

## **Section 3: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Mansfield Independent School District Goals and Objectives for Library Media Specialists**

The school library media program in Mansfield ISD is designed to meet the informational needs of the school community through an integrated learning approach. This philosophy is supported by a comprehensive collection of materials and appropriate instruction in its use as an integral part of the total educational program.

A supportive educational environment fosters creativity as an essential component of the learning process. This environment also maintains an atmosphere conducive to the growth of intellectual freedom and lifelong learning.

The goal of the Mansfield ISD Library Media Program is to support the total educational program of the district, and to assist in the development of a community of learners centered on the student by:

- Providing intellectual access to information through learning activities that are integrated into the curriculum and that help all students achieve information literacy.
- Providing physical access to information through carefully selected, organized and diverse resources representing a wide range of subjects, levels of difficulty, formats and acquisition methods.
- Providing learning experiences that encourage students to become skilled consumers and creators of information through comprehensive instruction.
- Providing leadership, collaboration and assistance to teachers.
- Providing resources and activities that contribute to lifelong learning while accommodating a wide range of differences in teaching and learning styles, methods, interests and capacities.
- Providing a program that functions as the information center of the school.
- Providing resources and activities for learning that represent a diversity of experiences, opinions and perspectives in order to foster a climate of intellectual freedom and access to information.
- Providing learning experiences that encourage an appreciation of reading and literature.

At each campus, Mansfield ISD library media specialists will ensure full implementation of these goals through ongoing communication with administrators, teachers and parents. Mansfield ISD library media specialists will also continuously work toward achievement of all curriculum, program, and facility standards for library media centers.