

The Library Media Center at St. Mary's School for the Deaf



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary's School for the Deaf is committed to providing equitable access to exemplary educational programs that prepare deaf students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who are productive members of society.

Students will participate in a variety of library experiences, such as checking out books, learning the parts of a book, story elements, using the online library catalog, checking out books, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities that relate with texts, and appreciate different genres of literature.

In our 21st Century Library Media Center, we strive to implement skills that are necessary for students to be successful in all facets of life.



(Shown above: Students enjoy using our amphitheater area, where they participate in a reading, presentations, and research)

The mission at St. Mary's School for the Deaf holds true when students enter our newly redesigned 21st century library media center. In here, students are provided with visual access to multimedia resources, enabling students to create their own media projects.

Using media engages students, aids student retention of knowledge, motivates interest in the subject matter, and illustrates the relevance of many concepts.



All sources of media are marked for all students to immediately determine the type of genre they have chosen.



We have genrefied the fiction section of our library media center in order for materials to be easily accessible and provide visual representations for our students. This means each book has a sticker on it to show each book's genre.



Understanding research processes, such as using websites and resources and creating digital products will enhance learning, solve problems and promote creativity.



Skills that are implemented across all grade levels help students understand why we use technology, how we use technology. Doing this will help them develop positive attitudes towards using technology that supports lifelong learning. Students will use technology to evaluate, collect information, collaborate and interact with peers.

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