



# Brooks Wester Middle School Library



*Come check us out!*

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Brooks Wester Middle School Library is located across from the Student Services office near the front of the building. We call this room the Library but we consider our space the Information Center as we provide access to more than just the books. The staff is happy to help students find the information they need.

## **Expectations**

Materials checked out from the Library should be returned promptly so that other students may use them.

Materials will be treated carefully to avoid damage.

Behavior in the Library will reflect the respect for others' need to study and desire to read.

**Open Monday—Friday**  
**8:15 AM — 4:15 PM**

**Phone: 817-473-5669**

**Fax: 817-453-7213**

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**swanka@mansfieldisd.org**

*Books* are checked out for two weeks. The late fine is \$0.10 each book per school day. **Reference books** cannot be checked out by students.

*Magazines* are checked out overnight and must be returned before 4:15 PM the following school day. The late fine for magazines is \$0.25 each magazine per school day.

**Student IDs** are required to be shown when checking out any materials from the library or when using school computers. Replacement IDs cost \$3.00.

**Computers** are available for student use. We expect school computers to be used for instruction purposes only. Students should have their ID out and visible when using the computers.

**Passes** are required to use the Library during class time, unless with a teacher. Students will sign in when arriving and out when leaving.

## *Resources*

### **Books**

**Our collection has increased to over 8,000 titles and we are still growing! Over 2,900 titles are supporting our Accelerated Reader program.**

### **Reference Materials**

**We have over 450 titles of general and specialized encyclopedias, almanacs, atlases, dictionaries in English, French, German, Spanish, and Vietnamese as well as specialized subject sources (ex. Colonial America, World War II, scientist and explorer biographies, world cultures, etc.).**

### **Magazines and Newspapers**

**Our library subscribes to the Ft Worth Star-Telegram and the Mansfield News-Mirror as well as over 50 regular and professional magazines. This is supplemented by what's available through our subscriptions (see Computers).**

### **Videos and DVD**

**Our collection contains over 570 videotapes and DVDs that are available to the teachers to support the curriculum and enhance learning.**

### **Computers**

**Online card catalog, word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software Point for creating school products, Internet access and instruction, and online access to periodicals through Gale (library funds) and Facts on File databases as well as Encyclopedia Britannica Online and EBSCOHost databases (paid by state funds). Subscription sites are accessible off campus — see the librarian for passwords.**