

Woonsocket Education Department

Library Media Curriculum – Middle School

Vision Statement

Our vision is to engage students in a thoughtful and responsible use of media.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Woonsocket Middle School Library is to foster literacy and critical thinking skills, to support the curriculum, and to provide services and access to resources beyond the school walls. The school library media specialist provides guidance and instruction in accessing, locating, using, and evaluating information from a variety of media while promoting life-long reading and learning for both pleasure and information.

Library Media Program at the Middle School Level

Through flexible scheduling and collaboration between the library media specialist and classroom teachers, the library curriculum is delivered through a variety of avenues:

- The library media specialist and subject area teacher collaboratively plan and deliver instruction in the library media center.
- The library media center is available throughout the day for students to locate, select, and use resources for class assignments and research projects.
- The library media center is available throughout the day for students to select materials for recreational reading purposes.

A major goal of the library media program is to insure that students are able to select from a wide variety of materials those that most closely suit their specific needs and to complete eighth grade as independent, clear thinking, and self-motivated learners.

The library media specialist instructs the students in the following lifelong learning competencies:

- Developing research topics

- Accessing appropriate resources (databases, books, reference books, Web sites)
- Internet searching
- Web site evaluation
- Ethical use of information
- Citation formation

Another goal is the development of student literacy, connecting students to the best, age-appropriate literature through booktalks, discussion groups, genre lessons, and reading incentive programs, such as Reading Counts and Scholastic Book Fairs. The library program focuses on creating positive reading experiences to develop students who are lifelong readers and learners.