are available at this web address:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/igtra.pdf>

In addition the following rules must be adhered to at all times:

1. No IM, personal email, audio or video streaming are permitted.
2. Students are responsible for any damage incurred on a computer they are using.
3. Print only with permission.
4. Internet searches must be relevant to the research topic.



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John Poole Middle School Media Center Student Handbook 2008-2009



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Welcome to the John Poole Media Center

We hope that you will enjoy coming to the Media Center whether it is to do research or to select a book for reading. The Media Center is open to all students at John Poole M.S. and we are here to help you in any way we can.

Mission Statement

We, the students and staff of John Poole Middle School, will always give our best effort and work together to become independent users of the library media center and life-long learners.

Ground Rules

- L**eave the media center as you found it
- I**mplement all school rules
- B**e productive
- R**espect others
- A**lways return your books on time
- R**espect media materials
- Y**ou are responsible for your choices and work

Gum, food and drinks are NOT permitted in the media center.



Circulation

Students may check out books for a two week loan period. Books may be renewed for an additional two week period unless there is another student on the reserve list for that book. Students may check out a maximum of four books. Exceptions may be made upon request for class assignments. Reference books may be checked out overnight.

Visiting the Media Center



The Media Center is open every school day from 7:20-3:15. Students are encouraged to visit for research and book selection. Upon entering or leaving the media center please use the sign in sheets on the circulation desk.

Before School- Students may visit before school after leaving their backpack in their locker.

During School- Once the bell has rung to start the school day students must have a pass to visit the media center. Students may visit the media center during Connect time and during lunch. Passes are available from the lunch room aides.

After school- Students may arrange with the media staff to work in the media center after school. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation and must be prepared to work on a school project or assignment while in the media center.

On-line Sources



These resources are provided by Montgomery County for all elementary students to use. They are a great source of information and can be used on the computers at school or at home. Handouts of the services with passwords and web addresses are available at the circulation desk and on Edline.

Suggestion Box



The media center staff works to create an environment that meets the needs of all our students. We encourage you to make suggestions as to how we can make the media center better. Suggestions might include books that we should purchase or ways to improve the services we provide. Forms are available on the circulation desk counter.

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