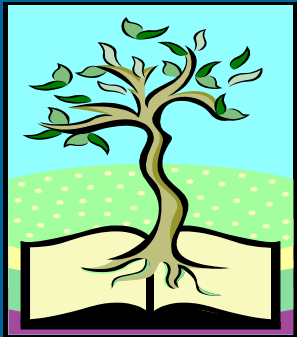


Welcome to your child's media center! My name is Mrs. Allen. I am the media specialist at both Carkenord and Green Elementary Schools. This year I am scheduled at Carkenord all day Tuesday, Thursday afternoon, and all day Friday. I look forward to a very exciting year of library instruction with your child!



Mrs. Brown will be your child's media center clerk. Mrs. Brown also works at both Green and Carkenord. Mrs. Brown is scheduled at Carkenord all day Monday, all day Wednesday, and Thursday morning. Mrs. Brown looks forward to seeing your child for library check out!

SHOCKING! AMAZING! What the research says about libraries.

- In Michigan Elementary Schools, reading test scores are likely to rise as students spend more time in the library.

-Michigan Dept. of Education 2005

- In research done in 9 states and over 3,300 schools since 1999, the positive impact of school libraries and school library media programs is consistent. **Library media programs make a difference in academic achievement.**

-Bouchard, David. 2003

- At elementary schools with the highest MEAP reading scores, teachers visited the library 4 times more than their lower scoring counterparts.

-Michigan Library Study

Carkenord Elementary Media Center



Mrs. Allen, Media Specialist

Mrs. Brown, Media Clerk

A Few Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What kinds of things will my child do in the media center?

A: Many exciting things occur in the media center! Your child will visit Mrs. Brown in the media center, once weekly, for checkout. In addition, your child may come to the media center for lessons with Mrs. Allen to learn how to use the library, hear a story, learn about different types of literature, research for a class project, use the Internet as a learning tool, participate in video conferencing and much more!

Q: What is the library's policy regarding checkout?

A: Kindergarten and first grade students are allowed to check out one book, for one week. Students in grades 2—5 are allowed to check out two books, one of which may be renewed for up to one week.

Q: Does the library charge fines for overdue books?

A: No, the library does not charge fines for overdue books, however; a replacement fee will be charged for any books lost or damaged beyond repair.

Q: Can my child return his/her book before the book is due back to the library?

A: Yes, your child may return his/ her library book on or before the due date.

Q: If my child forgets his/her library book, will he/she still be able to check out a book?

A: Your child will not be able to check out another library book until the late or missing book is returned or the replacement fee paid.

Q: Is my child able to access any of the media center resources from home?

A: Fortunately, Carkenord has an excellent media center webpage that provides your child with home access to many of the websites he/she visits while at school. The website can be found at:

<http://www.lcps.org/schools/Carkenord/mediaCenter>

On this page, you and your child can locate resources by both grade level and subject. In addition, there is a page with information exclusively for parents!

Q: How can I contact Mrs. Allen?

A: I can be reached via e-mail at allene1@lc-ps.org or via phone at (586)493-5230 x1030. Please feel free to contact me for help finding print or Internet resources to enhance your child's education, strategies to get your child excited about reading, and/or questions or concerns about the library media program.