

Whitesboro Library Media Center

Grade 4 Benchmark Skills

Your child's Library report card contains three benchmark skill categories: Information Literacy, Media Literacy (Technology) and the Ability to Use the Library Media Center. These Library benchmark skills are part of the new Empire Information Fluency Continuum and the New York State Common Core Learning Standards.

Information Literacy

- Generates a list of key words for a research-based project with guidance.
- Asks questions to clarify topics or details.
- Predicts answers to inquiry questions based on background knowledge and observation and experience.
- Paraphrases, summarizes information that answers research questions.
- Identifies facts and details that support main ideas.
- Uses common organizational patterns to organize information.

Media Literacy (Technology)

- Uses selected search engines to find appropriate information.
- Identifies and evaluates the important features for a good product.
- Presents information clearly so that main points are evident using a variety of formats.
- Searches the Library Catalog independently to locate materials.
- Uses online library resources and/or databases to locate information.

Ability to Use Library Media Center

- Demonstrates the ability to use the Library to check out and return books on time.
- Independently locates fiction materials by author; and non-fiction materials by the Dewey Decimal number.
- Uses the Library Catalog to locate a variety of materials by author, title or subject.
- Returns materials used in the Library Media to the correct place on the shelf.
- Selects books, poems, or media based on teacher-selected criteria or personal preference appropriate to his/her reading ability.