



MONTAUK PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER



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WELCOME PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS!

- Montauk Public School Library Media Center is a fixed and flexibly scheduled library, allowing the students maximum access to the library facility and collection.
- Reading for school and for pleasure is a major focus of the Library Media Program. Another major goal is developing long-lasting library habits. The Check Out/Return/Renew policies support these program goals of the program. See separate memo for more specific information.
- “Destiny” is our new library catalog and circulation system. It is accessible from school or home at www.montaukschool.org
- The Virtual Reference Collection (VRC) provides access to resources in a number of paid subscription databases. See separate memo for more information.
- Students in grades three, four, five, and six have library class combined with computer class. This allows the students to best use both the traditional and electronic resources available in the Library Media Center. These classes are team taught by the librarian and a computer teacher.
- The Montauk Public School PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) Program runs twice per year. Parent participation in this important reading incentive program is vital to its success. Reading with your child is good for your child, good for you, and lots of fun for both! Please contact the librarian if you are interested in joining our small committee to generate new ideas to make this the best PARP year yet!
- Our library collection now includes a small, but growing Parent Collection. These books are available to parents and caregivers for check out. Please feel free to suggest titles or topics to include in this collection.
- As stated above, our Library Media Center provides access to both traditional print and electronic resources. Visit <http://www.montaukschool.org> to learn more!





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Don't just google your way to information . . . try the VRC!
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Hello everyone! I would like to share with you a wonderful group of resources available to you through the Virtual Reference Collection (VRC.) The VRC is a collection of reference databases that our school pays to have access to. We are able to get a great price for them because we purchase them cooperatively with other Eastern Suffolk schools. The resources in the databases are of high quality and from authoritative publishers and authors. When searching with regular search engines, such as Google, the results displayed may contain incorrect, inappropriate and/or bias information. In addition, the VRC databases often provide educational materials such as lesson plans, classroom activities, games, and puzzles. Some are for use with students during class instruction, others are professional resources, and some are great for students to explore on their own.

You can access these resources by going to the Montauk School Library Media Center Home Page at www.montaukschool.org Click on Information Station and then click on Virtual Reference Collection or click on the VRC icon on the homepage. If you roll the mouse over the name of the resource, a text box will pop up providing you with a description of that resource. Click on any of the available resources to access them. You will need our username and password. This username and password will also work for other great resources on the Information Station page, such as BrainPOP, BrainPOP Junior, Enchanted Learning, BookFlix, and United Streaming.

For everything from basic searches to current events to author studies to world geography – the VRC has quality articles and teaching materials to enrich student learning. Don't just Google your way to information . . .





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Montauk Public School Meets Its Destiny!

Montauk Public School Library Media Center has upgraded to a brand new library catalog and circulation system – Destiny!

- **Browser Based** – users can access from school or home
- **Title Peek** – let's you look at book covers, just like online bookstores
- **Web Links** – age-appropriate, accurate, and authoritative websites
- **Resource Lists** – students and teachers can make lists for their own use or to share with others
- **User Reviews** – users rate books and write reviews and they are published to our catalog
- **User Recommendations** – users can send book recommendations to each other
- **Visually Rich and Dynamic** – two interfaces: regular Destiny is simple and clear (for adults who don't like clutter) and Destiny Quest is rich, colorful, and customizable (for kids who like adventure and excitement)
- **Web 2.0-ish Features** – lists, recommendations, ratings, and reviews all give kids a safe opportunity to participate in an interactive online environment that is safe and secure

Meet Destiny!

**Visit www.montaukschool.org
and click on the Destiny icon.**

DESTINY



Explore as a guest or ask your child to login and show you around!





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Library Email List

Sign up to receive emails and forwards from Rachel Kleinberg, the Montauk School Library Media Specialist

Topics include: Library Happenings, Cyber Safety, Reading Lists, Book Reviews, and other fun and informative stuff!

Send an email to rkleinberg@montaukschool.org requesting to be added to the Library Email List. Also be sure to add rkleinberg@montaukschool.org to your email address book so that the emails won't end up in your Spam folder!





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CHECK OUT - RETURN - RENEW DAYS

- Most classes have a scheduled “check out” day. Students are required to bring any checked out books to Library Class that day so they may be returned or renewed. However, students may drop in anytime to check out/return/renew as needed or wanted.
- Students may check out as many books as “needed.” Usually, this means one to three books. The librarian and the student discuss this on a case by case basis and decide together what is best for the student. Students are strongly encouraged to check out chapter books and other types of longer reading books on a regular basis. Of course, they are also permitted to check out additional “free choice” books as well.
- There are no fines for overdue books, but we do encourage students to learn to be responsible with their library books and return them on time.
- Students are encouraged to keep their school library books in only three places: 1- backpack, 2 – classroom desk (or locker), and 3 – their very own hands! This will help them to always have their library books in school for check out day and to always have them handy for reading.
- Students in grades seven and eight are required to have an outside reading book with them at all times throughout the school day.
- Lost books must be paid for by the student. However, we make every effort to locate the book in the school and provide plenty of time for the student to look for the book at home. If any student, parent, or caregiver has a question or concern about a lost or damaged book, he or she should contact the librarian who will be more than happy to discuss the situation and work out a helpful solution.
- Scheduled Check Out/Return/Renew Days are listed on the back. However, as stated above, students may drop in anytime to check out/return/renew as needed or wanted.





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LIBRARY CHECK OUT - RETURN - RENEW DAYS 09-10

- KL – FRIDAY
- KW – THURSDAY
- 1I – THURSDAY
- 1W – FRIDAY
- 2H – TUESDAY
- 2W – MONDAY
- 3C – FRIDAY
- 3W – FRIDAY
- 4C – THURSDAY
- 4M – WEDNESDAY
- 5C – FRIDAY
- 5N – THURSDAY
- 6B – WEDNESDAY
- 6L – FRIDAY
- 7TH – Unscheduled/Varies
- 8TH – Unscheduled/Varies
- ALL GRADES – WHENEVER! Students may drop in anytime to check out/return/renew as needed or wanted.

