

Davis school librarians are teachers first. We hold elementary or secondary teaching credentials in addition to our Library Media Teacher Services credential.

Teaching

At the elementary level, lessons are taught to students in all classes every week. At the secondary level, students come individually and with teachers for lessons and research. Grade-appropriate lessons include:

- **Internet safety**
- **Research skills**, including Internet searching and evaluating websites
- **Copyright, plagiarism, fair use guidelines**
- **Arrangement of library materials and the Dewey Decimal System**
- **Access skills using library search stations** so that students can find books/materials suitable to their interests and reading levels
- **Exposure to award-winning literature and literary awards** including Newbery, Caldecott, etc.
- **Author studies**
- **Literature appreciation and love of reading and libraries** through exposure to great books read aloud and through help selecting books for individual reading pleasure.

- **Collaboration with classroom teachers** to provide lessons in the library that extend/support learning

Collection Development

We develop, manage, and update:

- Each school library's **General Collection** so that it has materials that support the curricula with appropriate grade-level content and provides a wealth of resources that interest students for pleasure reading and life-long learning
- **Literature Set collection** used for classroom literature circles, California Young Reader Medal, and Battle of the Books
- **BRAVO collection** used for music appreciation taught by parent volunteers
- **Textbook collection** – inventorying, ordering, and distributing classroom materials; managing Williams Act compliance
- **Equipment collection** including calculators, globes/maps, math manipulatives, and A/V equipment (and help trouble-shooting problems)
- **Periodical collection**

Other events and services include:

- Bringing library materials to classrooms and making teachers aware of library resources that will support their lessons
- “Read for the Record” Day
- Battle of the Books
- Family Reading Incentive program and Family Reading Night
- Library Club for 5th to 9th graders
- Host and assist with Book Fairs
- Poetry Break program
- Incorporating students’ artwork into lessons and using the art as signage in the library.
- Web Design/administration for library and school
- Creating new and replacing lost student ID cards at DHS
- Maintaining and managing the computer labs at the DHS
- Providing a safe harbor for shy or new students

“I’m of a fearsome mind to throw my arms around every living librarian who crosses my path, on behalf of the souls they never knew they saved.”

---Barbara Kingsolver, author

Davis teacher librarians serve on school and district-wide committees:

Liaison committee
Professional Learning (PL) Community
School Site Council
Technology Committee
Site Leadership/Department Head Committee
Lead/assist with textbook adoption
Participation in/leadership of Curriculum and Instruction at site

Davis teacher librarians serve on county, state, and national committees:

Supervisor of the Yolo County Library at Montgomery Elementary
California School Library Association (CSLA) Conference Committee
California Young Reader Medal Committee
Pura Belpré Award Committee

Davis teacher librarians teach other professionals:

Workshop and poster presenters at California School Library Association
Concurrent session presenters at CSLA
BTSA mentors
Creator/webmaster of “Children & Libraries en Español”

Davis teacher librarians have received awards and recognition for their library programs:

Teacher of the Year
The President’s Award, CSLA
Leadership for Diversity Award, CSLA
Good Ideas! Award, CSLA
Celebrate Literacy Award, California Reading Association

Davis teacher librarians belong to professional organizations:

American Library Association
American School Library Association
California School Library Association
California Reading Association
Sacramento Area Library Organization
Reforma: Association of Librarians & Library Services to Latinos

Teacher librarians pictured from top to bottom are: Nora Brazil, Chris Weber-Johnson, Sandy Pattison, Wendy Chason, Amanda Sharpe, and Bruce Cummings. Not pictured are: Stacy Desideri, Amy Labson, Nadine Pinkerton, and Lynne Sundstrom.

What do School Librarians offer to Davis Students and Teachers?



Measure W currently funds Davis School Librarians’ salaries. Measure C is a renewal of this parcel tax.