

LIBS 608

Visiting Northwood Middle School Library

With Heather Colley and Cat Olenick





Librarian

Mrs. Klumpp (full-time)

Location

Saltville, VA

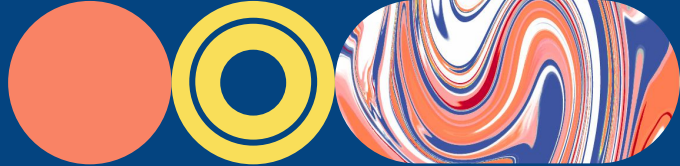
Web Presence

Northwood Middle School (n.d.) Facebook
page and website (<https://nms.scsb.org/>)



Basic Library Functions

(Rubin & Rubin, 2020)



Developing

Collections and
acquiring resources
in multiple formats



Organizing

Resources for
efficient access



Conserving

And preserving
materials



Providing

Information and
educational
programs



Maintaining

Effective
operations



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Physical and digital collections and acquiring
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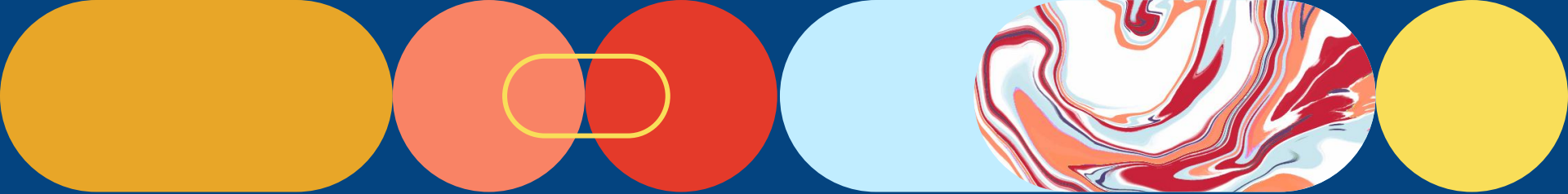


Available Materials

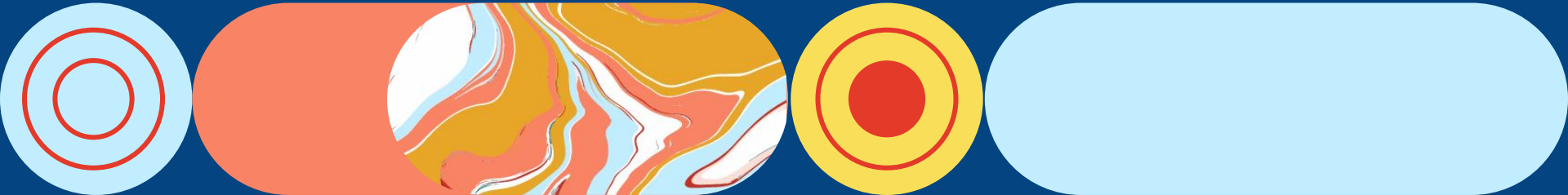
Northwood Middle School has books, periodicals (not current/subscriptions), DVDs, and VHSs (movies, documentaries, etc.). The library has a specific budget for materials and resources. The budget depends on the administration in the building. Decisions for new materials depend on:

1. Teacher needs/curriculum
2. Resources for all staff
3. Student interest
4. Parent input





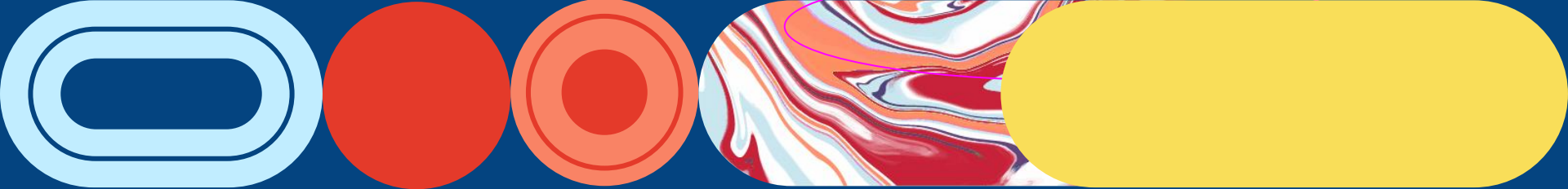
"School librarians are deeply committed to meeting the many needs of their students. ...a significant majority are committed to maintaining diverse school library collections and a majority of school librarians have developed specific goals for creating inclusive collections"
(Rubin & Rubin, 2020, p. 165).





