



WPS Library in 2022

WPS Library has opened its doors and ready for a fun filled year ahead with Mrs Azar (Mon - Fri) and Mrs Kougellis (Mon - Thurs) working with our students in the library this year.

All students in Years K-6 participate in a one-hour library lesson once a fortnight. During this time students are encouraged to borrow and return books as well as participate in a library lesson. For students to borrow they will need to bring a library bag (preferably waterproof) and return any borrowed books.

Our aim is to:

- promote reading
- develop information literacy skills
- digital citizenship
- cyber-safety
- help build a community of happy readers.

Key school library events:

- Borrowing for **Year 1-6** students starts: **Week 6 (from Monday February 28)** and **Kindergarten** from **Week 8 (Monday 14 March)**.
- NSW Premier's Reading Challenge - **registration opens Monday 28 February and closes Friday 19 August**
- National Simultaneous Storytime: **Wednesday 25 May**
- Annual Book Fair: **in Term 3 pending COVID restrictions (date TBC)**
- Children's Book Week: **August 20 – August 26**









Kindy-1 Library & 2-6 Library

At Westmead Public School, we are fortunate enough to have two libraries!

1. **K-1 Junior Library** - a specialised library for our juniors that has been designed to specifically cater for our younger readers. It offers a wide selection of books for all levels of reading skills and interest in picture books, non-fiction, chapter books, as well as a growing collection of popular books in series.
2. **2-6 Library** – offers a range of resources and access to laptops central to supporting the needs of these students.

Library Bags

✗ Not Accepted ✗		✓ Accepted ✓	
<p>Supermarket thin quality shopping bag</p> <p>breaks and splits</p>		<p>Westmead PS Library Bag</p> <p>Available in uniform shop for \$20</p>	
<p>Paper bag</p> <p>tears easily</p> <p>not strong enough</p>		<p>Waterproof Tote Bag or Drawstring Bag</p> <p>waterproof</p> <p>light</p> <p>Available in stores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best & Less \$5 • Kmart \$2 	
<p>Lunch Box</p> <p>not clean</p> <p>too small</p> <p>smells like food</p>		<p>Fabric bag</p> <p>Accepted, but not preferred, as these are not waterproof</p>	

Overdue & Damaged Books



Once a term, we send home overdue notes and would love your help ensuring any overdue books are returned during their library lesson. If they have been lost or damaged, please let your child's library teacher know. **If your child is leaving the school, the books can be returned to the library or left at the front office.**

Library @ Lunch



Students in years 3-6 can visit the 2-6 Library at lunch time to borrow and return books, quietly read or do homework/research – each grade is allocated a day to minimise cross cohorting. The invitation will be extended to our Year 2 students from Term 2.

