

BSD Library Media Program 2011-2012 ~ Pending Budget Reductions

Mission: *to ensure students are critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers and effective users and producers of ideas and information.*

Library Media Specialists prepare **students** for college and career readiness by:

- Teaching students to:
 - locate, evaluate and use information [BSD Library and Information Literacy Learning Targets]
 - support reading for learning, reading for pleasure and reading for life
 - use the Internet safely and ethically as required by federal law
 - Collaborating with teachers to:
 - teach research skills
 - provide resources supporting and enhancing classroom lessons
 - train in using new technologies and District systems
 - Coordinating the library program to:
 - create a central learning space where students feel welcome and safe
 - develop a library collection of print and digital resources to meet the diverse needs, interests and abilities of students
 - manage the workflow of Library Assistants, volunteers and student aides
 - manage the district identity management system (Bkey) for students and staff
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Impact of 50% reduction in Library Media Specialist positions

- Students will receive **less instruction** in critical thinking, literacy and technology skills. Instruction in Internet safety is a requirement by the federal government for eRate funding which pays for district Internet connectivity. A plan for this instruction must be determined.
- Individual **reading guidance** for students in reading selections and genre choice will be limited.
- **School-wide literacy** programs such as the Oregon Battle of the Books, author visits and Newbery Club may be assigned to classroom teachers and/or volunteers.
- **Collaboration and training with teachers** and staff in the use of information and new technologies will be diminished.
- Students may have **reduced access** to library resources and technology on days when the Library Assistant is staffing the library alone.
- Libraries may be closed if substitutes are not provided for Library Assistants.

- **Student safety and supervision** must be addressed, particularly in the secondary libraries due to the physical layout of the library and the numbers of students using the library at one time.
 - The value of BSD library collections totals \$43,993,060. A plan must be determined to secure the technology and library resources.
 - The process for circulating secondary textbooks must be redesigned.
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Additional Impact of 100% reduction in Library Media Specialist positions

- Students in these schools will not have a formal library program.
- Students will **not receive instruction** in Library and Information Literacy learning targets. Individual teachers must be trained to teach Internet safety.
- **Fewer books and materials** will be in the hands of students and teachers.
- **Libraries will be closed** to students and staff when library assistants are not present due to limited hours, duty schedules and absences.
- Technology and password management support for students and teachers will be curtailed.
- Developing and managing the library collection of books, online resources and other instructional materials is the responsibility of a licensed media specialist according to Administrative Regulation II/IIA-AR.