

The McHenry Messenger

The newsletter of Diman's William M. McHenry Memorial Library

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Welcome to the first edition of *The McHenry Messenger*, the newsletter for Diman's library, where we write about our varied library services and what's new in the library.

What's New?

Everyone knows the library is too small. This fall, a massive reorganization took place in order to maximize the use of space in the library

Here's what happened:

- Consolidated non-fiction into two aisles to create more room for fiction books.
- Moved realistic fiction books into one aisle through a massive weeding (removal from the collection) and increased genrefication (putting books in sections like Mystery, Romance, or Sci-Fi) of the fiction collection.
- Re-classified the newly genrefied books.
- Filed the books into their genres and move the genres to open shelves.
- Moved the last several years of "New Books" to their proper sections.
- Used the freed up space to create more book displays and special collections.



During the process



Neat and re-organized

New shelves

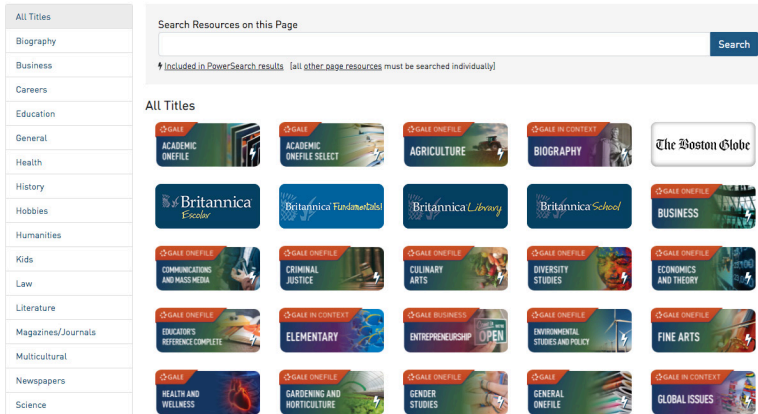
None of this would be possible without the valued work of our Carpentry-Cabinetmaking program, which has made two large rolling shelving units for the entrance to the library. They're also constructing new wooden shelves for the first wall in the library, which will create additional storage while also providing more privacy for the Teacher Prep area.



Research

Diman's access to the Gale Databases, which provides 52 curated repositories of knowledge, allows our students to conduct high-quality, in-depth research. Gale allows students to search academic databases for legitimate sources, then send those sources (citations and all) to Google Drive.

Diman educators are invited to schedule a class to come to the library for a presentation on Gale Databases.



Chromebooks

As most teachers know, the library is now Chromebook Borrowing HQ. There are three services we offer:

1. *Broken/malfunctioning Chromebook* - We replace it with a different one.
2. *Forgot to charge/needs a charger* - We loan them a Chromebook and charge theirs for them in a separate cart. They then return at lunch or the end of the day for their fully charged Chromebook.
 - If they've lost the charger, replacements cost \$45.
3. *Didn't bring to school* - We loan them one that should be returned at the end of the day.

So far, the system has been a success!



Class Presentations

Educators from all academic and vocational programs are welcome to bring their classes to the library for various presentations, so feel free to schedule a time!

Classes include the following:

- Library Orientation (end of session scavenger hunt pictured below)
- Research Skills/Databases
- Information Literacy
- Custom Courses - Please visit the library or message me at nbyrnes@dimanregional.org to discuss.

