

Sutherland Library Resource Centre

Annual Report 2006-2007

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Libraries: Literacy and Literature in the Information Age: A Framework for Library Programs and Services in the 21st Century is the district's guidelines for library services. The document states that a library program assumes the responsibility to ensure that students and teachers are effective users of ideas and information. The focus of the library program is to encourage the development of independent life-long learners with the ability to adapt in the face of an information and communication rich society.

My vision for Sutherland's library is for the program to be an integral part of the school community and focused on the encouragement of the development of independent learners. The library program provides for students and staff in the four areas of Curriculum Support, Literature Appreciation, Information Literacy, and Library Administration. The following is a summary of library activities this year.

Curriculum Support

- 📖 Teachers booked 244 classes into the library, for both library research and lap top use
- 📖 Curriculum support was provided for the following units:
 - Drama: Theatrical Periods
 - English: Book pass activity/Independent reading, Heroines, Mythology, Poetry, Poverty/Discrimination, Short Stories
 - ESL: First Nations
 - Home Ec: Diet, and Fruit and Vegetable Research
 - Math: Independent Novel Study
 - Planning: Career Research, Substance Abuse
 - Science: Plants, STD's, Weather
 - Social Studies: Confederation, Geography, Middle Ages, Pacific Rim Countries
 - Tourism: BC/Vancouver Travel Guide, Wonders of the World
- 📖 Inspiration program support/workshop
 - English, ESL, LAC, Math, Social Studies
- 📖 Effective use of PowerPoint for presentations
 - English, Science
- 📖 Developed the library website, which included compiling websites in support of individual teacher assignments
- 📖 Grade 8 library orientation

Presentations to staff for professional development

- 📖 Web in the Classroom
- 📖 Sitecore
- 📖 Novacom
- 📖 Laptop cart intro

Information Literacy

The following information literacy strategies were taught by request, in collaboration with the teacher's unit being taught

- 📖 Research Process
 - Geography, Middle Ages
- 📖 Finding Information on the Internet – Search Strategies
 - Weather unit, Pacific Rim Countries, Middle Ages, Geography
- 📖 Notetaking, Plagiarism, and Citing Sources/Bibliography Formats
 - English, Planning, Social Studies, Science
- 📖 Internet Safety
 - English

Literature Appreciation

- 📖 Sponsored a Stellar Book Reviews group
- 📖 Two author visits: Janet McNaughton and Allan Stratton
- 📖 Various themed book displays throughout the year: Aboriginal Day, Award Winning, Banned Books/Freedom to Read week, Historical Fiction, Remembrance Day, Sports/St Stanley Cup, Classic fiction focus
- 📖 Support of BOB by providing multiple copies of the Vancouver Sun and Province newspapers, and subject specific articles for in class reading

Library Administration

- 📖 Collection development based on library resource use and replacement of weeded materials
- Preparation for library relocation
 - 📖 Dumpstered out old, unused technology and seven filing cabinets full of old, out-of-date curricular material
- Preparation of collection for automation, which will occur some time this summer
 - 📖 Weeded of out-of-date, unused material (I've now weeded some of the same books from three libraries;)
 - 📖 Boxes of books removed – 120
 - 📖 Books weeded from the collection – 3259
- Collection count
 - 📖 non fiction - 4563
 - 📖 fiction - 2204
- 📖 Fiction collection reorganization by author
- 📖 Overdue fine system initiated, supported by the PAC

- 📖 Sutherland's volunteer hours completion policy was of great assistance in completing daily library tasks, such as shelving of returned materials
- 📖 PAC presentations – Library Resource Centre Programs, Information Literacy, Literature Appreciation, Overdue Fine Policy

Professional Activities

- 📖 Presented ERAC Link workshops in Prince George, Kelowna and Comox on Web in the Classroom
- 📖 Presented to Simon Fraser University's TLITE Program - Web in the Classroom - 3 sessions
- 📖 Conducted workshops on Web in the Classroom for NVSD44, West Vancouver Delta, and Langley School Districts
- 📖 Taught a UBC course, School Library Resource Centre Programs, from which the prepared material, shared resources and ideas have filtered back into Sutherland's library program

Goals for 2007-2008

- 📖 New school/new library – opportunities to develop a melding of tradition with technology – books and bytes
- 📖 Develop and deliver the Information Literacy curriculum, supported by department heads
- 📖 Explore best practices for using blogs, wikis, and other Web 2.0 tools to enhance curriculum and involve students in writing, communicating and collaborating.
- 📖 Promote the use of online databases and Inspiration
- 📖 Continue development of the library web pages – I believe in the concept of 24/7 library
- 📖 Sponsor a Stellar Book Reviewers Group
- 📖 Initiate a “One Book/One School” Focus
- 📖 Initiate a Legacy of a Book program
- 📖 Arrange a minimum of two Author visits

Since my TOC days, I knew I would find my way back to Sutherland. After the initial shell shock of a school move once the year had started... both staff and students have made me feel incredibly welcome in my transition. I am looking forward to further integrating a library focus throughout Sutherland's educational programs. I thank you for your support.

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