Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The 2018-2019 year is flying by! Since school began in September more than 12,000 books have been borrowed from the library. I have met with your class almost every week, and have had the pleasure of sharing a little bit of information and library skills with your students each time they visit the library. Seeing students grow as readers and thinkers is the best part of work in the library!

Our library is very fortunate to have Ms. Anna Nunez assigned to work as a library clerical aid each morning. Please try to return books during the first period. It is better for me to confer with students and support book choice rather than doing the clerical tasks of checking in and shelving when your students are working independently.

This newsletter provides a quick introduction including user names and passwords for many useful programs.

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I appreciate being kept up-to-date with your grade-level topics, projects, and needs. I use this information in planning your library work and to keep the Libguides web pages up to date. The grade level libguide page is your library landing page and can be customized with any links or documents that you wish to share with your class and their families. The library is here to enrich your curriculum and provide the materials your students need!

Happy Reading!

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P.S. 360 Library

All Teachers, staff and students have a school library account.
To access your account go to http://library.nycenet.edu
  type 360 in the search box

  Teachers and staff
  log in with their DOE user name and password.

* To check your account
  - Log in
  - click on the “My Info” tab

* To search the catalog
  - click on the catalog tab
  - Search by Title, Author, Subject, or Key Word
  - Narrow by F&P reading level (Select Reading Program)

* To search with Destiny Discover (Searches the internet and
  Databases along with the school library in one step)
  - click on the catalog tab
  - select Destiny Discover from the menu on the left

* To place a book on hold
  - Log in
  - Click catalog & search for the book you want
  - Notice if it is a “real” book with copies available
    * If it’s an eBook, click on the title and look for the “Open”
  - Click on the title of the book
  Click the “hold it!” button on right

PS360.libguides.com is your landing page. Anything can go to your grade-level page! What do you want to share with your students and their families?

My Library NYC http://www.mylibrarynyc.org/

Teacher Sets - Sets of books on a topic delivered to your classroom!
Explore the teacher sets today. All you need is your DOE email address!
EBooks in the P.S. 360 Library Collection

- E-books can be used on your electronic white board and computers.
- Some e-books have unlimited access, others can only be read by one person at a time. The “Lightbox” e-books have unlimited access and include videos, slideshows, activities, and a book quiz.

- **Destiny Discover** in the library catalog shows all available e-books.

- If you are not logged into your library account you will be asked for your name and password. Use your DOE login, or use ps360 for both.

- DOE systemwide eBooks from Gale the password is books123

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**Empire State Information Fluency Continuum**

*The NYS Information Literacy Curriculum*

http://nycdoe.libguides.com/skills or http://nycdoe.libguides.com/assessments

Printed copies are available in the Parent / Teacher Resource Room in our school library.

Skills addressed through the IFC are what your students must learn to be successful with the Common Core. The assessments are graphic organizers that can be customized to use with your lessons or embedded in tasks. I can help you match books to tasks, assessment/GO’s to tasks, and tasks to books.

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Questions? Comments? Ideas? Don’t hesitate to reach out. I am usually here in the library both before and after school. Or use email: edejean2@schools.nyc.gov phone ext. 4001 & 4003

Or check in to the PS 360 Library Facebook group
These programs make it possible for you or your librarian to respond to students even when it isn’t possible to meet with them personally.

MyOn, iReady, Newsela and ReadWorks provide data about your students’ progress, activity and comprehension. They also provide the opportunity for teachers to comment on their students’ work. Mathletics provides customized, game like math practice.

**MyOn.com**
- 6,000+ ebooks—online or to download to a device for individuals or groups (multi-user)
- Note-taking & reading response tools + comprehension quiz after each book
- Teacher tools / assignments / reports.
- Teacher login: User=DOE email PW=1+2letters of last name
- Reading assessment on first use (Lexile) or create an assignment to require a new one
- Benchmark assessments after 3 hours of use—not more than every 3 weeks
- ***Do you need help? See Mrs. Dejean in the school library. ***

**Newsgela (Grade 2-5)**
News and nonfiction reading with variable reading levels
Includes Quizzes, Annotations, Writing Prompts and Vocabulary Work.

Login with your PS360 Google acct (See Ms. Berishaj for more information)

**iReady**
iReady provides virtual lessons + lesson plans and activities customized to your students’ needs. In depth assessment targets specific skills.

