



Understanding Library Skills

About the plan

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SCHOOL	Hancock Middle School
DISTRICT	Hancock County
GRADE LEVELS	7
SUBJECT	Library Skills
UNIT/THEME	The Dewey Decimal System
OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The students will develop an understanding of the organization of the library.2. The students will understand the Dewey Decimal System.3. The students will demonstrate knowledge and independence in the library.4. The students will identify the sections of the library.5. The students will demonstrate their knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System by successfully locating a list of call numbers and titles.6. The students will demonstrate their knowledge and independence by going on a scavenger hunt in the library. The librarian and the students will develop a rubric that will be used by each student to evaluate his/her findings.
INSTRUCTIONAL FORMAT	Group; individual student work; student rubric to evaluate each other's performance.
MATERIALS NEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internet access• MAGNOLIA• K-W-L chart• Index card lists• Index card with list and instructions, and copy of the rubric
DURATION OF ACTIVITY	4 days
FORMAL ASSESSMENT	The librarian will question and record. The librarian will record the number of books on the list that the student successfully found. The librarian and the students will use the rubric to evaluate each student's performance.

Activity

The librarian will introduce the library skills unit. She will walk through each section of the library. The librarian will walk the students through the non-fiction section and verbally and visually explain the Dewey Decimal numbers. She will then give each student an index card with a list of call numbers and titles with instructions to go to the shelves and locate. The librarian will introduce the scavenger hunt to the students explaining what is required. She will then give each student a card with the items, books, rubric, and instructions.

Explore activity

Students go to MAGNOLIA site. Once there, each student clicks on "EPSCO Host" and "Academic Search Elite." Students must type in "Dewey Decimal Classification System." Students click on "Dewey Made Fun" in HTML Full Text. Once there, students click on to <http://www.thrall.org/dewey> to "Do The Dewey Game." Students can read the article about Dewey. They can also click on to "Cyber Dewey" to help them find books. Give each student their own assignment and ask them to find section using sheet. For example, ask student to list all categories under Division 300, etc. Each student has their own assignment.