

# The Media Center Times

“Building Futures with Information”



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## KIM BROWN is Coming!!

Mark your calendars on Thursday, October 29th for a fun-filled morning with Kim Brown, the sister of famous author Marc Brown. Arthur's sister D.W. was created after Kim. She now lives in Litchfield, NE and will share stories about growing up with Marc, encourages students to write stories, and will share how a book is made. Watch out for this “assertive” guest coming our way! Thanks to Norris Public Power and our PTO for sponsoring this activity!



## Scheduling Time in the Media Center and Computer Lab

Come on in and use the media center! Let's visit about planning ways to get students involved in using information. I am into helping you use this space the best we can TOGETHER!

There is a schedule for you to sign up classes. Visit with me and we can work through ideas. Team teaching, developing information gathering tools, and grading resources are just a few items I can help with.

Remember when scheduling computer lab time, please sign up for your weekly class time. Then, sign up for the computer lab for other projects on a weekly basis. This will provide more flexibility of all classes with integrated library skills.

## Educational Videos

ESU has a collection of 5,000 video titles. The titles are searchable on the web at [www.esu6.org](http://www.esu6.org) and the media website. We also will be glad to help you locate titles.

- ◆ Please give me video numbers by MONDAYS at NOON! I will send out e-mail reminders again.
- ◆ Videos can be kept for two weeks.
- ◆ Delivery from the ESU will be TUESDAYS around 1:00-2:00p.m.
- ◆ On-line videos are available through [www.powermediaplus.com](http://www.powermediaplus.com). Check out the website!
- ◆ Other videos are available in the media center and through other options on the media center website.

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## Information Sources:

- ◆ Databases
- ◆ Encarta Encyclopedia
- ◆ Newspapers
- ◆ Internet Access



## Opening:

Classes will start  
Monday, August  
24th

If needed earlier visit  
with me!

## Closing:

Tuesday  
May 11th—4:00p.m.

## Staff:

Kim McCain,  
Media Specialist  
Jodi Hicks, Para-Educator

## Goal:

Help students and staff  
locate and use informa-

## Card Catalog

Remember the card catalog is now available on ALL the computers throughout the school on our website.

Hopefully this will make it easier to see what materials we have. Check it out!



## Interlibrary Loan

We have interlibrary loan service where we can borrow materials directly from Nebraska libraries and from across the United States. Borrowing is faster!

## MEDIA DUPLICATION

We can make multiple copies of CDs and DVDs of student projects. We can also copy VHS tapes to DVD and save on storage. Just remember to follow copyright!

## Television Program Taping

We will try our best to tape TV programs. Just provide us with a DVD or tape, the channel and the time.

## AV Equipment

We like to have our AV equipment used in the classroom. Please handle with care when it is in your possession. Contact us immediately when you are having troubles with your equipment. We can then provide you with other equipment and turn in yours for repair. We also have batteries for your remotes. Also contact me for future purchases of AV equipment. **Overhead bulbs will be stored in the elementary media center storage**



New this year—Digital cameras, Flip Videos and a Video Camera.

## Lesson Plans

Information literacy skills are best learned when integrated with a research project. Let me help review with students the following research skills:

- ◆ Where to find items in the media center
- ◆ Card Catalog
- ◆ Databases
- ◆ Searching the Internet
- ◆ Evaluating Websites

## Book Repair

Let us help you maintain your book collection and help with repairs! We have the supplies for this:

Special book tape, glue, and Vista-foil for paperbacks.



## Mobile Computer Labs

Sign up sheets are available in the media center. I will try and deliver the equipment. Please return it when you are finished. Let me know when you have problems with the computers.

## Beatrice Library

Each teacher has access to check out materials to use in your classroom from the Beatrice Public Library. I can search for items and sometimes pick them up for you!

## Before and After School Sessions

We will have sessions again before and after school. Topics will vary. If you have some ideas, let me know!

## Internet Usage

When using the Internet, determine the purpose for using it. Perhaps Electronic Library or an encyclopedia would be just as quick and effective. If you want students to actively search the web, then let's help them learn the proper search strategies before setting them loose on the computers. I will be glad to help with this process. Another suggestion is to locate Internet sites for your topic, then I can make a webpage of the addresses for your students. This will help them stay on task. We also would be glad to help you locate Internet sites to fit your curriculum.

Help limit the amount that students print out. I can help develop information gathering tools. I recommend not printing full webpages. Remember also to check the credibility of websites. I can also help classes with website evaluation and have a form available on the media center website.

## Books in a Basket!!

To help make resources more available in the classroom, we have baskets available in the workroom. Fill out the form, we will fill the basket, and deliver it to your room to have books that go along with what you are teaching. I also like to put books on carts and deliver them to the classroom for extended projects.

## Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is an internet-based reading program developed to help students practice reading skills. Books in the library media center are marked to help students find books for their reading abilities. Just ask if you need help reviewing how to get started! I can also help give students the STAR test.

## Books R' Fun

When you see the Books R' Fun displays or other book companies, if you see a book, game or other item that would be useful in your classroom, please let me know. Depending on the number of items that are sold, our school gets free materials. Thanks to everyone who has purchased items last year!

## Databases

We have some great full-text databases in the media center that are located on our web page. Encourage students to use these databases when doing projects by incorporating the use of databases into a projects requirements. For example, a project could be set up for students to have three sources such as:

1 internet source

1 database source

1 print source

If you need help planning an assignment and demonstrating the databases, please let me know.

Students can also use the databases at home.

**Our databases are:**

**WilsonWeb**—General purpose database. Also has a biography section.

**ELibrary**:—This database is the students' favorite. This database provides **full-text** access to a wide variety of source materials.

**SIRS**—A general reference database that contains thousands of **full-text** articles exploring social, scientific, health, historic, economic, business, political and global issues.