



## **Rockford Public Schools Library Media Services Parent Involvement in Student Library Usage**

### **How are library books the same or different from books available in teachers' classroom libraries?**

Library books are purchased according to the district collection development policy (a copy of which can be made available upon request) providing representation for all its readers. DK-8th grade teachers have been provided, by the district, classroom libraries that supplement grade-level learning. These books have been purchased using district curriculum scopes and sequences supporting grade-level content.

### **As a parent or guardian, how can I monitor what my child is reading from the RPS libraries?**

- ❖ The library supports a wide range of readers and services all students who enter its space. The best way to monitor what your child is reading is to take an active role in their education and book choices. For younger children, read their library books with them. Know what books your child likes and what they are learning in their current curriculum. Have thoughtful conversations about the literature your child is reading and encourage them to find challenging yet interesting books to continue to learn and grow. For older children, ask what book they are currently reading and have discussions. Encourage your child to read about topics that interest them and suggest books you feel they may enjoy. Read some books together as a family to sharpen their listening and conversation skills, spark their imagination, and expand your child's knowledge of the world around them. The intimate experience of reading together can yield important lessons about behavior, feelings, and strengthening your relationships.
- ❖ Students may log in to their Destiny library account at any time and show parents/guardians what library books/materials are currently checked out.

### **How can I be more involved with the library books my student checks out?**

- ❖ Having a continued partnership between caregivers(s) and the media staff is an important support in helping your reader. The Destiny library system supports ways to place notes of restriction for a reader in the media center. If you would like specific book titles restricted from your child's access, please email your child's name, the school building they attend, and the specific book title(s) or author(s) you are requesting be restricted to the library staff at the building they attend:

- All K-5 Schools: Matt Zokoe (Library/Media Director) - [mzokoe@rockfordschools.org](mailto:mzokoe@rockfordschools.org)
- North Rockford Middle School: Michelle Falk (Librarian) - [mfalk@rockfordschools.org](mailto:mfalk@rockfordschools.org)
- East Rockford Middle School: Kelly Boston (Librarian) - [kboston@rockfordschools.org](mailto:kboston@rockfordschools.org)
- Rockford Freshman Center: Alexa Lalejini (Librarian) - [alalejini@rockfordschools.org](mailto:alalejini@rockfordschools.org)
- Rockford High School: George Wilson (Librarian) - [gwilson@rockfordschools.org](mailto:gwilson@rockfordschools.org)

❖ As a parent or guardian, you may also request the restriction of all library books if you feel that is the best option.