

## Library Media Center quick reference

Destiny

<http://destiny.dadeschools.net>

(Search any M-DCPS library for print, non-print and digital resources)



M-DCPS Virtual Library Resources

<http://virtuallibrary.dadeschools.net>

(Search top rated digital resources for free- see media specialist for username and password)

eLibrary Science  
Facts on File Online  
Gale reference databases  
Kids Infobits  
SIRS  
TumbleBooks  
WorldBook Online

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_



## Internet sites for parents

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/aaslissues/toolkits/whatparentsshould>

<http://www.famlit.org/>

<http://www.ed.gov/parents>

<http://www.justreadflorida.com/>

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# School Libraries

The essential link to  
student achievement

*"In books I have traveled, not only to other worlds, but into my own. I learned who I was and who I wanted to be, what I might aspire to, and what I might dare to dream about my world and myself."*

Anna Quinlen

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# Did you know?

As a parent of a Miami-Dade County Public School student, you can check out books from your child's school library media center for school and personal use.

M-DCPS has over 5,300,000 library materials available for circulation.

Many of our library media centers are open before and after school for students to use.

Several state research studies, including Florida, have concluded that strong library media center programs positively impact student achievement.



*"A house without windows. No man has a right to bring up children without surrounding them with books...Children learn to read being in the presence of books."*

*Heinrich Mann*

## School libraries help your child succeed!

### Destiny

Miami-Dade County Public School's Web-based library catalog and circulation system

Destiny allows you to:

- search the library catalog anytime, anywhere;
- checkout eBooks on your own;
- review the status of your checked out materials and renew them;
- create lists of your favorite books;
- search for books with Accelerated Reader quizzes
- search both the library collection and the online databases at the same time

### Reading Checklist

Listed below are some activities that parents can use to help make their children better readers.

- Read to your child everyday.
- Establish a calm "reading time" for your child everyday.
- Model good reading skills in a community setting by reading signs, notices, or advertisements and encouraging your child to do the same.
- Utilize the time you have together, such as driving to and from school or waiting at the doctor's office, to encourage your child to discuss books he/she is reading .
- Demonstrate independent reading and other literacy activities at home.

- Engage in word play, storytelling, nursery rhymes, and other language activities.
- Encourage natural conversation about books by discussing books that you or your child have read.
- Acquaint yourself with public and school libraries and ensure that you have access to literacy materials and other learning tools which enhance your child's reading.
- Encourage the use of books-on-tapes for you child to listen to while reading a book.
- Visit your school library and meet the library media specialist. Working together, we can help your child become a lifelong reader and learner.