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## **JM Library**

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Thanks to funding from MEF donations, the library plays a central role on the JM campus. Throughout the day students come in to work on group projects and assignments, to learn about library resources with their classes or to find a comfortable space to read and study. The library's resources include sets of textbooks, Chromebooks, and desktop computers available for use by students working in the library, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 – 4:00. Even during lunch period every seat is taken!

This is my second year as the Library Media Specialist at JM. Prior to this I was at Camino Pablo School for 14 years. It is wonderful seeing students that I remember from CP, going all the way back to kindergarteners. Another thing I love about my position is that I have the opportunity to interact and connect with every JM student, either while working with classes or when students visit on their own time.

Something that parents may not know is that our library catalog is online and can be accessed through the JM Library webpage. "Destiny Library Catalog" not only identifies all books in our collection, but also allows access to Webpath Express, an online database program. The websites on Webpath Express have been evaluated by professional educators as being appropriate and relevant for students, Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This is an ideal tool for students to use when working on a research project or paper, even at home.

Please visit the JM Library webpage (<http://jm.moraga.k12.ca.us/Libr>) for reading related articles and updates on library activities, including our Book Fair in May. Be sure to stop by and say hello!