

## **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Dedham Public School Library Media Centers is to empower students to become enthusiastic readers, information seekers, and creative problem solvers, prepared to participate in an evolving world. Through collaborative teaching, curriculum integration, and classroom support, we cultivate curious, independent, lifelong learners with the inquiry skills needed to be ethically responsible and successful in our global community. We equitably connect learners to diverse materials and learning opportunities in an environment that supports cooperation, collaboration, and a love of literature.

## **Goal 1- Empowers students to become self-directed learners through authentic opportunities.**

- **Through Reading Opportunities**
  - Foster a love of reading through a variety of methods including book displays, book talks, author visits, book clubs, book recommendations and reading events.
  - Provide curriculum support for classroom teachers
- **Through Inquiry Opportunities**
  - Create opportunities for students to be critical thinkers and effective/ethical users of information
  - Create opportunities for students to utilize diverse learning styles and perspectives
- **Through Creating Opportunities**
  - Offer Makerspace and STEAM opportunities to promote hands-on learning, critical thinking, problem solving, and engineering skills
  - Facilitate and develop opportunities for students to present knowledge using technology
  - Facilitate and develop opportunities for students to solve real-world problems

## **Goal 2 - Cultivates Partnerships**

- **With Teachers**
  - LMS and teachers will collaborate on various projects supporting the curriculum, including research, Makerspace activities and STEAM topics to integrate technology and create interdisciplinary, project-based learning opportunities
  - LMS will support teachers and the curriculum by offering print and electronic materials, and by curating and organizing additional supporting resources
- **With School/District**
  - Regularly communicate with families and members of the school community about library programs and events
  - Create a selection and challenge policy for library resources
  - Facilitate collaboration among students within schools
- **With Community**
  - Collaborate with DPL and local organizations on projects, events, resources

- Share successes in our programs

### **Goal 3 - Ensures equitable access to resources and spaces**

- **By developing equitable sets of skills for each grade level**
  - Develop a common library curriculum including scope and sequence
  - Integrate library curriculum with district curriculum
  - Support classroom teachers in the implementation classroom curriculum.
- **By providing an inclusive and diverse collection**
  - Provide print books, digital resources, and hands-on learning materials that represent diverse interests, developmental, cultural, social, linguistic, and community needs and values, and support the curriculum.
  - Offer Makerspace and STEAM materials for use in and out of the library
  - Provide access to, and facilitate the use of technology
- **By designing and implementing collaborative, flexible spaces and furnishings for all of our libraries**
  - Develop improvement plan for all spaces
  - Work with all stakeholders to secure funding and develop a timeline for improvement
- **By implementing an equitable library media center at Early Childhood Education Center**
  - Secure certified Early Childhood Library Media / Discovery Learning Specialist
  - Develop Early Childhood LMC/Discovery Center program integrated with appropriate standards and curriculum
  - Determine and secure necessary resources