

ALL ABOUT YOUR PRIDE ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

Guide to School Library Services

BOOK CIRCULATION

Students at Pride regularly visit the school library, or media center, to borrow books. They may visit in classes or small groups. Students choose their own books to borrow based on their own interests.



Students check in their own borrowed books as they enter the library. Students must check for the title of the book(s) they scan to know that it is checked in (don't be fooled by just the beep!). They then place it on the correct shelf of the return cart.

WHAT IS SLAM?

SLAM is the Student Literacy Media and Showcase. This is a reading program for students for all HCPS students. At Pride, we encourage all students to read books on our SLAM list. Each year there is a new list of 15 books nominated by the Sunshine State Young Readers' Association.

Students ***read and respond*** through art, writing, and video to participate in our annual Showcase, and to battle other classes for book knowledge in our SLAM Showdown. It is voluntary and does not impact grades, but it is a great learning experience!

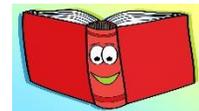
WHAT BOOKS ARE OUT?

Students can check which books are checked out at any time by visiting our school webpage:

hillsboroughschools.org/pride

Go to Resources>Media Center>Virtual Library.

Log in with student number at the top of the page. From here all print books currently checked out show on the child's account.



LOG ON MYON FOR MORE!

Several local organizations including HCPS provide an engaging array of online books through the MyOn digital library. Students can access these books through the web on a computer or through an app on a tablet or phone.



When using the app, students can even download books to read when there is no wifi. Books include favorite characters such as Batman, Disney princesses and the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.

BOOKS LIVE ONLINE! CHECK THEM OUT ON BOUNDLESS!

Another great resource for digital reading is Boundless! This is also found on a computer or through an app. Students select HCPS Pride Elementary, and then log in with their student number. All SLAM books are available here, but there are limited copies for check out. Many are also available as audiobooks. Books can be placed on hold. As a courtesy, you are asked to return the books as soon as you finish reading so that someone else can access it.

STAY CURRENT WITH THE TAMPA BAY TIMES

The Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program provides both print copies and digital access to our Pulitzer Prize-winning local paper. Families are encouraged to stay current on local, national and world news by reading the Times. Access the paper at:

<https://nieonline.com/tbtimes/>
Username: pride
Password: news



VIRTUAL LIBRARY

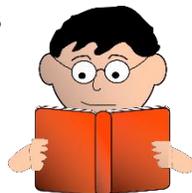


There are so many great research sources available on our virtual library. Be sure to start student research here for accurate, reliable, student-focused sources. Don't miss World Book and the Gale In Context database for great articles to boost knowledge!

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BOOK FAIRS

We proudly host two book fairs each year as a fundraiser for our library programs. Books can be purchased with cash, checks to Pride Elementary or credit card. Fairs typically occur in October and March. A lovely thing to do is to spoil your teacher by purchasing a book in her/his wish list bucket. These books go right back to the student's classroom library for many to enjoy.



OTHER PROGRAMS

Quarterly and seasonal reading challenges, lunch time book clubs, SLAM reading trivia challenges, research lessons, kindergarten story time, a live daily student-created TV news show and so much more are all a part of the way we keep our readers excited and curious!



DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR HAAL PASS

All HCPS students have access to use all of the print and digital resources at the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative (HCPLC) through the HAAL Pass program. To check out books, students use their student number as their account number, and this as their PIN:

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Be sure to check it out!



NEED HELP?

Your school librarian, or media specialist, is delighted to help with questions about books, educational technology, internet safety, research and more. Please reach out by email or phone:

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REMEMBER...

The best way to raise a strong learner is to foster a strong reader.

KIDS LOVE READING WHEN THEY CHOOSE THEIR OWN BOOKS

Parents should know what their kids are reading and ask questions or read passages together.

There is no one correct genre or type of reading to build a great reader—it is good to be exposed to fiction and non-fiction, picture books and chapter books, text and graphic novels.

KIDS LEARN TO LOVE READING WHEN THEY SEE ADULTS WHO LOVE READING.