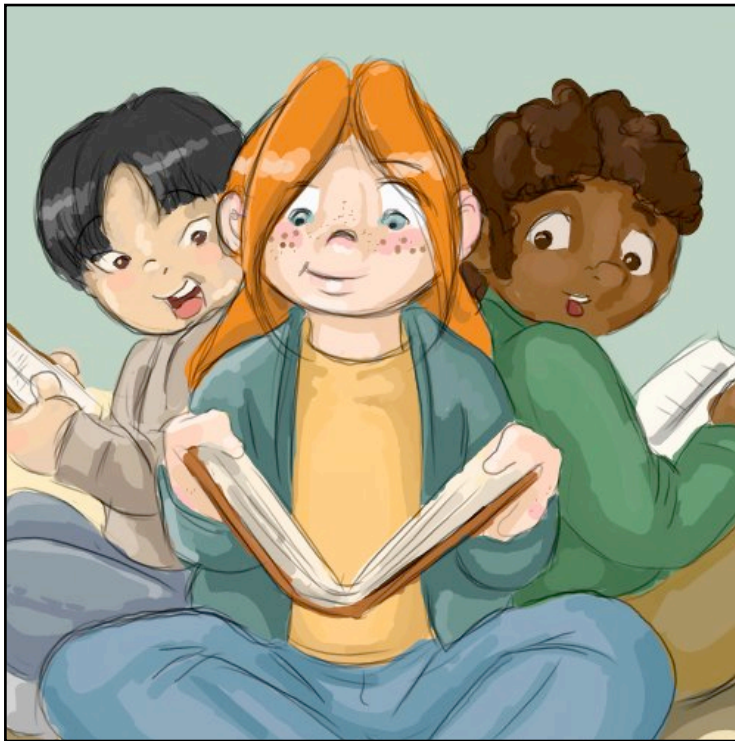


# Library Media Center

The Place To Bee



## WELCOME

I'd like to welcome you to the best place in the school, but I know that is subjective and I am biased. Yet that is how I truly feel. Libraries have been one of my favorite places for as long as I can remember. The most kind-hearted woman in the world, my grandmother, who had no more than a 2nd grade education and did not speak English, took me to the library weekly. Sitting patiently with me as I examined every book on a shelf until I found what I fancied, she is the one who taught me to love books. Her patience allowed me to explore, take risks, and develop a passion. The rest of the week I'd read and talk with her about my books. She questioned me and made me think deeper and harder about everything I read. It is my desire for all children to have such an experience with books. Although I fall short of my grandmother's impressive attributes, I do try. Mostly I try diligently to provide a warm and loving space for children to nurture a love of reading and to encourage them to think about what they read.

-Renée Otero

*Library Media Center, Director*

## THE LMC COLLECTION

The Library Media Center, or LMC for short, houses a collection of 20,000 titles for children. One pride of the LMC is the vast multicultural children's collection. Several literary magazines are read monthly to select the most suitable titles to add to the collection. Your support funds the library. Please do your part attending the Library Party in November or donating a book in honor of someone's birthday. It's simple. Use the attached form and send it to the LMC.

We value your support!

## AFTER SCHOOL IN THE LMC

Students in fourth through eighth grade may come to the library for quiet studying or reading on weekdays after dismissal until 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Security will radio the library when someone has arrived to pick-up a student and they will be sent to the white zone.

If your student will attend after school study hall please pack a snack!





**LIBRARY CLASSES**

Students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade meet once a week with Ms. Otero for 45 minutes to listen to stories, explore literature, learn how to access electronic information, write book reviews, explore media literacy, and much more.

During library class, students may check out 2 books, but students are always encouraged to come to the library during open hours to get as many books as they need.

The youngest students often need assistance in locating books of their choice and parent volunteers are used to ensure all children get the books they are looking for. Please see the section below on volunteering to sign-up to be a library class volunteer.

Although upper school students do not have a scheduled library class, they come to the library throughout the year for research support

with Ms. Otero and Mr. Stone. To keep upper school students engaged with literature, several times a year a Ms. Otero will visit upper school English classes to do 'book talks' and offer a Monday Library Lunch for students in grades 5 - 8. During Library Lunch Ms. Mendiola or Ms. Otero read a story while the kids eat and then everyone engages in a discussion about books.



**VOLUNTEERS KEEP THE LIBRARY BUZZING**



You are the most important person at the SFDS Library Media Center. Without you we couldn't keep books on the shelves, help all the students who need to reach that book on the high shelf, keep the library decorated and looking fabulous.

How you can help:

Database - We'd like to add every student's photo in grades 3 - 5 to their Destiny Quest account and could use your help.

Displays - For all you artistic and creative people please assist us with creating bulletin boards for a few hours every 6 weeks.

Library Class Helper - If you want to see the kids in action, help them find books, and help the LMC at the same time this is your volunteer opportunity. For parents/ caregivers in grades k-2.

Shelving - Getting the books back on the shelf in the correct order ensures that students can find what they are looking for. We need as many people as possible for this job. Ideally, the LMC will have one shelper every day for an hour. You can sign up for once a week or once a month.

Please contact volunteer coordinators Rick Riley ([Rick\\_Riley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rick_Riley@sbcglobal.net)) or Corinne Corrigan ([corinne.corrigan@gmail.com](mailto:corinne.corrigan@gmail.com)) to sign up for any of the above opportunities to do your part to keep the library buzzing.



*Reading is as exciting as chasing bees through the country side and as sweet as honey from a bee tree. - Patricia Polacco*

**YES, I WANT TO  
SUPPORT THE  
LIBRARY MEDIA  
CENTER**

Your tax deductible donation of \$25 provides a book for the Library Media Center. If you make a donation in honor of someone at SFDS, we will notify them and ask them to select a title from a large collection of new books we'd like to add to the library.

Reasons to donate:

- For a student's birthday.
- To show your love of books.
- To honor a teacher or staff member
- Just because!

Please fill out the form and send to:

SFDS  
Melissa Mendiola  
350 Masonic Ave  
San Francisco, CA  
94118

*Donor Information*

<b>NAME:</b>
<b>ADDRESS:</b>
<b>PHONE:</b>
<b>STUDENT:</b>
<b>NUMBER OF BOOKS</b>
<b>AMOUNT (\$25 PER BOOK):</b>
<b>INSCRIPTION FOR THE NAMEPLATE:</b>

*Example of nameplate used in books:*

