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Georgia Library Spotlight - Oak View Media Center

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GLA SPOTLIGHT

Oak View Media Center

Oak View Media Center, located in Oak View Elementary School in Decatur, Georgia, home of the Owls, serves approximately 900 students Monday through

Friday. Students and staff members are welcome in the media center from 7:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. to check out books, conduct research, work on projects, and use the computers. In order to increase reading, the media specialists, with the help of students, provide weekly book talks via the intercom during morning announcements.

At the beginning of the year, Ms. Hall, the media specialist, along with staff and students, held a school-wide assembly to promote reading. Throughout the school year, the media center has hosted author visits, public library staff to promote library cards, vendors, book previews, student-of-the-month programs, Real Parents Read, the Scholastic Book Fair, and Career Day.

Students and staff look forward to weekly storytime. The media center, not always quiet, is alive with chatter and laughter during

storytime. Students are eager to answer questions and give predictions on what they think will occur in the stories. Originally scheduled for pre-k through second grade, storytime is now enjoyed by older students in

third and fourth grade as well. Students in grades second through fifth are taught online safety and how to navigate Destiny, the online public access catalog (OPAC). Students use Destiny to locate print books and electronic books (e-books) based on personal choices and Lexile scores.



Circulation numbers have increased tremendously from August to March. Oak View Media Center is definitely on course with promoting reading and preparing twenty-first century students to compete globally. While Ms. Hall is the only staff member employed in the media center, she is thankful to have parent and student volunteers to assist with the daily running of the media center.

To find out more about Oak View Elementary Media Center, please visit: oakviews.dekalb.k12.ga.us.