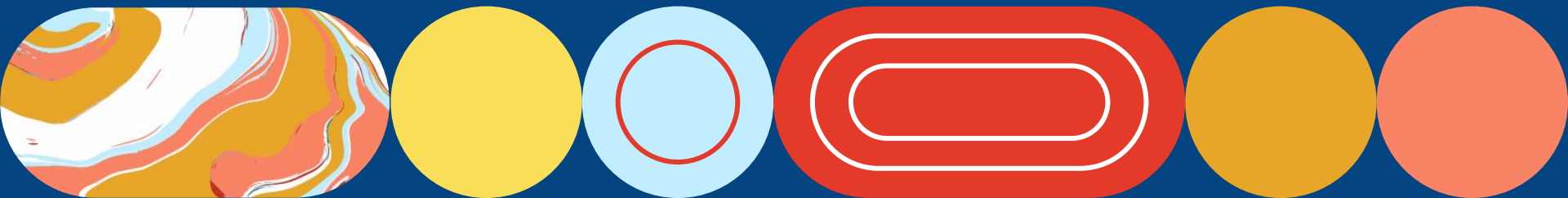
Striving for Inclusion

Mrs. Klumpps' specific goals are to purchase books for every student in the school. She is getting ready to purchase Spanish versions of a popular book series. The school has quite a few students that are in foster care, so she has purchased books that appeal to them. The library has fiction and nonfiction books with African Americans featured on the covers. Heather is very pleased with the diversity that their little library has.



\$30,000

From COVID-19 grant for new books



New Books Purchased With COVID-19 Money



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Organizing

Resources for efficient access

Library Sections



Fiction

Organized
alphabetically



Nonfiction

Organized by
Dewey Decimal



High Interest

Graphic novels,
quick reads



Reference

Up-to-date
encyclopedias,
almanacs,
thesauruses



New Books

Diversity, high/low,
current history and
science selections



Digital Resources

Listed and linked
through Library
Home Page

Browsing

When browsing the collection, students are:

- Given an overview of library services during orientation
- Given time during class to peruse the shelves
- Trained on how to search for library materials through the online catalog

Fiction

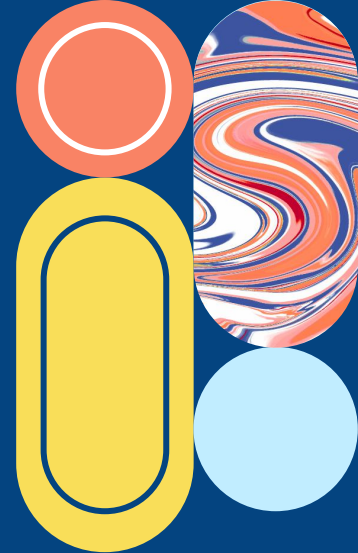


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Nonfiction



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Conserving

And preserving materials



Damaged Items

If a book is damaged, Mrs. Klumpp determines if it is worth the time and money to fix it or if she should just buy a new one, especially if it is a “popular” book. If the book hasn’t been checked out in five years, then the book will be pulled out of circulation and given away.

Items are removed because they are either too damaged to be repaired or haven’t been checked out in five years. Inventory is completed at the end of every school year.

Books that were given away last year to the students, faculty, and community.