**Mathletics**
These games really are math practice! See Mr. Jourdy for more information and training.
Looking for Mentor Texts?
PS 360 Books-of-the-Month

February 2019
Word: compassion
Song: Random Act of Kindness
Book: *Yaffa and Fatima* by Fawzia Gilani-Williams

March
Word: responsibility
Song: Easy Habits
Book: *She Persisted* by Chelsea Clinton

April
Word: Fairness
Song: Peace Round
Book: *Bookjoy, Wordjoy* by Pat Mora

May 2019
Word: ownership
Song: This Land is Your...
Book: *The Bad Seed* by Jory Johns

June
Word: Integrity
Song: Review all
Book: *Home in the Rain* by Bob Graham

What were the best and most memorable books for your students this year?

Titles for 2018-2019
School’s First Day of School by A. Rex
The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet by Deedy
The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors by Rex
After the Fall by Santat
*Yaffa and Fatima* by Gilani-Williams
She Persisted by Clinton
The Bad Seed by John
Home in the Rain by Graham

Titles from 2017-2018
The Scraps Book; Notes from a colorful Life / by Ehlert
Ish by Reynolds
Extra Yarn by Barnett
The Right Word: Roget and his thesaurus by Bryant
The Invisible Boy by Ludwig
This is how we do it by LaMothe
All the World by Scanlon
A Nest is Noisy by Aston
Frank and Lucky Get Schooled by Perkins

Selected Titles from 2016-2017
Beautiful Hands by Otoshi
Finding Winnie by L. Mattick
The Cart the Carried Martin by E. Bunting
Last Stop on Market Street by M. de la Pena

Free eBooks for students and teachers
- SimplyE app from NYPL (requires library card)
- Open eBooks (every student in a title 1 school is entitled to this app. Ask for a list of the user/passwords
**Singing Together**  
Singing helps students learn!  
Grades Pre-K-1 resources  
**Nancy Music Song Index**  
http://www.nancymusic.com/Som-Cat.htm  
**NYPL Sings**  
https://soundcloud.com/nypl/sets/nypl-sings

**PebbleGo.com**  
Online research for the emergent reader.  
⇒ Animals, Social Studies, Biographies, and Science  
⇒ Modules include activities & media  
User name = ps360    Password = school

**PebbleGoNext.com**  
Research modules for grades 3–5  
⇒ Native Americans, States, Science  
Modules include activities that demand higher order thinking.  
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**Teaching Books**  
Book guides—lesson plans—author interviews—meet-the-author videos  
Go to www.teachingbooks.net  
No Login Required in school  
or Log in-  
Username: (leave blank or use complete DOE email)  
Password: nycdoe  
Learn about books from their authors!

**Looking for your Social Studies Units?**  
Go to www.weteachnyc.org  
Lessons also available in all other subjects!

**Britannica School**  
Suite of Online Encyclopedias at three levels; elementary, middle and high.

**Kids InfoBits**  
Database for elementary level students includes books, magazines, and newspapers

**Opposing Viewpoints in Context**  
Database aimed to middle school with essays and links expressing opposing views about “hot topics.”

**Research in Context**  
Database aimed to middle school with essays and links on selected research topics

**PBS Learning Media**  
Resources include video clips, puzzle maker, quiz builder  
Ask me to help create folders of targeted information for your class
Running Records
Ideally you are ready to take notes & potentially a running record whenever you listen to a child read. Any record you take of a child’s reading can be recorded in a running record format by using these tools and procedures: All Links are available through the PD page at ps360.libguides.com

1) Pen and paper: Record the title, page # and your observations using running record symbols.
2) Scan the book page as a PDF (There is a scanner on Mrs. Dejean’s desk as well as in the computer lab and the office)
3) Open the editable Running Record Template (see libguide) and copy / paste the scanned text (Ask, I can help!)
4) Print the Running Record form and transfer your notes
5) Reading level information for a text is noted in the school library catalog (you must log in) or Reading level for a specific passage can be retrieved using the free Lexile analyzer at lexile.com. (Free registration required)

Reading Levels Framework
Most books in our school library catalog are “Lexiled.” You must log in to view the reading levels. Many library books also have “F&P” levels

Register at lexile.com to use their text analyzer tool to find the reading level of a text selection.

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⇒ Lesson Planning resources including the “post-its” for making charts are available at Heinemann (https://www.heinemann.com/extracreditclub/)
⇒ To Log in: User Name = 10X360@schools.nyc.gov Password = ps360
⇒ If you need my help creating a poster from this site, please download and attach the file to the email, then come to see me so we can create and format the poster together.

Intervention Central
♦ Need help, resources and forms for behavior and academic intervention?
♦ WWW.interventioncentral.org

Poster Printer
Instructions for use of the printer are posted in the art room.