

## Collaboration with MPSD on Virtual Library Cards for Students

\*This is just the beginning idea for this collaboration. Ideas are subject to change as we move forward with the idea\*

### How it would Work:

- Every student K-12 would be issued a Virtual Library card through MPL
- It would be connected to their online account through MPSD
  - We can either issue them a MPL number or their card number could be their Student ID
    - Using the Student ID may be the easiest way for students to access and remember their login information
- It will not be directly connected to any physical library card account they have through MPL or MPSD
- The virtual library card would not expire as long as they are students with MPSD
- The virtual library card would allow access to all digital resources which MPL provides currently and in the future. Some of those resources are listed below.
- The virtual library card would allow students access to use of MPL's in-house computers, internet, and in-house materials and equipment.
  - Except for those which have charges. Ex. Printing: 1<sup>st</sup> 5 pages are free, then it's \$0.20 per page, Faxing has a fee associated with it, etc.
- The virtual library card would not incur any fees which would block the card from use.
- Teachers would be able to use our digital resources in their classroom for supplemental support.

### Resources we can offer to Students:

- Mango languages: supplemental tool for learning over 60 languages, includes a mobile app
- Learning Express Library: Online access to skill building site for reading, writing, math, test preparation for a wide range of standardized tests, career certification, high school equivalency tests, computer and software training, etc.
- Overdrive: Electronic books and audiobooks available for checkout; upon expiration of checkout, item is pulled from your device with no late charges; items are available for renewal
- Zinio: electronic magazines available for checkout, no expiration date
- Gale Courses, including Gale Biography: online access to hundreds of courses for career development, computer skills, and personal enrichment
  - Examples:
    - Accounting fundamentals
    - Quickbooks
    - Microsoft suite
    - Personal finance
    - Public speaking
    - Interior design
    - Dreamweaver
    - Music
    - Food/Nutrition
- Tutor.com: expert tutors live 4-11 PM daily providing one-to-one online help in areas of math, science, English, social studies and writing. They help you find the answer; they do not provide the answer.
- Badgerlink: Wisconsin newspapers, Litfinder, Wisconsin history, research needs, scholarly articles
- Tumblebooks: Online collection of animated talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they love
- Genealogy and local history resources – Ancestry.com; HeritageQuest online; Manitowoc County Historical Place and Name Index
- Additional: NoveList, Auto Repair Online Reference collection, AtoZ database, Newspaper archive

**Cost:** Staff time to layout this program and get it set up; potential cost to transfer student data into our system and write the code (~\$2,000)

**Timeline:** should we be able to move forward with this, I would like to begin offering virtual library cards at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

**Additional inclusions:**

- I would like to apply for a grant to fund creation of videos about our digital resources and how to use them for teachers and students
- I would also like to provide training on-site with teachers and/or students on the virtual library cards and the resource they can access with them on an annual or biannual basis
- I would like to do a random survey of students and teachers the first year, and then every five years after on the effectiveness of the virtual library cards and ideas for improvement.
- I would like to present to MPSD teachers on the benefit of having their own library card for free and the resources we offer to teachers.

**What we would need from MPSD:**

- We would need updated student information, with minimal information (name, birth date, Student ID number), to issue the virtual library cards
  - On an annual basis, this will need to be updated with new students and students who have left MPSD.
- Time with MPSD IT department to set up cards, trial run, and work out any bugs
- Time to promote these cards to students and teachers on an annual or biannual basis
- Potentially, we may look to apply for grants in the future to grow or supplement this program. If we do, we would need approval, and possible support, from MPSD.

**Successful Virtual Library Card Collaborations:**

- Milwaukee Public Library ~76,000 students
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Library ~150,000
- Anne Arundel Public Library System ~80,000
- Lakeshore Library System starting in Wisconsin

**Benefits to MPL and MPSD:**

**Manitowoc Public Library**

- Greater awareness of library resources
- Increased use of library databases which we already use
- Meeting mission of promoting a culture of reading and to provide access to information which foster an environment that meets the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the community.
- Increased potential for collaboration between schools and the library for better use of limited resources for the benefit of students
- Potential increase in registered, physical card users for students and teachers

**MPSD**

- Increased access to resources for your students and teachers at no cost to you.
- Wider variety of resources available to teachers, students and parents
- Assistance to teachers in implementation of curriculum goals
- Increased test scores due to available resources both within and outside the school building
- Increased potential for collaboration between schools and the library for better use of limited resources for the benefit of students