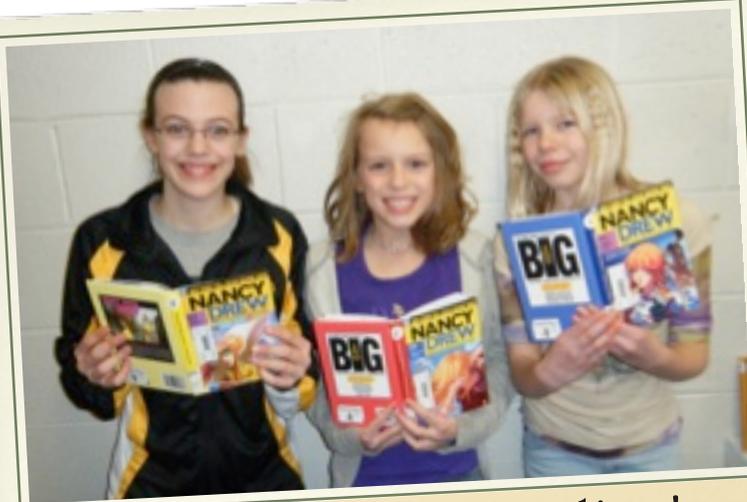


MEDIA SERVICES

Solon Community School District

READ
SUCCEED

A great year of reading!

FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Great books. Eye-catching displays. Staff recommendations. Contests and promotions. Connections to the curriculum.

READING REALLY IS FUNDAMENTAL

Having great books that are easily accessible is incredibly important. At SCSD the Media Services team works diligently to insure that students find books they are excited about.



During the 2010 school year, students and staff checked out over 43,000 items. Lakeview led the pack with over 30,000 items checked out. The SMS checked out twice as many books as it has in its collection. Circulation at SMS has **increased by 68%** since 2003.



Reading promotions are geared to specific groups. At Lakeview 4th graders tracked their Iowa Children's

Choice Award nominee reading by book title and by class.

At SMS, TEAM READ enrolled almost half the student body. Individuals earned points for books read and for bonus projects such as video book raps.

SHS READz was so popular that students created a book club that continued to meet after the prizes were issued and the competition was complete. The staff models reading as an activity that we love to share.

**BUSY! BUSY! BUSY!**

Highlights



August

SHS Jeopardy

All 9th and 10th graders competed in a Jeopardy game orientation to the Media Center. *The answer is:* Sign in. *Question:* What do you need to do when you visit the Media Center?

October

Google Earth

3rd and 4th graders explored the world using Google Earth during their Media Center time. Destinations were linked to the social studies curriculum.

November



Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Books valued at \$700 were purchased with the earnings from our 1st ever bookfair. Members of the SHS championship football team turned out in support of the effort.

February

SMS TEAM READ

Over 200 middle school students participated in the 3rd annual TEAM READ competition. The top 10 teams read 280 books.

April

D. E. A. R.

More than 100 parents and students stopped by the Lakeview Media Center to Drop Everything And Read.

High-quality subscription-based resources are key to learning through inquiry

Google is not the only game in town. Students at SCSD are continually challenged to reach beyond the default search box and to dig deeper into periodical articles produced by the professional, trustworthy publishers and resources found in subscription databases such as those found in the suite of services offered by Iowa AEA Online.

Solon is a power user. Analysis of regional statistics indicates that on a per capita basis, SCSD is a top consumer of the state-funded databases. Of districts with 1,000 students or more in 2009 in the Grant Wood Area Education Agency, SCSD was the number one user of AP Images, ClipArt.com, Soundzabound

and WorldBookWeb. SCSD ranked in the top 5 for the remaining databases - a strong showing.

Evidence of access does not equal authentic use. Proof is in the quality of the product, be it a research paper or a multimedia presentation. Teachers who are familiar with and comfortable using the online subscription services agree that the caliber of resources cited is superior when students understand the difference between poorly referenced web pages and professionally authored periodical articles.

Helping all staff and students understand how to evaluate resources is a priority.



Students gravitate naturally to the computer when doing research. We help them learn how to search smart.



“School libraries are the foundation of our culture, not luxuries”

Laurie Halse Anderson
Award-winning author
Official spokesperson for the
American Association of School
Librarians’ School Library Month
2010 celebration

RECIPE FOR A GREAT YEAR

2010

- 1280+ students
- 180+ staff members
- 2000+ community members
- Support staff at GWAEA, DOE, etc

Stir together with a dash of curiosity and a dollop of optimism. Mix well with a love of reading and learning.



THE SPECIAL SAUCE...



Partnering with the community

The librarian invited the Solon Women's Club to the SHS Media Center for their October meeting and an introduction to social networking. Media Services maintains working relationships with several community organizations including the Friends of the Solon Public Library and the school PTOs.



Checkout a book - win a pizza!

At the SMS MC, we celebrate significant circulation numbers with a pizza party. If you check out book #2000, you will be a winner! Winners choose the pizza toppings and may ask a friend or two (even a teacher!) for a private pizza party in the Media Center. (Pepperoni is the most popular pizza topping!)



Banned Book Week

At SHS and SMS displays of banned books sparked great discussions about freedom of speech and the Bill of Rights. SMS students and staff shared their thoughts on large sheets of white paper posted outside the Media Center.

Thanks-a-latte

At the end of the school year, any SHS student or staff member with a clear checkout record is served their choice of hot beverage: latte, chai, tea or hot chocolate. This is a hugely popular treat! We used over 100 cups at our event this year. The SHS PTO has funded an initiative to create a "library cafe" for the 2010-2011 school year.



The delivery of friendly, efficient, student-centered Media Services is truly a team effort.

Kathy Kaldenberg, Librarian
Karen Clingerman, SHS MC Associate
Kim Blankenheim, LV MC Associate
Paula Day, LVMC Associate
Jen Bishop, SMS MC Associate



IN SUPPORT

Behind the scenes

The Media Services Team works behind the scenes in support of academic success.

Technology

Troubleshooting

Lose your USB flash drive? We lend them. Not sure how to save a file? We will show you. Having trouble printing? We can help.

Training

We deliver just-in-time training to individuals or to groups. We also direct users to online tutorials for self-instruction.



Audio-visual

Equipment

We maintain, book and troubleshoot a wide variety of projectors and peripherals.



Online resources

SCSD Media Services Web Site

The web site:

mediaservices.solon.k12.ia.us

contains a wide variety of resources, blogs and student artifacts.

Iowa AEA Online

Media Services constantly advocates for the utilization of these fantastic state-funded resources. We advertise through e-mail, flyers, labels, stickers, posters and staff meetings.