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Walton County School District

Libib District Case Study

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INTRODUCTION

Walton County School District (WCSD) is committed to excellence in education. All WCSD public schools are accredited by the national accrediting organization AdvancED. The district is among the top performing school districts in the state.

With 15 schools and over 11,000 students, WCSD needed a robust yet simple multi-school, multi-classroom library management solution, and found it in **Libib District**.

Objectives

In 2023, with new laws coming into effect requiring that every classroom library make their catalog available to parents, WCSD began the search for an online software that would make the cataloging process easy for their teachers, and make exposure of their libraries online possible. They had 3 major requirements:

1. Allow teachers to quickly catalog books by themselves.
2. The process should be easily understood with minimal training.
3. Each catalog should be available online for browsing and searching.

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Why Libib

For WCSD, the decision to adopt Libib as their cataloging and circulation service was driven by several compelling features that catered specifically to the needs of educators and administrators.

For the teachers, the simplicity of adding books to their collections was a huge time saver. Whether by scanning the barcode or manually entering the details, the process was seamless and efficient, saving valuable time and letting them get back to their classroom quickly. Each teacher could maintain their own unique collection, and for those teachers who had already been using Libib Basic on their own, their collections were integrated into the **Libib District** solution without any additional involvement on their part.

Teacher accounts were managed with ease. The Libib District owner could create these accounts, give their Libib contact a CSV to import, or assign the responsiblity to each school level account owner, streamlining the process and ensuring that every educator had access to the tools they needed.

Once the materials were entered, publishing them became a straightforward task, making resources readily available to students, parents and teachers alike.

But why **Libib District**, specifically? The Walton County School District conducted a thorough evaluation of several potential solutions. Libib stood out for its competitive price point and ease of implementation. The district recognized that Libib offered the best value without compromising on functionality or user experience. The intuitive interface and robust support system meant that the transition was smooth, and teachers could quickly get up to speed.

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Implementation Process

1 School & teacher setup

A District account owner has access to their own specialized dashboard, where they can enter in their schools, and teachers. For WCSD, to help speed along the process, a CSV file of the data was provided to their Libib liason who was able to immedietly import that information for them and email teachers with their login credentials and links to tutorials.

2 Custom tutorials

Custom video tutorials were created specifically for all levels of WCSD Libib users. From the District account owner to the teacher managing their classroom library. This gave everyone a chance to review Libib's multitude of features at their own pace. Additionally, an in-person online tutorial and Q&A session was offered.

3 Cataloging begins

Teachers could log into their Libib accounts on both the libib.com website as well as the companion mobile app for iOS and Android. With the app, the built in scanner made it a breeze to begin cataloging the books on their classroom shelves. Simply by pulling a book out, scanning it with Libib's app, and letting Libib do all the work of pulling in the meta data, cover image, and preparing it for sharing.

4 Publishing online

Once teachers had finished their cataloging, they began to publish their collections online. This made their entire catalog available at a custom Libib URL. Each school also had the option of publishing all the collections together, making it a breeze to search through the entire school at once!

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Features in Action

The abilitles and features of Libib has made adoption among the teachers and admin at WCSD a frictionless event. Libib's staff was available to answer any questions during adoption and made sure that everyone felt comfortable with using Libib.

Cataloging

Quick and easy cataloging was the WCSD primary objective. Giving each teacher the ability to catalog their own library, with minimal support needed from admin, helped get their entire district cataloged in about a week, instead of the months it generally takes for such a massive undertaking.

Circulation

Lending was a secondary concern for WCSD, but already many teachers have used this feature to allow their students to checkout books and track them. With optional features such as auto-emailing due date reminders, and parent notifications, it was a relief to many to no longer have to track their student's reading habits manally with pencil and paper.

Mobile Access

Libib's mobile app for teachers brings the catalog and lending features of Libib straight to their phone. A teacher can see at glance, anywhere and anytime, what books they have on their shelves, and what books have been checked out. They can also use their mobile app to lend out items using the built in barcode scanner!

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Libib is a great tool
for scanning books to
create a link for families
to have access to titles
within my classroom
library… it was a
seamless process.

WCSD Teacher

Results

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS:

76K books

In the course of about a week, over 76 thousand books were cataloged in 15 schools with over 800 teachers and administrators.

81%

continued usage

81% of teachers who began cataloging with Libib, continued to actively use it throughout the entire school year, either to add new items, or for tracking lending.

74% mobile

Nearly 3/4 of all teachers used the mobile app to help with cataloging by scanning in books using the app's built-in barcode scanner.

QUALITATIVE RESULTS:

" Our goal was to provide a simple and efficient platform for teachers to catalog classroom materials. We needed this to be a digital platform so that it could be accessible to the public on the district website. The implementation process was very easy at the district level.

Meghan M. | Curriculum & Instruction TSA

" Libib is great for organizing and knowing what book titles I have in my classroom. It is so helpful when incorporating my books into my lessons and curriculum that I am teaching, as well as sharing books with my students of things that interest them!

WCSD Teacher

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Conclusion

The Walton County School District's journey to improve its cataloging and circulation system has been a remarkable success, thanks to the adoption of Libib.

The district faced a challenge in finding a user-friendly solution that allowed teachers to catalog their classroom books and make them available to a public audience.

Libib emerged as the ideal solution due to its key features and benefits. Teachers could effortlessly scan their books, maintain their unique collections, and seamlessly transfer any existing Libib Basic collections to the **Libib District's** system. Libib's competitive price point and straightforward implementation further cemented the decision.

The implementation process was smooth and supported by comprehensive tutorials from Libib. Setting up accounts at each school and providing admin and teachers with the necessary steps was facilitated by Libib's responsive customer support. Libib has proven to be a reliable, cost-effective, and user-friendly solution, significantly enhancing the district's ability to manage and share classroom libraries.

For districts that need a way to manage multiple libraries with a centralized dashboard, Libib District is the solution.

With Libib, managing your library of books, board games, movies, music & video games is a snap. Reach out to us anytime at:

https://www.libib.com/contact

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