LCSD LIBRARY SERVICES

OCTOBER 2025

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT!



Waldport High School has a rotating Banned Books Display - as they get checked out WPHS Media Assistant Stephen Browne keeps adding ones to generate interest, engage his students, and get the books off the shelves and into his students hands and minds.

Nominate your school library for our spotlight! Please email images and descriptions to Michelle Cottrell



Did you know Stephen King is the most banned author in U.S. public schools (Schaub, 2025)? He is also NHS Media Assistant Nina Boyett's favorite author! Combining these two things seems like a perfect fit for Newport High School's display this month.
If you'd like to read more about Stephen King and the 206 times his books were banned in the U.S. last school year click on the image above to read the Oct. 1st Kirkus Review article by Michael Schaub.

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A Lesson From My 3rd Grade Teacher



In the 3rd grade Mrs. Samples taught me about banned books. When I shared what I learned with my Oma, she shared something powerful with me—as a WWII survivor who lost her entire family, she understood the importance of protecting our right to read and think freely more than I could have known. That conversation at her kitchen table shaped my belief that no one should dictate what anyone can or can't read.

At the OASL Conference, we discussed book challenges and Oregon's 2025 SB 1098 law prohibiting discriminatory book bans in school libraries. ALA provides resources and information about intellectual freedom. **Click on the image to the right for resources, book resumes, and more.** Below you can see a few of the 2,452 books that were targeted for censorship in the U.S. in 2024 along with some of the reasons given in the formal challenges and final decisions.

This week, I challenge us all to talk with our students about intellectual freedom. As always, please reach out to me or your school library staff member for support and to hear how your school library is sharing about Banned Books Week and Intellectual Freedom.

Michelle Cottrell, District Media Specialist



Digital Citizenship Week is October 20-24, 2025

It is October which means Digital Citizenship Month! Here in LCSD we teach our students about digital literacy all year long. Lessons for grades K-12 are available on the PORTAL and are curated from Common Sense Education. Due to teacher request we've included optional additional lessons under the scheduled lessons.



Grades K-5 lessons



In September all schools share Tech Expectations lessons based on PBIS School-wide Expectations. Each school creates their own to reflect their school-wide PBIS Expectations. For more information visit Student Tech Orientation Videos.

Elementary Digital Citizenship Lessons are meant to be shared in the classroom as well as during library specials with one lesson shared each month from October through March. The lessons are separated below by grade band as well as by either library, classroom, and additional lessons. Classroom teachers have access to four lessons and also the optional extension lessons which are to the right of the other lessons. You can also access the lessons and see the aligned standards on our LCSD 2025/2026 Elementary Digital Citizenship Lesson Topics with Division 22 Requirements and Standards

An optional warm-up for grades 3-5 is Digital Passport. This is an interactive gaming platform that reinforces the Digital Citizenship lessons.

Additional materials and information for families and educators can be found on the Common Sense Education website in multiple languages.

Grades 6-12 lessons



Digital citizenship lessons will be shared in secondary homerooms throughout the year. You can view the LCSD 2025/2026 6-12 Digital Citizenship Lesson Topics with Division 22 Requirements and Standards or look under each grade for links to the lesson materials and accompanying slide.

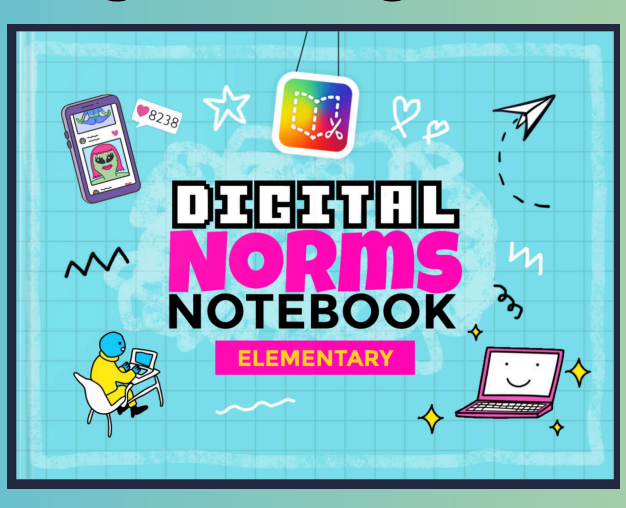
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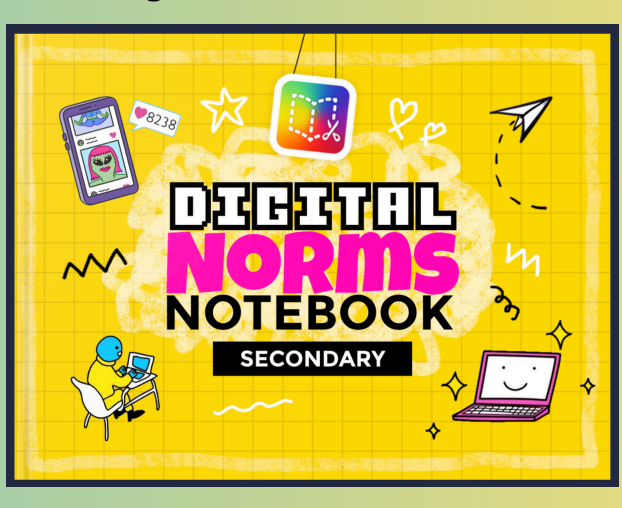
From October through May we have provided a 20 minute digital citizenship lesson for each grade with google slides. Some have independent activities for students, others include group discussions or activities.

