



Welcome back to school, Workman Wildcats! My name is Julie Johnston and I am happy to be your child's library media specialist. I love being a school librarian because it combines two of my passions: igniting students' enthusiasm for reading and teaching students to use technology as a learning tool.

Your child visits the library every week for a lesson on literacy, library skills, coding or technology. Students also check out books each week; I want to help your child make good selections and find books that are "just right books" in terms of reading level and interest. I explain to students that everyone's "just right book" looks a little different. Please feel free to email me if you'd like to share your thoughts/questions about your child's library book selection.

A few things to note:

- Kindergartners and Young 5 students check out 1 book per week. Check out will start at the end of September!
- 1st-5th graders check out 2 books per week. **Check out started today!** Students have additional book exchange opportunities during Open Library times on Tuesday and Friday.
- Students who return their books can check out new books each week.
- Like most public libraries, Workman Library is fee-free! There is no charge for late or lost books. If your student loses a book, a note will come home with next steps so that your student can start checking out again.
- Book Fair is back again this year...December 2-December 13, 2024! What a great way to do some holiday shopping while supporting the Workman Library!
- We have a Makerspace cart that visits classrooms and gives students the opportunity to tinker and create. We are always looking for donations of arts/craft supplies like fun scrapbook paper, beads, foam shapes, felt, fabric, pom poms, googly eyes, paper towel rolls, etc. Simply label your donations as "makerspace" and send to school with your student. Thank you!

I love being a part of the Workman community and I look forward to growing your child's love of reading this year! Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or suggestions on how I can support you and your child.

Happy Reading!

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