



# SIS Library Mrs. Savo



Welcome to the SIS Library! I'm Mrs. Savo, and I am so excited to be your child's librarian at SIS. I have been a librarian for Pocono Mountain School District since 2008. I am beyond excited to welcome all of my students back this year!

What is listed below is just SOME of what your students will be doing in the library this year!

I am also the advisor of the SIS Science Club! Make sure your 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>-graders keep an eye out for information on joining our awesome club!

## 4th grade:

- Using the library catalog and locating books.
- Accessing ebooks and audiobooks.
- Digital design using Google Drawings
- Coding
- Hummingbird Bit Robotics Project
- State Symbol Automata
- Botley Robots
- NASA & Space Station Resources
- Various S.T.E.A.M. challenges, kits, and activities.

## 5th grade:

- Using the library catalog and locating books.
- Accessing ebooks and audiobooks
- Digital design using Canva
- Coding
- Native American pictographs and NASA mission patch design
- Hummingbird Bit Robotics Project
- Makey Makey controller and video game design
- Logic Games
- Various S.T.E.A.M. challenges and activities

## 6th grade:

- Using the library catalog and locating books.
- Accessing ebooks and audiobooks
- Digital design using Canva
- Constellation design and storytelling

- Coding
- Hummingbird Bit robotics project
- Micro:bit project
- Snap Circuits
- Keychain design project
- Various S.T.E.A.M. challenges and activities

## Contact Information:



(570) 839-7121 ext 60400



vsavo@pmsd.org



# SIS Library Resources

## The Library Catalog:

The library catalog can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Students are encouraged to check out books each class and use the library catalog to search for books they are interested in.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students also learn how to log in to the library catalog to place library books on hold.

## Borrowing Library Books:

- Students are allowed to borrow up to 5 total library books.
- If students owe books from previous years, this will reduce that total.
- Students may only borrow one book from a series and one graphic novel (or comic book) at a time.
- Students must keep their books for up to 30 days.

## 40 Book Challenge:

This year, students will be given a challenge to read 40 or more books!

Stay tuned for more information!

## Ebooks and Audiobooks:

All students are taught how to access Sora and MackinVIA for ebooks and audiobooks. This gives them additional access to electronic and audio books for free all year round.

Click [HERE](#) for Sora (Tutorial video [HERE](#))

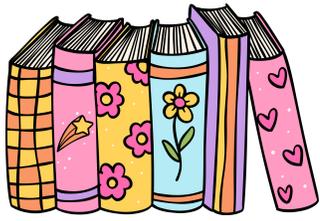
Click [HERE](#) for MackinVIA (Tutorial video [HERE](#))

If students have any issues using either resource, have them stop by the library for help.

## Night Sky and ISS Resources:

Students get introduced (or re-introduced) to the ISS Above each year! This amazing piece of technology gives us live information about the International Space Station, including live camera footage of where it is orbiting over Earth! Here are some great links about the ISS:

- [NASA: Spot the Station](#) - You can also download the app on your device.
- [Information about the ISS](#)
- [Students Talk to NASA Astronauts](#)
- The Night Sky App will notify you by your location if the ISS is directly above you on a visible pass!



# Get to Know Mrs. Savo



## About Me:

- I grew up on Long Island, but spent a lot of my childhood visiting family in the Poconos.
- I have a spouse and 2 children.
- The library was always my happy place—especially as a child and student!
- In my free time, I like to play board games with my family, listen to audiobooks, cross-stitch and embroider, and play video games.
- STEAM education is my passion, and I love finding new ways to integrate it into what students are learning in their other classes.
- I love all things colorful!

## Fun Facts:

- I do not like being outside— especially if it is hot!
- You can find me either listening to an audiobook or loudly singing in the car.
- I love learning how to use new technology.
- I love thrift shopping and will always look for thrift shops when I am traveling.
- I am a fan of anything with strawberry or lemon flavoring.
- I got to eat breakfast under the Space Shuttle Discovery 2 summers in a row during a teacher program.

## Education:

- 2002–2006: University of Scranton, B.A. English Literature
- 2006–2010: Marywood University, Master's of Information Sciences with a Library Science concentration.

## Certifications:

- K-12 Library Science
- PA STEM Letter of Endorsement.

## My Favorites:

**Store:** I love a good thrift store!

**Food:** Pizza and Pasta

**Hobby:** Embroidery/Cross-Stitch

**Flowers:** Hydrangea

**Drink:** Water or A&W Root Beer

**Season:** Fall/Winter

**Sport:** Skiing

**Subject:** STEAM and all things Space

**Color:** I love them ALL, but if I have to choose, purple and pink

**Book:** I have SO many, two of my top favorites are The Giver by Lois Lowry and Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls.

**Museum:** The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum