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More than One Thousand MSSD14 Students Receive Library Cards

Manitou Springs, CO - Exciting news for students at Manitou Springs School District – more than one thousand students will receive a library card for Pikes Peak Library District!

"We're checking out a lot of books," said MSSD14 Director of Technology Cat Olimb. "We're actually probably one of the school districts in Colorado that through Overdrive has been checking out the most books especially during COVID."

Overdrive is the largest online book provider in the nation. Manitou Springs School District is ranked third in Colorado for checking out books via Overdrive.

During our online registration process at the beginning of this school year, Olimb worked with PPLD to get students signed up for library cards.

With this library card, students are able to access books, computers, and printers. They also can take advantage of the Makerspaces with some really cool programs at the Manitou Arts Center.

The MAC has a woodshop, pottery studio, design and computer lab just to name a few.

"The school district is really excited to join forces with Pikes Peak Library District. For many years, we've already been able to provide thousands of books online through Overdrive and SORA [an app used to download books]," said Olimb. "This was possible through a grant and also partnership with PPLD and the Board of Cooperative Education Services."

Students that signed up will receive a card in the mail over the next few weeks.

ABOUT MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

Established in 1872, Manitou Springs School District 14 (MSSD14) serves approximately 1,350 students from Preschool to 12th Grade who reside in the communities of Manitou Springs, Cascade, Green Mountain Falls, Chipita Park, Crystal Park, and Cedar Heights. The district also serves about 48 percent "choice" students who come from other locations in El Paso and Teller Counties.

MSSD14 offers a "small town" educational environment driven by the core values of relationships, deep learning and opportunity. The district and its staff are dedicated to providing a safe and caring learning environment, encouraging all students to reach their potential and preparing responsible citizens.