

Library Catalog 24 x 7 Availability

TO LOCATE A LIBRARY BOOK
FROM HOME GO TO:

[WWW.CLAYTONSCHOOLS.NET/
MER/LIBRARY](http://WWW.CLAYTONSCHOOLS.NET/MER/LIBRARY)

SELECT LIBRARY FROM MENU BAR

AND THEN SELECT BASIC SEARCH.

Checkouts and Books Collections

Checkout:

Each month about 72 classes visit the library for checkout. Book circulation averages 2,200 books checked-out each month. And then 2,200 books are checked-in and reshelfed.

Collection Statistics and Special Collections:

- 16,351 chapter, picture and nonfiction
- 2013-14 Mark Twain Nominees
- 2013-14 Show Me Nominees
- 1938 – 2013 Caldecott Medal Winners



Meramec Library Media Center



Your gateway to
reading, research
and technology

WEBSITE:

[WWW.CLAYTONSCHOOLS.NET/
MER/LIBRARY](http://WWW.CLAYTONSCHOOLS.NET/MER/LIBRARY)

SELECT: LIBRARY

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About the library

The Meramec school library is a place for investigation, study and enjoyment. As a learning environment with professional guidance, Meramec students are able to:

- Gain confidence as explorers of literature.
- Find joy and enrichment in reading.
- Build information skills as well-versed finders, users and creators of information.
- Seek challenge in media-rich settings that blend literature, research and technology.

About the learning

The Meramec school library program is designed to assist students in the learning process. The library reflects and supports the learning philosophy and goals of Meramec School and the District of Clayton.

All aspects of the library curriculum are enriched with comprehensive collections of timely materials that support varied student abilities and interests. The librarian and teachers work cooperatively to provide a fused curriculum in which students learn at their own pace, are actively engaged in self-directed and independent learning and develop lifelong study and research skills.

Print and Web Resources

K-5TH RESEARCH

All K-5th classes complete assured learning experiences that build research, library and information literacy skills. These skills are “essential” not only in school but for lifelong learning.

At the elementary level, the library emphasizes building a solid set of skills using print resources. By using “just right” books, children gain information literacy that is required to successfully “evaluate, select, and use” online websites and databases.

For every grade-level research project the library uses many tools to evaluate and select a range of topics, books and other sources to ensure every student has good content for their research. A key ingredient to successful research is having interesting and “just right” sources that encourage students to read, ask questions and share information.

A WORD ABOUT GOOGLE

Please consider that many websites listed via Google are written for older readers, have busy content, or littered with advertisements. For web research we recommend using our district’s student friendly online databases. We encourage all families to nurture their child’s interests with visits to the library or bookstore.

WEB SUBSCRIPTIONS AND SEARCH SITES

WORLDBOOK ONLINE “#1 CHOICE FOR K-12TH RESEARCH”

World Book Online features well-researched articles from Encyclopedia World Book as well as images, video, maps, dictionary & thesaurus, magazine articles and recommended Internet sites.

Three levels of World Book Online

Early World of Learning	(PreK – 2 nd)
World Book Kids	(2 nd – 5 th)
World Book Student	(4 th – Adult)

Login for worldbookonline.com

User ID: claytonschools
Password: cgmkids

SWEETSEARCH

Located at www.sweetsearch.com this powerful search engine displays student friendly websites for research or recreational browsing.

COUNTRY REPORTS

Located at www.countryreports.org this database is an excellent resource for country research.

User ID: meramec
Password: mustang

SNAPSHOT OF GRADE LEVEL RESEARCH

5 th	1700’s and American Revolution
4 th	Famous Missourian Wax Museum
3 rd	Cultures and Landforms
2 nd	Wild Animals
1 st	Insects
K	Celebrations and the five W’s

Missouri Circle Reading Award

While books give children a source of comfort, information, and pleasure, many students enjoy the challenge of meeting requirements for reading awards.

At Meramec we encourage all K-5th grade students to read and fulfill requirements for the annual *Missouri Reading Circle Award*.

Fifth grade students who have completed five Missouri Reading Circle Awards will be awarded the Missouri Reading Circle Lifetime Award.

Award forms are available in the library or on the Meramec library website.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you love books and helping children? Our volunteer form that lists available opportunities is available on the library website or in the library.