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Parent Engagement and Resources for Students

Digital Resources for Students

Library Now

- **Brainfuse**
Brainfuse offers FREE live, online homework help for students K-adult from certified content experts, FREE ACT and SAT test prep, a FREE writing lab where users receive in depth feedback on an essay or paper, and just for fun - *new live chess tutoring!*
- **Hoopla, OverDrive**
Hoopla offers immediate access to eBooks, audiobooks, music, and movies with NO waits. Teachers have used Hoopla to get classroom copies of books - they can simply have all of their students log on with their student ID numbers and download a copy of “Hair Love,” for example.
- **MPL’s OverDrive**
OverDrive also offers access to a much larger number and variety of eBooks and audiobooks than a school library or school access to OverDrive could hope to offer, plus now it is combined with RB digital which offers access to magazines - extremely high-interest materials that get kids reading. We know that getting the right material to the right student at the right time can make all the difference in helping to develop lifelong readers and learners.
- MPL offers a monthly Drop-in session for those who want to use LibraryNow resources but don't know how. Check the events calendar at mpl.org/calendar or call Ready Reference at 414-286-3011.

Academic Support (Monday-Thursday after school)

- **Reading Buddies - Grades 1-3**
Children get extra reading practice while building fluency, comprehension, reading stamina, and confidence. During a 30-minute, one-on-one session with an MPL children’s librarian, students spend time reading books specially selected for them.
- **Virtual Teacher in the Library - Grades 1 through 8**
Teachers are available online to assist students with class assignments, academic support, and encouragement. Teachers help students focus, use appropriate learning strategies, and complete assignments. Teachers will help parents learn ways to help their children at home with school assignments and answer questions they have regarding their child's school work.



Additional Programming Highlights

- **Early Literacy - Daily story time for children birth to age 5**

Young children and their caregivers can attend virtual story times filled with fun stories, songs, and fingerplays all designed to help little ones develop important literacy skills needed prior to learning how to read. Weekly story time is offered in Spanish and we have monthly story times in Hmong and ASL.

- **Book Bundles**

Our library staff will select up to five (5) items in a variety of formats based on your input. Items will be available for curbside or in-person pickup at one of our locations.

- **STEAM - Take and Makes**

- Physical projects that people can pick up and take home
- Come in a handy shopping bag complete with a full color booklet of instructions and all the physical supplies you'll need to complete the project
- This month: Trebuchet, Microscope, and Paper Embroidery

- **Curbside Craft**

- Physical projects that people can pick up and take home
- Arts & Crafts kits targeted to kids and teens
- Include all the physical materials needed to complete a craft project
- Include booklists and fun songs, too!
- Past kits include: Papel Picado, Kente Cloth Weaving, Snowflakes

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