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FLORIDA POWER LIBRARY SCHOOL AWARD

We are proud to announce that Leewood K-8 Center has received the inaugural Florida Power Library School award. As a result of our consistent team effort in implementing a plan that integrates the library media program with teacher collaboration and student achievement, we have been recognized by the state of Florida. Thank you for your input and assistance during the evaluative process that took place last year and for your continued support of our library media program.



DESTINY ONLINE CATALOG

Destiny is the place to search for titles in our media center. To access Destiny from home, go to http://leewood.dade.schools.net and click on Media Center. Once there, click on Destiny Online Catalog. Your child has been trained in the use of our catalog, but may still need assistance locating appropriate titles. Please become familiar with this valuable resource in order to help your child to check out and read books that are both appropriate and interesting to him or her. Click here for a step-by-step guide to using Destiny. If you need additional help, please feel free to contact the media center. We will be more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

ACCELERATED READER AND HOME CONNECT

Students will log onto Accelerated Reader Enterprise to locate quiz information and take quizzes from any computer in the school building. By subscribing to the online version of Accelerated Reader, we are providing our students with access to over 120,000 AR quizzes, as well as Vocabulary Practice and Literacy Skills tests.

Home Connect is an additional feature that improves our home-school connection. Access Home Connect from our Media Center web page. To view your child's Accelerated Reader progress, log on with your child's AR username and password (provided by your child's reading teacher). Once logged in, you can follow your child's progress in

Accelerated Reader, as well as assist him in choosing quizzes for titles read from our school media center, the public library, or your own personal library by using the AR Book Finder. Additionally, by signing up for e-mail notification, you have the option to receive a notice whenever your child has completed an Accelerated Reader or Vocabulary Practice quiz.

Click here for a step-by-step guide to using Home Connect. If you need additional assistance using this program, please feel free to contact the media center.

If you would like to volunteer in the Media Center, we would love to have you! We're always in need of assistance and it's a great way to see how our students use the school's largest and most expensive classroom.



## ONLINE DATABASES

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Office of Library Media Services continues to purchase subscriptions to outstanding **Online Databases** for use by our students. These databases are provided at no cost for students in both elementary and secondary schools. Access these databases at the **M-DCPS Virtual Library**. Please contact the media center for the usernames and passwords.

Encourage your children to utilize these databases rather than using Google or other search engine to locate required information for their

school projects. These online databases have been thoroughly evaluated by a committee of media specialists to ensure accuracy and appropriateness for students on every grade level.

A new feature has been added this year that allows students to complete a search of all of the databases at one time. Check out the **One Place** federated search engine in both the Elementary and Secondary Resource pages.

If you or your child need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the media center or e-mail Mrs. Terilli at [kterilli@dadeschools.net](mailto:kterilli@dadeschools.net).



*"I have always  
imagined that  
Paradise will be a  
kind of library."*

Jorge Luis Borges,  
Argentine author  
c. 1960

## CIRCULATION

Your children have been enthusiastically checking out books this year, but did you know that you can check out books as well? We would be happy to give you an account. While students have limits as to the number of items they can check out at one time, parents do not. Why go anywhere else when we have what you need right in our very own library! Come in today to set up an account.



## MEDIA CENTER ACCESS

Our media center is open both before and after school to provide extended access to all students. In order for this both to be effective and to continue, however, rules have been established. Before school students may use the media center to check out books, take Accelerated Reader quizzes, do research, or read quietly. Please review these rules with your child if he or she wishes to use the media center before school. If the rules are not adhered to, students will be asked to leave.

After school, students are permitted to quickly return and/or check out books. Speed is necessary in order to get them to their dismissal location. If your child wishes to stay in the media center to complete homework or do research, however, he must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation.

