How Students can Access Library Materials within the SDMA

Destiny Discover

Destiny Discover is the library catalog system used to look up and request items within the SDMA library. The default parameter for searches is the student's home school. If the search parameter is changed to reflect "Menomonie Area School District", this cataloging system will list all physical & digital library materials throughout the district (including the five elementary schools, middle school, and high school libraries). Once materials are located within the system, they can be checked out with the following procedure:

Students can view and place a hold on any title within the district library catalog

- Student hold requests are reviewed by LMC staff.
- LMC staff will not approve the hold and checkout if they are not age appropriate. (e.g., if an elementary student places a hold on a middle school or high school book, or if a middle school student places a hold on a high school book). When this happens there is usually a conversation with the student to explain why.
- Since most middle school and high school materials (e.g., many non-fiction titles) may also be appropriate for elementary students, students are permitted to conduct searches across all SDMA schools .
- If a student conducts a district-wide search and selects a digital book title within the catalog that is not appropriate for their grade-level, a pop-up message will inform them they don't meet the grade level requirement for this title.

SORA

SORA (Overdrive) is the SDMA digital library platform that houses ebooks, emagazines, and audio books. SORA has audience access levels that help ensure that younger students only have access to age-appropriate titles. As with Destiny Discover, students may be able to see a title in the catalog, but will not be able to check it out if they do not meet the established grade-level requirement for a specific title.

SORA Audiences

- SORA identifies suggested audiences and intended readers for a book based on industry-standard subjects that publishers apply to books, also known as "Book Industry Standards & Communication" (BISAC).
- Recommended access levels are set by SORA according to (BISAC) standards.
- Levels set within SORA are able to be modified within the SDMA by the Library Media Specialist to reflect district age appropriate guidelines if they are different from SORA.

SORA Access Levels

Juvenile: Ages 0-11, or preschool to 6th grade

Young Adult: Ages 12-18, or 7th-12th grade

General Adult: Ages 14-18, or 9th-12th grade & anything else that doesn't have a specific age requirement (e.g., like some nonfiction).