Luther Branson Elementary Library Media Program



**Mission Statement of Luther Branson Elementary Library Media Program**

The Luther Branson Elementary School library is committed to assisting our students and staff by instilling a lifelong enjoyment of reading while using literacy skills and a collaborative approach to instruction based on the curriculum established by our school and our district while providing access to quality print and non-print materials and technology.

**Objectives**

The goals of the media specialists are:

**Goal 1:** To teach students to access, evaluate, and use information.

**Goal 2:** To maintain a well-balanced collection of media appropriate to the needs of the school.

**Goal 3:** To assist in locating and using instructional materials.

**Goal 4:** Extend classroom studies and further personal interests in order to allow an enjoyment of reading.

**Goal 5:** Offer makerspaces, STEAM/STEM activities, and art to carry the love of literacy through meaningful learning experiences.

**Library Media Program**

The Library Media schedule consists of library class, open checkout, and reserved library time. During library, the students will check out books, listen to a story, and/or have a skills lesson. Students can use open checkout and reserved library time to research, check out books, or take an AR test. The library class schedule will run according to the school’s clock.

* Reserved for classes is a block of time for teachers to schedule whole class research or computer/iPad use as the schedule allows. This must be secured in advance – at least 1 day prior and supervised by the teacher and/or assistant.

Events are held for library programs such as AR celebrations per 9 weeks, International Dot Day, Mississippi Reads One Book, Reading Fair, Book Fair, special guest authors, Read Across America and Magnolia Award voting.

We will begin the year by checking out 1 book at a time using the previous years’ MAP scores. After 2021-2022 tests are conducted during August/September, students will be able to check-out books on their new level.

Programs that are used in the library are Accelerated Reader. Destiny is used as the circulation program which allows students to use the catalog search to view books that are available at Luther Branson Elementary.

**Library Media Center Hours of Operation**

The Luther Branson Elementary Library Media Center is open from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. every school day. Students must come with a purpose for learning or with a classroom pass for checkouts. Faculty members are welcome to browse and pick up materials in person or notify me by forms or email.