

The Fort Erie Secondary School Library...

Is committed to literacy and learning. The library has current reference and other non-fiction materials, as well as up-to-date fiction. Canadian content for non-fiction and fiction is highlighted. The library is strongly supported by the administration and staff of Fort Erie Secondary School.

The library offers two library clubs. For grades nine and ten the library offers a junior library book club. This club meets weekly. Red Maple and White Pine books (recommended by the Ontario Library Association) are read. Students read ten books from each category. The students discuss the books and hand in book reviews. At the end of the year the students vote on their favourite author and enjoy a year end trip.

For grades eleven and twelve the library offers a senior library book club. This club also meets weekly in the library. Students read as many books as they can from genres that are chosen monthly. Several trips are planned throughout the year.

We try have an author visit each year. Last year Aaron Bell, a Native storyteller from Brantford, came to FESS and mesmerized the students with his captivating storytelling of Native culture and history

Students at Fort Erie Secondary School are encouraged to be information literate. Students are taught to research effectively, using the four stages of inquiry and research, i.e. preparing for research, accessing sources, processing the information, and transferring learning. The students are further taught how to cite their sources and document properly using bibliographic citation from the Modern Language Association (MLA) and the American Psychological Association (APA). Students understand the implications of failing to document and also learn how to evaluate their sources critically for accuracy, currency, objectivity, coverage, and authority. Students receive a library orientation and an orientation on the databases available from DSBN. Our library is equipped with computers, printers, both black and white and colour, and a photocopier. The computers have Corel WordPerfect 12 and Microsoft Office 2007 Suites. The students at Fort Erie Secondary School enjoy their library and are very engaged in literacy and learning!