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Georgia Library Spotlight - Freedom Middle School Media Center, Special Needs and Inclusive Services

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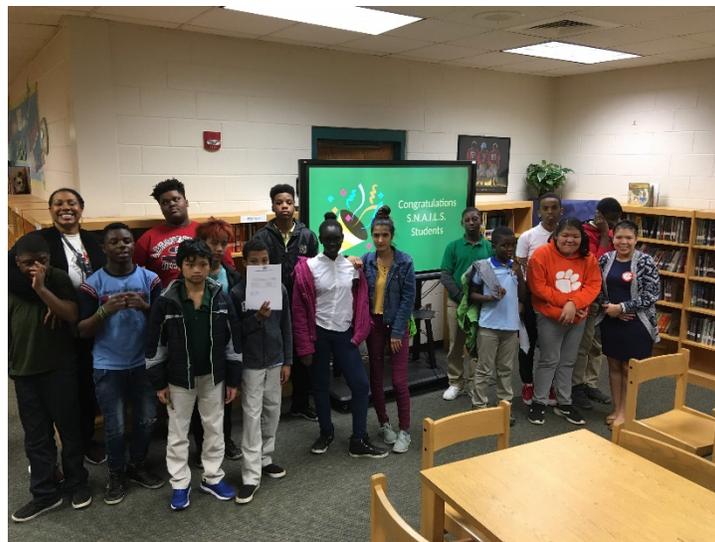
Freedom Middle School Media Center Special Needs and Inclusive Services

The vision for the Freedom Middle School (FMS) Media Center is to be truly the heart of the school, a warm and welcoming place for every student, staff member, and parent every day. To achieve this vision, FMS Media Center added the Special Needs and Inclusive Library Services (SNAILS) to the robust list of programming for the 2019–2020 school year.

SNAILS gives all special education classrooms and the deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) student population the opportunity to come into the media center with minimal distractions to read or enjoy story time, participate in a literacy-

themed craft, or even create and host programming for the FMS student body. The students also enjoy visits from Pet Partners reading dogs, Maya and Story.

Achievements for the inaugural year include: all special education students receiving a library card from the DeKalb County Public Library; two school-wide events hosted by the DHH students to share their language; all students who attended the SNAILS program completing 15 books and their correlating activities; and receiving a grant to further expand the programming for the 2020–2021 school year.



Fall 2020 will bring even more stimulating and inclusive programming for the fantastic students of Freedom. Follow the excitement at <http://www.freedomms.dekalb.k12.ga.us/>.