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Providing

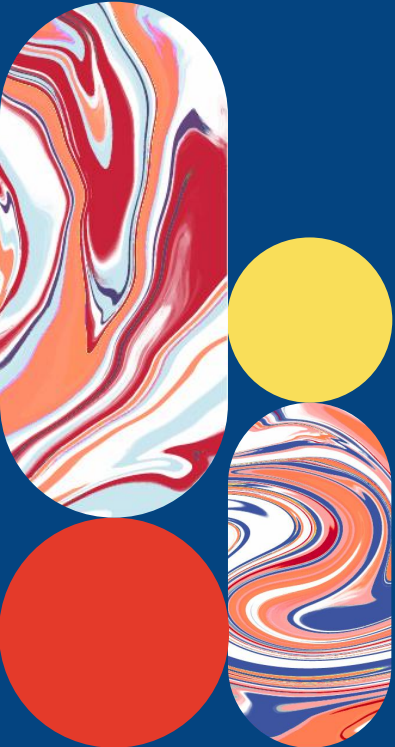
Information and educational programs

Collaboration With Teachers

Mrs. Klumpp collaborates with teachers by asking what resources she needs to purchase to make their jobs easier. She buys the materials that are up to date so the students have the most accurate information.


Work With Classes

Mrs. Klumpp doesn't come into classrooms because the English classes go to the library once a week, and she does lessons in the library. If need be, she would come to the classroom, but by having the classes once a week, it isn't that necessary. Other classes are welcome to go to the library whenever they want.





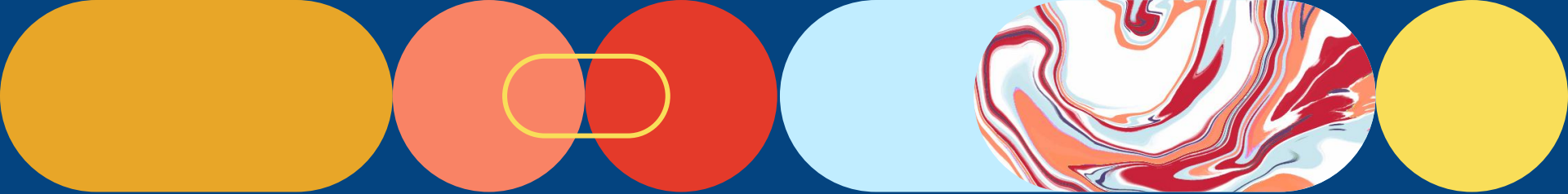
Use of Library Space

- Student Council meetings
 - Faculty meetings (after school)
 - Spelling Bee
 - Book Clubs
 - Book Fair
 - School Board Meeting (once a year)
 - Any clubs that need the space for meetings
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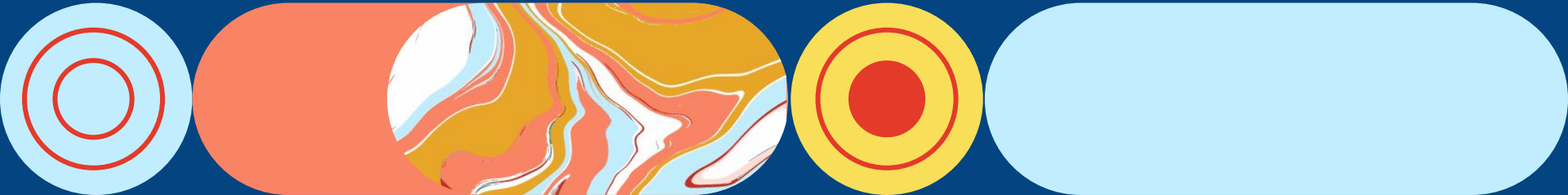


Colley, H. (2021). [Photograph series of students browsing the book fair at Rich Valley Elementary School next door to Northwood Middle School]. [CC BY-NC-SA 4.0](#)

The Book Fair was at the elementary school next door.



“In the challenging [COVID-19] environment of closed school facilities, school systems and school libraries were compelled to refocus their instructional energies toward online technologies; the school library became a vital resource for support of faculty, students, and families” (Rubin & Rubin, 2020, p. 168).

