

Welcome Back...to your FM Library!

We've had a few changes over the summer...drop by & check them out!

Each class will be scheduled for two orientation visits to the library. Students will sign-out books during the second session of their orientation. Please see me to schedule your class visits.

Automated Sign-Out

Our FM library is automated. Staff & students have library cards kept in binders in the library.

Parent volunteers run **Circulation Period 1 & 2 and first nutrition break**, however, if you'd like to learn how to use the system, please let me know.

Due dates are generated automatically - 2 weeks from the day books are signed out for students & 4 weeks for staff.

Parent volunteers hand out Overdue Notices to homeroom teachers each day.

The computer **Search Terminal** lets you search our library catalogue. The Public Library System can be searched by following the Internet link: <http://zola.haltonbe.on.ca>

Library Research! –

Get your students **exposed!** Avoid Plagiarism & regurgitated assignments! Here's how: include me in your division/grade and individual planning sessions to ensure that effective use of the library and **all** its resources becomes an integral part of your classroom experience!

A **bookings binder** is in the library (on the reference stand) for us to schedule use of the various sections of the library together.

Booking Computers

- main computer lab (room 226) will be scheduled TBA
- mini-lab of 5 wireless laptops booked on-line through FM CHATT Conference up to 3 weeks in advance only
- **NEW**... four regular computers on traveling desks, also booked on-line **CAUTION**, students should NOT move these desks unsupervised
- 4 research computers in the library, sign-out in library **booking binder**

Computer log ins & passwords for students have changed & should be available by the end of the first week of school.

Other Resources

- ✓ Data-projectors: (1) computer lab for demonstrations, doesn't travel; (2) upstairs in library office, for use upstairs classrooms; (3) downstairs in SERT office for use in downstairs classrooms. Book #2 & #3 on CHATT
- ✓ **3** TV/VCR's also booked on-line through our CHATT conference.
- ✓ **2** DVD players, also booked on CHATT
- ✓ **2** digital cameras and a video camera available for classroom use. Please see me to book these. (See over for more...)

- ✓ Our school web site is at:
<http://fms.hdsb.ca/>
Take some time to become familiar with the **Library Links**
- ✓ A Teacher Resource section is just behind the circulation desk.

Booking Videos

Medianet is the Board's on-line catalogue of available circulating media resources. It can be accessed at:
<http://www.haltontsb.on.ca/library>

A.V. Equipment

Overhead projectors, CD players and cassette tape recorders are shared by grade divisions and will be allocated equitably.

...any more questions? Please speak to me in person or CHATT me. I'm looking forward to working with you and your class and helping you fulfill those curriculum expectations!

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