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<u>MyON</u>

What is MyON? MyOn is a free 24/7 online reading platform that is accessible to all students in Hillsborough County. Students read in MyON in their elementary schools, so are already familiar with it when the arrive here. MyON topics will be posted in this section of the newsletter each month.

Circulation

It is important for a person's blood to circulate around the body, reaching every organ, every area of muscle, bone, and skin, in order to help maintain a healthy body.

Circulation in the library is very similar. Books are circulated from student to student, impacting their reading skills, their knowledge base, their sense of belonging, and their joy for reading. When I purchase books for the library, I think about our students – their background experiences and interests. I think about the curriculum that each teacher uses to plan their lessons.

However, it is impossible for any librarian to purchase hundreds of copies of every title. When books circulate, they are being shared and read by all readers. When a book goes into overdue mode, this places a halt on the circulation. Think of it as a blood clot or blockage in the body. Not pleasant. Students who want to read the overdue book are unable to while it remains overdue. You might be surprised how many serious readers we have, who get very upset when they do a catalog search and see a due date that is a few months old.

For the 2022-23 school year, I'm encouraging all teachers who bring in whole classes to check out books, to have a system in place to help students return or renew their books on time. A system could be as easy as posting the next library visit with a reminder to bring in their books. I encourage all students to simply keep their books in their backpack when not reading them.

<u>Roundtable</u>

There were a couple of roundtable meetings at the end of last year. The conversation was rich and spurred ideas and actions towards making positive changes on campus and providing desired information sessions/webinars.

Upcoming Information Session: Teachingbooks, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 8:15 am.

With your help, all our students can access the titles they want to read.

Lesson Focus for August: Orientation		
Canvas	Calendar	Webpage
The Library Media Center Canvas page is accessible to all teachers and students who have accepted the invitation to access. If you do not have access, let me know so that I can send you an invite.	Outlook Calendar – this calendar is for scheduling computer labs ONLY Google Calendar – scheduled classes, author visits, book clubs, etc. There is a link on the Library webpage.	<text></text>

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