

Mission Statement

The mission of the library media program at Hanceville High School is to provide free and equal access to information and ideas through a wide range of media and technologies and to provide services that empower students to be life-long effective consumers of knowledge by sustaining an atmosphere of free inquiry.

It is the intent of our library to:

- Teach information-seeking skills and inspire students to expand their knowledge base.
- Provide the tools students need to excel and connect with the world.
- Ask and answer questions that challenge students.
- Promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Be a place to learn and to engage with others in learning.
- Be a safe environment for creativity, intellectual freedom, and the freedom of expression.
- Promote citizenship and personal and social responsibility.

In our library, students can

- Read and borrow books or read magazines and newspapers.
- Use books and resources in the reference section.
- Ask about books and receive help in locating books they might be interested in.
- Receive help with Google accounts or other digital resource accounts.
- Receive help in working on research projects, multimedia projects, or class assignments.
- Find a quiet place to work on class assignments.
- Learn about and get assistance with a variety of technologies.
- Use the Internet for class assignments.

Students are encouraged to

- Come to the library often.
- Borrow books often in efforts to become independent readers.
- Use the library as a place to advance their knowledge and understating of the world.
- Use the library's reference section and use *Alabama Virtual Library* (avl.lib.al.us) for research projects and class assignments.
- Ask the librarian (sometimes called the library media specialist) for help with finding books to read, completing research projects or class assignments, technology issues, etc.