

LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

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Digital Content and e-Books

A wide variety of resources are available for free for BCPS students by logging into BCPS One and selecting the "Digital Content" box. Databases allow students to research safely and to know that they are viewing accurate, reliable information. Most databases have helpful tools that are not available in internet search engines like Google or Yahoo. By using a database, students can use filters to narrow their search and use tools for: audio reading of text, citations, and dictionary support. Some databases even have features for highlighting and note-taking.

Digital Content also includes video content.

Some of the featured content available to students includes:

- World Book
- EBSCO Host
- CultureGram
- Opposing Viewpoints
- Video databases such as: BrainPOP, NBC Learn, Safari Montage, and Discovery Education
- Course-based programs such as Ascend Math, i-Ready, and Mathspace

Through Digital Content, students can access the Destiny Library Catalog to see what print resources are

available in the FMS Library. In Destiny, students can also check out ebooks and explore interactive books which have audio, text, and video. More information about checking out ebooks can be found on the FMS school website at franklinms.bcps.org.

Additional eBooks are available through the following Digital Content databases:

- TumbleBook Library
- TumbleBook Cloud
- Tumblebook Cloud, Jr.
- SIRS Discoverer (Nonfiction books)
- Gale Virtual Reference Library



Parents,

- **Our school library is more than books. It is a learning hub with a full range of print and electronic media that support student achievement.**
- **School library media specialists teach information skills that students need in order to learn and achieve for a lifetime.**

Print Materials and Parent Library Cards

The Destiny catalog is the library catalog showing all titles held in the FMS Library Media Center collection. To log in to Destiny, select "Digital Content" from BCPS One. Books can be searched for by title, topic, or format. Students may check out

library books during lunch shifts and most days at dismissal time.

Parent Library Cards are also available now. Please see Ms. Samay for an application or take an application from the display in the lobby.

Although our library only has books appropriate for middle school students, there is still plenty of material of interest to parents. We also have a collection of Spanish titles for both students and parents.



School library media centers are places of opportunity.

The Campaign for America's Libraries



STUDENT ACCOUNTS



BCPL Student Accounts

All BCPS students have access to Baltimore County Public Library's print and online resources for studying, writing assignments, creating the perfect STEM project, or for reading enjoyment.

Students simply use their BCPS One card at any Baltimore County Public Library branch to borrow print or audio materials. You can also ask a library staff person to look up your

BCPS One student identification number.

Students may borrow up to five items at any one time without any extended loan or late fees.

Online resources and ebooks can be accessed at bcpl.info using the BCPS One student identification number. Ms. Samay can also assist in looking up this number for your student.

Students can have BOTH

a Baltimore County Public Library card and a Student Account; they are completely independent of one another. A BCPL Library Card allows a student to borrow a higher number of items and additional materials like DVDs and video games. A library card requires a parent signature and accrues overdue fees and processing fees/costs for lost items. *(Information courtesy of BCPL)*

Black-Eyed Susan Program



The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award is a children's choice award for the state of Maryland. Each year since 1992, the B.E.S. Award has been given to authors and/or illustrators of outstanding books chosen for the award by Maryland students.

Students who read three Black Eyed Susan Nominees by April 6, 2018

are eligible to cast a vote in the Maryland Association of School Librarians' B.E.S. Contest.

A list of B.E.S. Award Nominee books with descriptions is available on the Franklin Middle School website. Hover over the "For Students" tab and select "Summer Reading".

Our school has a section

of current B.E.S. titles in the library. We also carry nominee and award-winning titles from previous years. Some Black-Eyed Susan titles are available as e-books or audiobooks.

Students who interested in reading three B.E.S. books and voting on this year's winner, can get a form from Mrs. Samay in the library.

FMS Website: franklinms.bcps.org



Our school website has a wealth of information for both parents and students. Visit our website to see the school calendar, website Quicklinks, and a Staff Directory. If you click the email address under any staff member's name, a window will appear where

you can directly email that person.

Our website has a "For Parents" tab which includes school supply lists, PTA information, bus information and more.

The "For Students" tab includes a Device/Loss

Repair ticket, the bell schedule, information about clubs/activities, athletics, summer reading, etc.

The Recent News on the website's main page is a great place to look to learn about upcoming FMS events, due dates, and resources.