

# JOHNSON ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

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*Need some research project ideas—or just interested in collaborating? Email me—or look me up in the library!*

## About Me



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Hi everyone,

My name is Heidi Neltner, and I'm very excited to be starting my third year as an elementary librarian here at Johnson this year. Previously, I was a high school English teacher—I spent my last 6 high school years down the street at Highlands.

My strengths are primarily in the teaching of research and writing, and integrating technology and test preparation into class instruction. Over the last few years I have been working at getting better

acquainted with trends in elementary level fiction and nonfiction, and have really enjoyed branching out in this way.

### What you can expect from me

I have a fairly rigorous library curriculum in the works. I use the ELA standards as a jumping off point, so if there is something you need me to cover (or want me to stay clear of) please let me know. I try to reinforce what you are doing in the classroom, but don't want to mess up any class study.

I really want to collaborate on any projects you have. Please email me or stop in to see me a few weeks out, and I can work things into library instruction or into flex time.

I will probably send too many emails about resources. I can't help sharing when I find something good! If I need you to respond or if I have a question, I'll indicate so in the subject line.

If there is a resource you need or would like to see in the library, please let me know, and I will do my best to get it.

If I don't know something (and there's a lot I won't know in the beginning), I'll do my best to find the answer.

### My favorite resources:

- **Pinterest!** I currently have almost 20 school related boards...look me up!
- **Don't have a Pinterest account?** Email me and I'll send you an invite—with directions for how to get started
- **Thinfinity.org**—search for lessons by standard! It takes some weeding, but I always find quality here.
- **Smart Exchange** <http://exchange.smarttech.com/> is a great starting point when you're beginning a new concept. I think my own personal Smartboard lessons are much better now that I've started browsing for ideas.
- **Tumblebooks**—you can access this database of children's ebooks from Campbell County Public Library Kids page—[www.cc-pl.org/kids](http://www.cc-pl.org/kids) - you'll find it under "Games and Stories"

## A Few Library Policies

### First Checkout



First checkout will depend on if the furniture comes in on time! If it does, my goal is to allow 2-5 check out beginning August 29 and K-1 will have their first check out September 5. I will send a letter home with the first checkout introducing myself and

library book routines.

### Number of checkouts

**K-2** will check out one book a visit

**3-5** will be allowed to check out two (one can be a magazine). If you feel your students would benefit from more than that number of books each week, please let me know and we can

make adjustments.

Students are also welcome to come and exchange books in the morning if they would like to and as long as it is okay with you!

### Returning Books

On the morning of your scheduled library time, please collect books and have a few students return to the library.

