

# HELPING YOUR STUDENT SUCCEED

Dear Parents of Belle Valley South Students,

According to educational researchers, using a school library such as ours can improve student achievement. As we begin the 2007-2008 school year, I hope you will encourage your student to take advantage of all our library has to offer. These resources include the following:

- **Good News:** From any computer in the district students can log onto *World Book* at [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com). No ID or password is necessary. From home students and staff can log on by going to [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com). The ID is bellevalley. The password is library. World Book Encyclopedia is a reliable and trustworthy source of information for students.
- Students can locate library books from any computer at South by using **Athena**, our computerized catalog.
- Students may borrow **three books** at a time. Books are checked out for **two weeks**. Books may be renewed (borrowed again) one time.
- Students may **reserve** books that are checked out of the library.
- The date the book must be returned is stamped on a "Date Due" slip at the back of the book. Students with severely **overdue books** will not be allowed to check out library books.
- **Magazines** are available in the library and may be checked out by students. Magazines are checked out for two days.
- **Reference materials**, including printed editions of the *World Book* encyclopedias, can be checked out overnight. These reference books must be returned before the beginning of the next school day.
- Books not available in our library can be borrowed from other libraries. This is called **interlibrary loan**. It can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks to borrow a book from another library using interlibrary loan.
- Students can find **Accelerated Reader** books in the library by searching on Athena or by looking for books with bright green dots on the library shelves. They can also find a list of all the Accelerated Reader tests within the Accelerated Reader program.
- **Mrs. Rushing** (mornings) and **Mrs. Elfrink** (afternoons) staff the library. **Library hours: 7:45 to 3:00**. Students may use the library before school and after school or whenever a teacher allows a student to visit the library.
- **Book Fair** in the library October 1 through 5, 2007. A second Book Fair will be held from April 7 to April 11, 2008.

Jo Ann K. Rushing, Librarian

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