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LAS Library Shelf Talk

We are pleased to share a LAS Library Program update designed to give families the ability to more closely manage their child(ren)'s library experience.

Lowell Area Schools has introduced a new parental control feature within our Destiny library system that allows parents and guardians to determine what print book titles their child may check out from the LAS Libraries. This tool empowers families to make individual decisions about the print library materials their child(ren) may access.

Why This Matters-

We recognize that families have diverse values, perspectives, and preferences when it comes to reading materials. This new option ensures that parents have complete control over what print library books their child(ren) may check out, without requiring the extra step of contacting the library. This new feature also allows parents/guardians to search the library collection and review their child(ren)'s checkout activity.

Our Commitment-

Lowell Area Schools remains committed to fostering a love of reading, supporting literacy, and partnering with families to meet the needs of every student. We appreciate your continued collaboration and trust.

How to Get Started-

Check out Destiny Discover's new Parental Control Feature!

- ❖ [Click on this LINK to access LAS's Destiny Discover parent portal.](#) Parents/Guardians MUST enter the email address in Infinite Campus that is the primary contact's first email address.
- ❖ Parents/Guardians may log in to their Destiny Discover library accounts at any time and see what library books/materials are currently checked out to their child(ren) and view a complete history of all previous LAS Library checkouts.

- ❖ While logged into Destiny Discover, parents may search by title, author, or subject and block access to any print title(s) they would like restricted from their child(ren)'s checkouts.
 - [Here is a link to specific written instructions on how to block print titles for your child\(ren\) in Destiny Discover.](#)
 - [Here is a link to specific video instructions on how to block print titles for your child\(ren\) in Destiny Discover.](#)
- ❖ Parents/Guardians should also have discussions with their children about any specific topics or ideas they do not want their children to read. If your child encounters a book with one of these topics or themes, let the child know that they can return the library book and choose another one.
- ❖ Please note that restricting print titles in Destiny Discover will NOT affect a student's checkouts in Sora, our online eBook system. If parents would like to restrict access to any titles in Sora, they should email our Library Media Director, Christine Beachler, to turn Sora access off for their child. Sora does not allow individual restrictions. The entire Sora library is either turned on or off. cbeachler@lowellschools.com
- ❖ As always, LAS believes that the best way to monitor what your child is reading is to take an active role in their education and book choices. For younger children, read their library books with them. Know what books your child likes and what they learn in their current curriculum. Have thoughtful conversations about the literature your child is reading and encourage them to find challenging yet interesting books at their reading level to continue to learn and grow. For older children, ask what book they are reading and discuss their library books. Encourage your child to read about topics that interest them and suggest books you feel they may enjoy. Read some books together as a family and have book circles to sharpen their listening and conversation skills, spark their imagination, and expand their knowledge of the world around them. The personal experience of reading together can yield important lessons about behaviors, feelings, and beliefs while strengthening relationships.
- ❖ Our library staff is happy to answer questions and guide families through the set up process for this new resource.

We're Partners in Supporting Your Child-

Reading is a lifelong journey, and schools and families work best when we support that journey together. By staying involved, you're helping your child build essential skills and showing them that their learning is worth your time and attention.

Thank you for being an active part of your child's reading success!

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