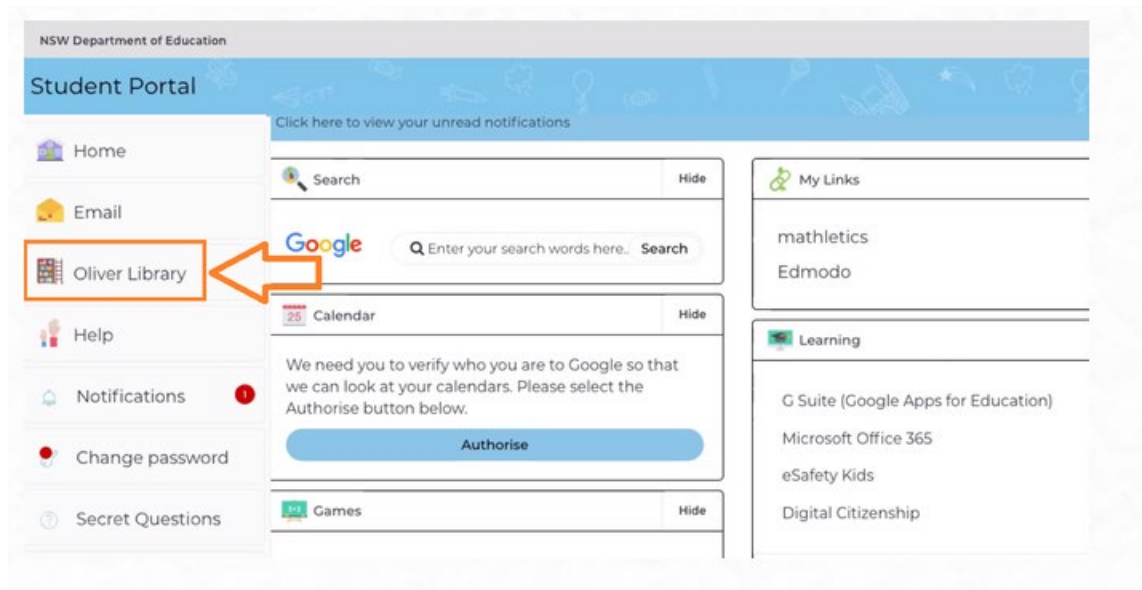
Parent Library



Tucked away in the Community Room we have a 'Parent Library' that houses a small collection of books on different subjects that are of specific interest to parents. If you would like to have a look at the Parent Library and possibly borrow a book or two, please see our Community Liason Officer.

WPS School Library Catalogue – Oliver Library

Students can access our school library catalogue from any computer, any time via their NSW Department of Education portal page under the heading 'Oliver Library.'



Oliver Library contains loads of great learning tools to assist students and parents and is also how students and parents can access the school's library catalogue. It is well worth a look. Please note you cannot borrow or return books, OLIVER library is only to search for titles available through the library – you can however, borrow and return eBooks via our Digital Library – see below.

WPS Digital Library



Westmead Public School subscribes to ePlatform by Wheelers which is a digital library of eBooks for our students to borrow. Students can access the link from our Oliver Library Catalogue home page accessed through their NSW Department of Education portal or alternatively you can download the app to begin borrowing from our eBook collection.

World Book Online

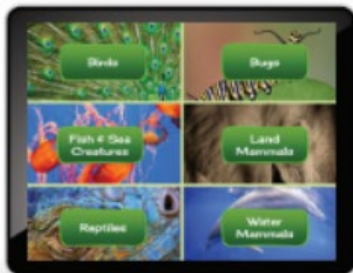


Our school has once again subscribed to the electronic version of World Book Online Primary School Edition. Our World Book subscription allows us to give you and your family access to this valuable reference source from any computer - 24 hours a day throughout 2022. With well over 1,600,000 hits last year, it is a well-used, safe resource that has long been part of our school community. Below is a brief description of what's included in our Worldbook Online subscription:



EARLY LEARNING BY WORLD BOOK **Kindy - 2**

Developed with experts in early childhood education, this re-designed database offers rich resources to help young learners build their vocabulary, comprehension, phonics, and reading fluency.



KIDS BY WORLD BOOK **Yrs 2 - 4**

This go-to online resource is chock-full of fun activities, hands-on science projects, and age-appropriate articles, and offers image-based navigation tailored to engage growing learners.



STUDENT BY WORLD BOOK **Yrs 5 - 6**

Tailored for students, articles include multimedia and related resources to engage students, expanded biographies, and supplemental tools to support cross-curricular studies.

To access the World Book Web, follow these simple steps:

(Best Internet browser to use is Chrome)

1. Go to: www.worldbookonline.com
2. Enter Username: **westmead**
3. Enter Password: **school**

NSW Premiers Reading Challenge



At WPS we encourage our students to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge each year. It's a **voluntary** initiative that requires students to read a certain number of books by a set date and is aimed at fostering a love of reading for leisure.

- **K-2 students** participate in the Challenge at school so there is nothing further for them to do at home or independently.
- **3-6 students** participate independently with the support of the Teacher Librarians and parents.

Further information to come however, you can visit <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html> to find out more. As the Library teachers coordinate, administer and run the Challenge at our school we are happy to answer any questions you may have about the Challenge.

Happy reading! Mrs Azar & Mrs Kougellis– Teacher/Librarians