OPALS
a community where children’s librarians are heard

Show kids the way to safe learning & leisure reading resources

WHIMSICAL & INFORMATIVE
- Design your own library portal
- Use OPALS templates & utilities
- Keep it fresh & relevant

No coding necessary, Experienced instructors show you how!
Kids Will Love Browsing Your Ever-Changing Virtual Genre Galleries

Easy Access To Authentic Information Databases 24/7

Broadcast Seasonal & Curriculum Video & Web Resources
K-2 OPAC Interface
Designed & tested by elementary school librarians

“Because there’s a big difference between K-2 and 3-5 students”
Hauppauge CSD Elementary School Librarians

- Auto-complete search
- Click leaves to add & view other resources
- Interface changes with the seasons

Legible brief citations - Virtual shelf browser - Loan status color codes - Book bag / bibliography

Brief & Full Citation Displays – Student rating & review – Series links – Circ status details
Grades 3-5 OPAC Interface

Virtual shelf browser – Student rating & reviews – Similar items guide – Bibliography utility

Teacher & Parent Advanced Search Interface
Circulation

Specially designed for elementary school libraries

Elementary school librarians love OPALS group loans option. It displays all students in a class & their transactions. Student pictures - Public & Private notes - Quick title search - Quick item entry - Change due date - View series titles - Renewal - Return - Reserve - Fine management - Print transaction lists - Access borrower information - Assign limited permissions

Librarians can also group and print student barcodes by homeroom and use these lists to checkout resources to them...a method that has stood the test of time!

Detailed user/member transactions: loans (parsed yearly) - Fines - Payments - Refunds
Pathfinders for Kids & Teachers

Pathfinders organize topic-specific resources. Add books organized by theme - Websites - Attach PDF, Documents

Social Studies

Explorers and Exploration for 5th Grade
Created Date: 2015.01.07
By: Ali Wallace
For: 5th Grade
Subject Area: Explorers | Social Studies

Website Evaluation

Website Evaluation
Created Date: 2016.12.15
By: Ali Wallace
For: 6th Grade
Subject Area: Website Evaluation

Winter

Historical Photographs from the Library of Congress
Created Date: 2010.12.17
By: Ali Wallace
For: 4th Grade
Subject Area: Historical photographs | Winter

Coding, programming, computer science

Hour of Code
Created Date: 2017.12.06
By: Ali Wallace
Subject Area: coding, programming, computer science

Library Resources Group

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AZTECS

Select All

- 972 BUR c.1
  - Burdick, C. A. See inside an Aztec town. Yarmouth Press, c1980
  - Available in library

- 972.004 MCK
  - McKissack, Pat. Aztec Indians. Childrens Press c1965
  - Available in library

- 972.018 INC C.1
  - Available in library

Pathfinder collections are saved in OPALS & can be browsed by students and teachers. Each one has a unique link that can be posted on homework sites. Scan its QR coded to record to a mobile device. Library resources are linked to OPALS’ catalog and these lists display current item status. At the time these illustrations were captured, students had borrowed some of the books on the list. The OPAC’s brief citations below illustrate a “Pathfinder” reference & link. When clicked, students will see a complete list!

The Pathfinder template makes it easy to author beautiful, teaching & learning resources.
Add “Webmix” Collections to your Library Portal

Integrate Single Sign-On Database Access & Interface with your OPALS Portal and Catalog

Organize Databases By Reading Level & Topics

Opals Opec & Google™ Extensions are Connected!

Inserts Your Library Content Into Google Search Results
Virtual Genre Walls Feature Popular Topics & Makerspace Resources

These virtual showcases will draw student and teachers to your library & keep them coming back.

Thank you for viewing this bright ideas summary inspired by elementary school librarians