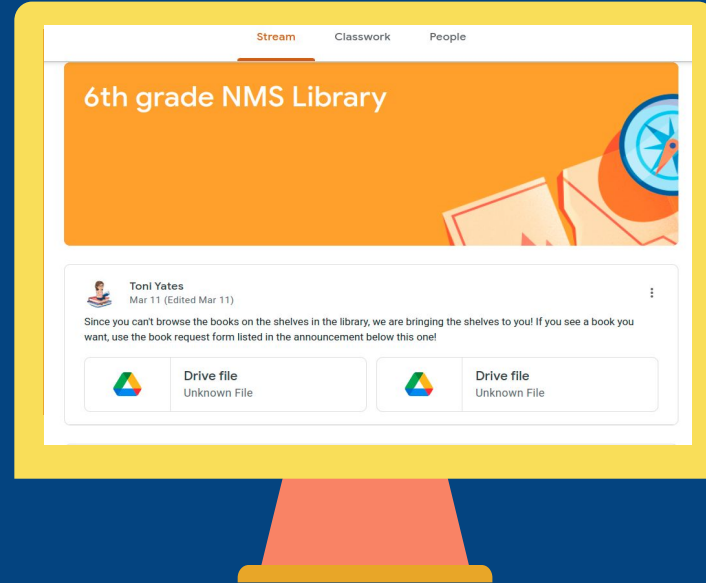




Virtual Library

Mrs. Klumpp supported faculty, students, and families with a Google Classroom last year during COVID-19, but it has since been deactivated. She used the classroom to provide book recommendations, games, challenges, etc.—things to make sure that the kids were reading while at home.

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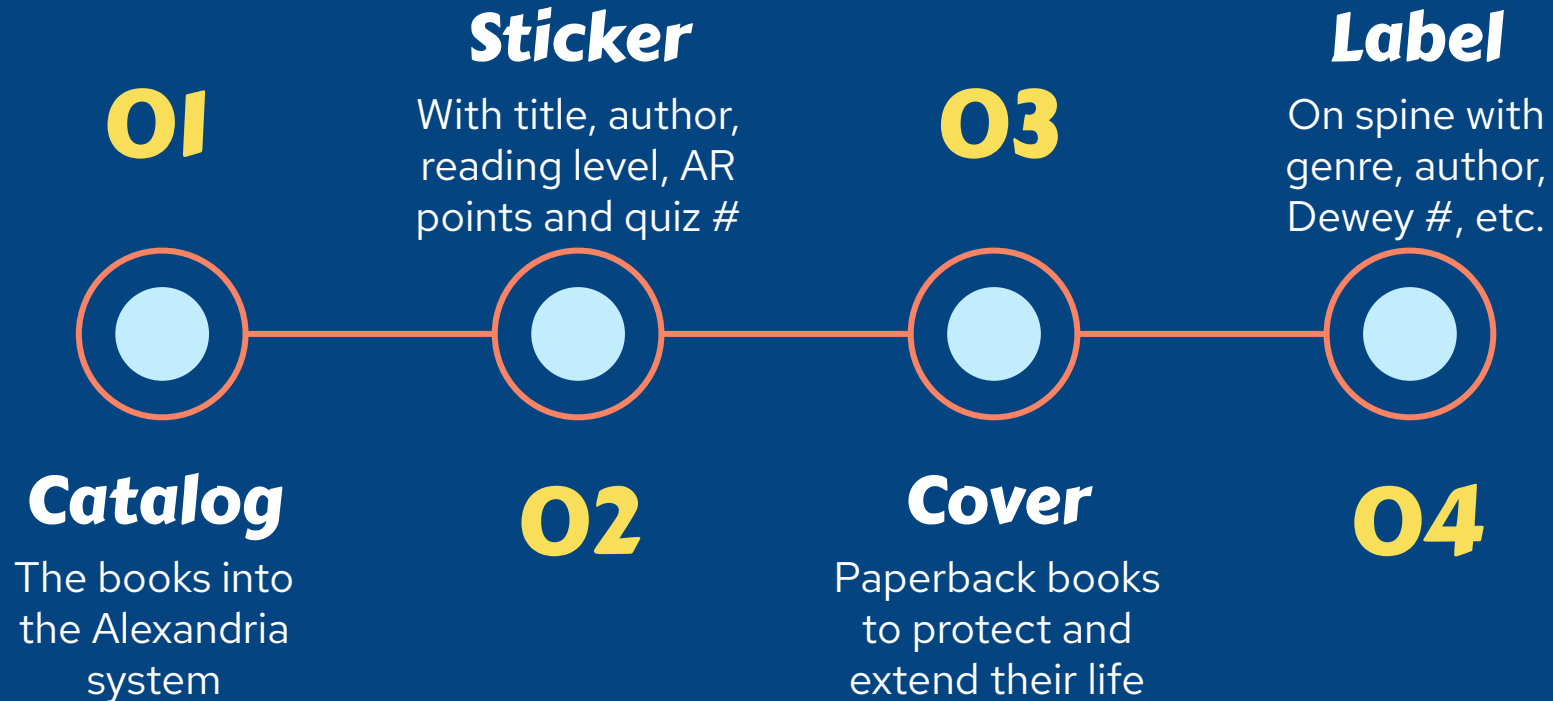
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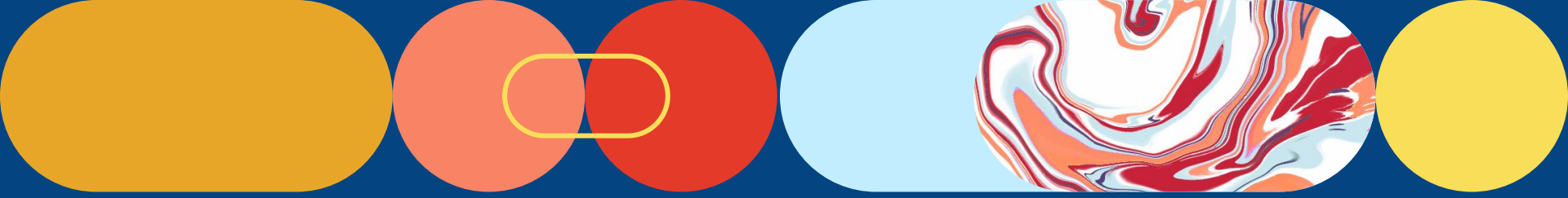
Maintaining

