



Stacy McPherson

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Stacy McPherson

SCHOOL: Garrison Middle School

GRADES: 6-8

CLASS: Library

Q. Why do you consider libraries to be an extension of the classroom?

A. It's a place where kids can find answers to questions, problem solve, and get a greater understanding of the issues they are studying.

Q. What do students learn in the library classes you teach?

A. We might do "Book Talks" or "Readers Theater" where kids interact and I can entice them with new book titles. Teachers often collaborate with me on what projects they are working on, so I can lead lessons on available resources.

Q. How do you support teacher needs?

A. I do just about anything I can to get teachers into the library. I often make announcements during staff meetings to let them know about the new sources that have come into the library. I like to get their ideas on books that we need to get for the library too.

Q. What strategies do you use to build relationships with kids?

A. I'm a "personal shopper" for books for some kids. By helping them find their books I get to know them better. I try to make them feel comfortable and excited to be in the library.

Q. What new technology are you most excited about in the library?

A. We just received brand new computers and the kids are really excited.

## COMMENTS FROM GARRISON PRINCIPAL GINA YONTS:

"The library is the center of any school where the priority is on student learning. Staff utilize the library to support learning and the students access the library to enhance their own learning."

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**MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM  
STACY MCPHERSON'S LIBRARY:**



**COMMENTS: FROM STACY MCPHERSON...**

"From the minute I went into teaching I wanted to teach middle school. In my personal background middle school was where everything was possible. In middle school everything is wide open and students have choices on what they can pursue."

The Garrison library is also open during lunch for student use and will soon be open after school to support an extended learning program. McPherson also teaches classes in the library to better support teachers.



"I really enjoy getting the best books possible for the classes and supporting the content."

"I also enjoy supporting the kids and their personal selections."