

# Camanche High Library Newsletter

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## 90-90-90 Schools

A common assumption exists that schools with high levels of poverty and minority enrollment have lower student achievement. However, schools do exist that have over 90% poverty, 90% minority, and 90% achieving at high proficiency levels, often referred to as 90-90-90 schools. These schools are worth examining as they are evidence that race and poverty do not always correlate with academic performance.

So what are these schools doing differently than others? Below are five characteristics of so-called 90-90-90 schools.

1. Data-driven focus on academic achievement
2. Emphasis on core subjects of reading, writing, and math
3. Frequent assessment of student progress and multiple opportunities for improvement
4. Written responses in performance assessments-- emphasis on informative writing
5. Collaborative scoring of student work—common assessment practices developed among teachers

Other commonalities include success without proprietary programs, persistent and replicable techniques, significantly more frequent feedback provided to students, and constructive data analysis. Perhaps the most valuable practice, though, is the use of assessment data to make real-time decisions regarding instruction.

For more information, visit this [link](#).

## What is Diigo?

Diigo is an online means of capturing, storing, recalling, and sharing information. It is a free tool and has limitless classroom uses. Below are a few possibilities:

- Save websites and access them from anywhere
- Categorize sites by titles, notes, tags, lists, or groups
- Search through bookmarks to find information
- Annotate websites with highlighting or virtual sticky notes
- View annotations made by others on any website
- Share websites with groups or the whole Diigo network
- Share a bookmark list with students
- Link in-class work with additional information
- Save websites for citation information

It's a time-saving, powerful tool. Give it a try today. Visit [diigo.com](http://diigo.com).

## Library of Congress Digital Collections

The Library of Congress has many valuable primary source sets available for free online. Primary sources are photographs, maps, manuscripts, newspapers, film, audio files, government and economic data. The Common Core places a heavy emphasis on use of primary sources to analyze points of view, provide evidence, analyze structure, integrate and evaluate multiple sources, etc.

To peruse available primary source sets, visit this [link](#). Many other collections are available under the “Digital Collections” tab, including historic newspapers searchable by keyword and/or date, sound recordings, prints and photographs, legislative information, and more.

*“If kids come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job easier. If they do not come from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job more important.”*

*-- Barbara Coloroso*

## New Tools

The library has invested in four new cameras for student and faculty use. We have two point-and-shoot cameras coming in May. They are [Nikon Coolpix S2800 20.1 MP Point and Shoot Digital Cameras with 5X Optical Zoom](#). If you don't speak camera language, these are simple cameras meant for the layperson to take still photos. Nothing fancy. We also ordered two flip cameras to replace the four that have died over the past two years. These are [Kodak Mini Video Cameras](#). These connect and charge through the computer USB port. We will have four 16GB memory cards to use with these new tools.

## Questions or comments are always welcome! Speak to Rachel Howard or Sarah DeMaranville in the library.

The mission of the Camanche Community School District, in partnership with family and community, is to empower students to develop the knowledge and skills to become lifelong learners and successful, productive citizens in a diverse, technological, ever-changing global society.

**The library program is guided by this mission:**

*“In support of the Camanche Community School District's commitment to educational excellence, the Camanche school libraries empower students and staff to become effective users of information, promote collaboration, foster a lifelong love of reading and learning, and help patrons achieve their goals.”*

**And by these goals:**

- Provide a welcome and safe environment for learning.
- Promote cultural and technological diversity in thinking and in resources in an effort to promote a more global perspective in learners.
- Work to develop information literacy, lifelong learning, and critical thinking skills in all patrons.
- Collaborate with teachers, administrators, support staff, parents, and students to provide the most valuable learning experiences possible.