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Our mission statement: **To provide students and teachers exceptional resources to enrich German education in the classroom and to facilitate the enjoyment of families learning German together at home.**

Our specific objectives:

1. Acquisition emphasis to support

- Specific classroom learning themes exhibited weekly in the Library's *Thema der Woche* [Theme of the Week].
- All series that are currently most popular with the students in the school and/or recommended by a faculty member, including further titles by authors for "Erzählungen" [stories/novels], *Leseleiter* [reading by level of difficulty], "Sachkunde" [educational] and *Multi-Media* [books on tape or CD/DVD].
- The expansion of multi-media titles to offer "lesen, sehen, hören" [reading, watching, listening] via **Book, Audio, DVD/Video and CD-ROM** reinforcement whenever possible.
- Beginners or students with minimum or no exposure to German outside the school through the simplest German texts available, appropriate for each age group.

2. Ensuring minimal financial burden to the school's operating expenses

- The library is run and maintained by an all-volunteer parent team working positively with the volunteer Library Liaison in the School Committee, volunteer Library Faculty Liaisons and various volunteer Library Team Coordinators.
- The *Teacher Danke-Schön* [Thank YOU!] *Program* (offered both before the December holidays and the end of the school year) is available for targeted fundraising, e.g. customized library cabinets/computer system upgrades, replacement and maintenance.
- Donations of gently used children's German books and original media recordings are encouraged and embraced. Contributed items may be incorporated into the school's collection or passed onto the *Flohmarkt* [Fleamarket] Team Coordinators.
- Proceeds from the *Flohmarkt* (traditionally held in late March and as necessary at May's *Abschlussfeier* [Commencement]) are used to defray non-acquisition library expenses.

3. Motivation of students and teachers to expand the German language experience –
***"Deutsch lernen kann auch Spaß machen!"* ["Learning German can also be fun!"]**

- Promote independent reading through classroom library visits, e.g. *Leseleiter*, educational magazine subscriptions, Comics/Jokes/Brainteasers.
- Exploration of the cultures, history and geography of German speaking countries through library literature and resources.
- Develop individual and group projects utilizing library resources for oral classroom presentation or posters and possible display in the library, e.g. *Wer war. . .?/Wer ist. . .?* [Who was. . .?/Who is. . .?].
- Creation of programs encouraging interaction between classes, both within same grade levels and between older and younger students, e.g. *Lesefreunde* [Reading Buddies] and *Teens for Tots*.