

CURRICULUM NIGHT IN THE BELL LIBRARY

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Welcome to the Bell Library!

Bell students visit the library weekly for library class where they have the opportunity to:

- hear stories and learn about great books for children,
- check out books,
- learn to find information in books and online,
- and explore computer apps and tools for learning.



Hearing stories and learning about great books...

In grades K-1, students learn about nominees for the [Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award](#); each week these books are paired with looking up related facts in PebbleGo.

In grades 2-3, students learn about terrific books in each genre: adventure, historical fiction, realistic and sports fiction, mystery and scary fiction, science fiction, animal fiction, fantasy, and informational books.

In grades 4-5, students learn about more advanced books in each genre, and also about state and national award nominees such as the [Sasquatch Award](#), the [Young Reader's Choice Award](#), and the [Newbery Award](#).



Checking out books...

Students can check out books as follows:

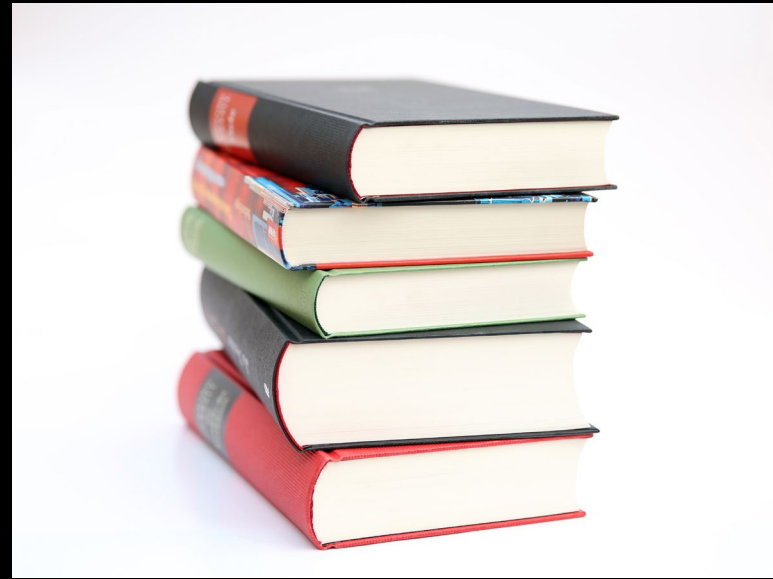
Kindergarten: 1 book for 1 week (starting in November)

Grades 1-2: 2 books for 1 week

Grade 3: 3 books for 2 weeks

Grades 4-5: 4 books for 2 weeks

➤ You will receive an email notice if any books your child has checked out are overdue.



Learning to find information in books and online...

Students have access to the [Destiny Library system](#) through Classlink at school and at home.

At Bell, students learn to find information in reliable and accurate sources such as the [district's databases: PebbleGo, PebbleGo Learn, Britannica School, and Britannica Imagequest](#). *Note that passwords are required to access at home outside of Classlink (available from the library or your child's teacher).

Exploring computer apps and tools for learning...

“The library is a place to learn about great stories, to find information in books and online, and to learn new things together.”

Students have opportunities to explore computer science tools (Blue-bots, Hour of Code, SCRATCH, Minecraft Education, and others), chess and other leisure activities, and makerspaces.



LWSD Library Standards

What students learn in the library is guided by the district's Standards for Student Learning in the Library:

- Standard 1: Reading Engagement
- Standard 2: Information & Research
- Standard 3: Media Literacy

Learning goals for the Standards are identified at each grade level.



Reading @ Home

The easiest answer to "how can I support my child's schoolwork?" is to dedicate time at home for reading, either reading a book aloud together or reading together, each with your own book.

THANK YOU!

