

**DCES**  
**Media Center**  
**Hours of Operation**

Students can visit the DCES Media Center to check out books, do research, take AR tests, or simply enjoy a good book during the hours of:

**8:45am-2:50pm**

(Closing time is 1:50pm on Wednesdays, due to early dismissal)

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## QUICK LINKS

DCES Media Center Website  
[www-dce.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www-dce.stjohns.k12.fl.us)

DCES Symbaloo  
[www-dce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/links](http://www-dce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/links)

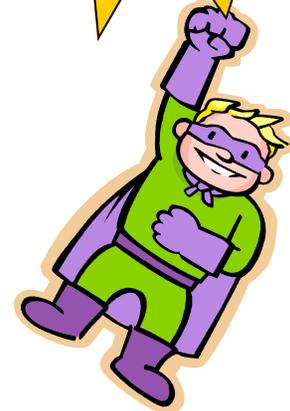
World Book Online Encyclopedia  
[www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com)

Is it an AR book?  
[www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)

AR HomeConnect  
<https://hosted81.renlearn.com/707343/HomeConnect/login.aspx>

Durbin Creek Elementary  
School  
Library Media Center

"Where readers  
are leaders!"



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**DCES Media Aide**

## ► Flexible Access Scheduling

The DCES Media Center is proud to operate on a flexible- (or open)-access schedule. Unlike other resource classes such as music, art, and PE, we are not on a set rotational schedule. Instead, classroom teachers have the flexibility to schedule visits to the Media Center as often as they need or want to! We believe that collaboration between classroom teachers and Media Specialists during Media lessons is key to the success of our students. Class visits to the Media Center often consist of a read-aloud story, lessons on topics such as research skills and website reliability, author studies, booktalks, and much more! Additionally, teachers may send small groups of students down to check out new library books whenever those students are ready to do so.



### Accelerated Reader

Let's earn some AR points for all those great books we're reading! After reading a book, DCES students can log on to AR with their username and password to take a short 5- or 10-question comprehension quiz on the book. As the year progresses, they accrue AR points and in doing so, earn prizes and rewards for themselves, their class, and for the whole school! You can check your child's AR scores by visiting the AR Home Connect Website (on the Quick Links section on the opposite side of this brochure).

### Checkout Policies

Kindergarten and 1st grade- 1 book at a time

2nd Grade— 2 books at a time

3rd Grade— 3 books at a time

4th Grade— 4 books at a time

5th Grade— 5 books at a time

Book checkout period is 2 weeks for students at all grade levels.

### SSYRA Program

Students in Grades 3-5 are encouraged to take part in the Sunshine State Young Readers Award program! Each school year, 15 fiction chapter books are hand selected by a committee of statewide Media Specialists. Those 15 books comprise the year's SSYRA collection. Once a student reads at least 3 of the SSYRA books, he/she becomes eligible to vote on the book they liked the best. At the end of the year, all votes throughout the State of Florida are tallied and one of the 1 books is declared the winner of that year's SSYRA program! Each year, St. Johns County also holds Battle of the Books, a competition that tests students' knowledge of the year's SSYRA books. For more information, please contact Mr. Ostrowsky.



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