You can access interactive games and video series to reinforce the lessons for grades 6-8 through classlink in the media folder or by visiting the Common Sense Education page.

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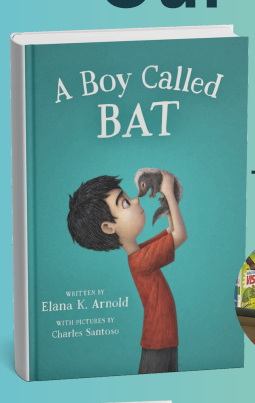
You can remix these Book Creator Templates to agree on Digital Norms for your classroom!





Access these templates by clicking on the image above or you can find them in your Book Creator Central Library. All teachers and students have a paid subscription to Book Creator accessible through Classlink!

Our Favorite Banned Books...

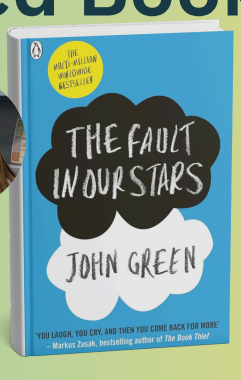


Melissa Cairney
Toledo Elementary
Grades K-6



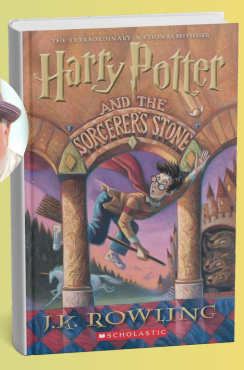


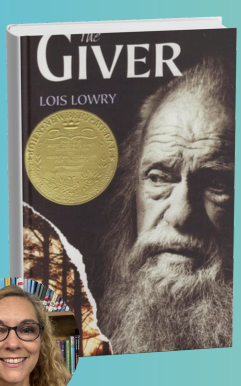
Mikayla Retherford
Toledo High
Grades 7-12.





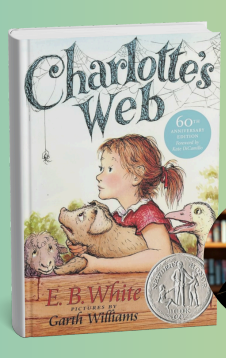
Craig Basham
Yaquina View
Grades K-2







Wanda McBride
Sam Case
Grades 3-5



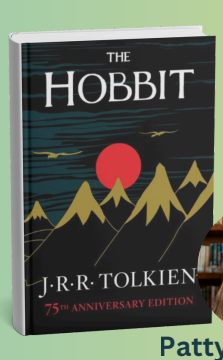


Jennifer Sparks
Taft Elementary
Grades 3-6





Stephen Browne
Waldport High
Grades 7-12



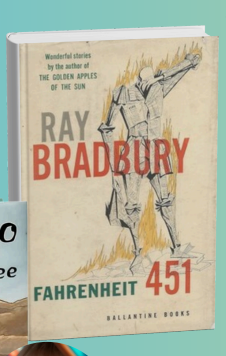


Patty Dodson
Taft High
Grades 7-12



Nina Boyett
Newport High
Grades 9-12







Emma Roderick
Oceanlake
Grades K-2





Jordyn Blair
Newport Middle
Grades 6-8



Harris
Crestview
Grades K-6

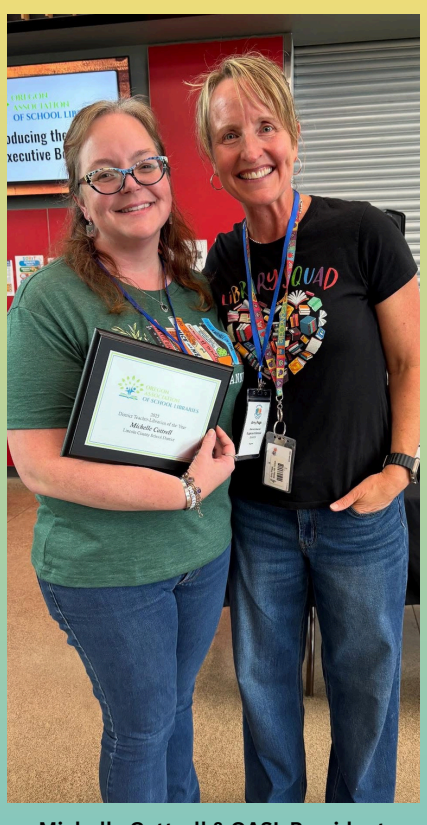


Michelle Cottrell
District Media Specialist
Grades K-12

This past weekend, I was honored to receive the 2025 Oregon Association of School Libraries District Teacher-Librarian of the Year Award. As I shared with my fellow librarians, this recognition belongs to all of us—our exceptional LCSD Classified Library Team, dedicated school staff, and supportive district leadership make our programming possible through their commitment to supporting both traditional and digital literacy.

Here in LCSD, the message from our schools and district leadership is clear: school libraries matter. I'm grateful to work in a district that believes in sharing literacy in all its forms with every child, every day.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything I can do to support you and your students. You can contact me directly or through your amazing library staff!



Michelle Cottrell & OASL President, Amy Page at the 2025 OASL Conference.

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