

Access to Library Materials

Library Search

The Mohave Library's collection contains a wide variety of titles in an attempt to meet the diverse interest levels and reading abilities present on our campus. It can be expected that what is considered appropriate and enjoyable to some may be neither of those to someone else and it is possible that your student will come across material/content you feel is not appropriate for them. This is completely understandable and we will strive to help your student pick a book that will be well suited to everyone's expectations. We encourage and appreciate collaboration between home and school in this process. To ensure your student has chosen/chooses books that you feel have appropriate material/content, please talk with your student about what they are reading/want to read. You can use the school's library catalog to find titles of interest and cross reference them with some of the resources below:

1. CommonSenseMedia.org
2. Goodreads.com
3. Scottsdalelibrary.org

We look forward to working with you to help your student develop skills to be a selective reader.

Book Fines

It is expected that books will sustain natural wear and tear such as bent covers, wrinkled pages, discolored edges, worn spines and/or bindings. Wear and tear is not considered damage and, therefore, no fines would be assessed for the condition of the book.

When books are issued, the condition is evaluated by the librarian and any pre-existing damage is noted. When the book is returned, it should be in similar condition. If new damage is noted, a fine may be assessed.

Damage can be classified as accidental (exposure to food, water, pets and small children) or intentional (pen/cil jabs to cover, scoring the binding, graffiti, etc.).

Patrons will be responsible for any damage that is determined to have occurred while the item was in their care. Fees are assessed according to the severity of the damage, up to the replacement cost of the item: 25% for minimal damage, 50% for significant damage, 100% for damage that makes the book unusable.

If there is minimal or significant damage and a partial fine is assessed, the book will remain in circulation and the fine needs to be paid. If the book is unusable, it will not remain in circulation and the patron can choose to pay the fine or provide a replacement copy. The replacement book can be a used copy but it should be in good condition. If full payment for a book is made or a replacement copy provided, the damaged item can be given to the patron.

It is important to note that fines stay on a student's account and transition with them as they advance in grade level and even transfer schools, within the Scottsdale USD. If a student does not have an up-to-date library account, it can impact their access to library materials. Once they get to high school, accounts must be free-and-clear for a student to receive their schedules and textbooks and, their senior year, graduation related items.

You can check the status of your student's library account online.

Specific directions on how to access the library catalog and your student's account, are found on our Teacher Librarian's website (<https://sites.google.com/susdgapps.org/djthomas/home>). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Teacher Librarian, Ms. Thomas (480-484-5216 djthomas@susd.org).