

OPAC – 'Search and Locate' Skills

Year 4 Library, Term 1, 2020

Last year, students were introduced to our Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) which can be accessed from home or school using their own devices. This term, Year 4 students will participate in a refresher's course on how to effectively search for (and locate) books from the various collections within our library. With a strong focus on both fiction and non-fiction books, students will be encouraged to explore various topics that may be of interest to them, and to compile a personal reading list of books they intend to read this year. Students are encouraged to set personal reading goals, and to try to reach these goals before finishing Year 4.

Please be sure to ask your student about their reading goals, and encourage them throughout the year as you see them reading. Your interest in what they're reading will definitely help to spur them on!

Skills

- Using their own devices, revise how to access OPAC to search for books in the library
- Conduct subject searches and locate non-fiction titles
- Conduct author / genre searches and locate fiction titles
- Compile a personal reading list and stay accountable to personal reading goals

Assessment

Whilst there is no formal assessment for Library, I frequently provide feedback to the classroom teacher regarding a student's progress or any difficulties they may be experiencing during library visits.

If you notice your child developing new interests, please remind them to check on OPAC to see if we have any books on that topic available for them to borrow. Also encourage them to let us know if they'd like us to purchase books that are of particular interest to them – We are open to student recommendations!

Borrowing

Library lessons do not include 'borrowing'. Students will revisit the library for a 15-minute timeslot with their class teacher, specifically to browse the shelves and choose books to borrow. Year 4 students may borrow two books at a time.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding Library or the progress of your child, please contact Janette Meulen – jmeulen@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au

Kind regards,

Janette Meulen
Library Teacher P-6