



# SCHS Library Monthly Musings

"I try to teach my students that books are a mirror, reflecting their own lives, and a window, giving them a peek into someone else's." — Donalyn Miller

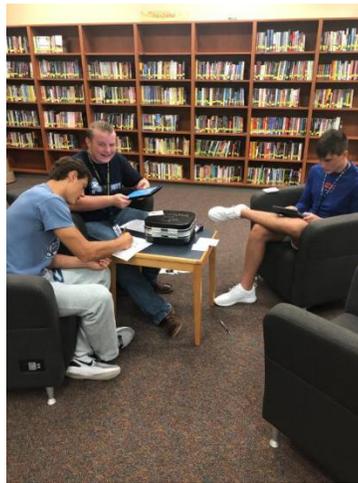


Recently, I visited the FHSU library to discuss with the staff about issues new students face regarding studying and research. It was interesting to learn and see how the use of the library has changed since I attended college. Research is no longer limited to the resources inside of the physical space. Technology has made it possible for students to have endless sources of information at their fingertips. Our students need to know how to best access and use these resources.

The state library of Kansas has many wonderful resources that our students can utilize free of cost. Using these resources is a great way to help prepare students for college level research. Students need to learn that research does not start and stop with Google. There is at least one database available for any content area. If you would like me to help your students use these databases, please let me know.



Need somewhere to just relax for awhile? The library has coloring pages, games, and puzzles for student use.



September 22-29th was banned book week. This is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. The junior English classes part in a breakout game to discuss censorship and to learn about why some books are banned or challenged. For example, The Diary of Anne Frank has been banned because its "a real downer." If there is a lesson I can help with, please let me know. Breakout boxes are a great way to create an engaging lesson in any classroom.