Effective operations

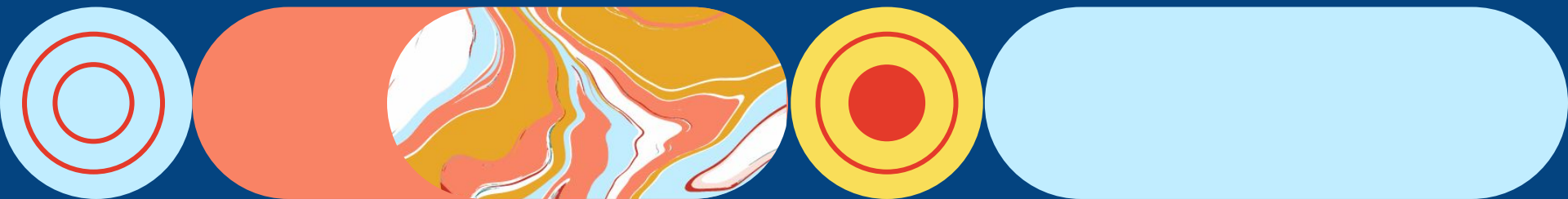


Rotating in New Materials





If the librarian had unlimited time/money, what is one thing they would do to improve the library for the students?



iPads

Mrs. Klumpp would love to purchase iPads for students to be able to listen to audiobooks at home. The iPads would appeal to all students and would especially benefit students with reading disabilities that would like to read books at their age level, but their reading level deters them from that.



This follows the AASL standard to ensure that “the school library motivates learners and their families to read regardless of format and promotes lifelong learning” (Rubin & Rubin, 2020, p. 154).

Northwood Library's Charm



Northwood Middle School's Library is very friendly and welcoming. Students are welcome to come to the library whenever they want to check out books; it doesn't have to be their "library day" to enter the library. The library has comfortable seating and has great natural lighting.

Unique Feature

Old yearbooks are available for students to look at to see their siblings, family members, teachers, etc. in their younger days. The students really love looking at the yearbooks and pointing out people they know.

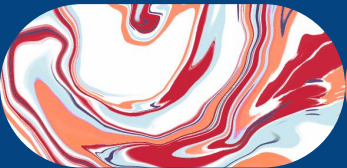


Colley, H. (2021). [Photograph of a student sitting on the floor reading in front of a bookshelf at Northwood Middle School Library on the first day that students were allowed back in the library in almost two years]. [CC BY-NC-SA 4.0](#)

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