



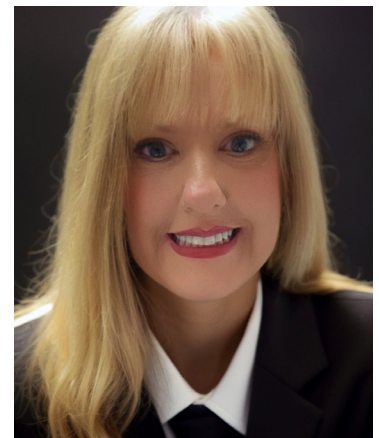
ESTABLISHING A PREMIER SCHOOL LIBRARY

TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT | CA

The Twin Rivers Unified School District established a state-of-the-art library for its new TK-8 school site. This project represents a significant milestone for the district, as it is the first new school built and opened since the consolidation of several smaller districts into one. The new facility, featuring flexible seating and a Makerspace, sets a new standard for educational environments within the district.

PLANNING AND COLLABORATION

From the outset, the district recognized the importance of creating a fully furnished and stocked library. Given their long-standing relationship with Follett Content, it was natural to seek their support. Leading the charge was Stacey Firpo, the principal from Northlake TK-8. Firpo and the district shared their vision, student numbers, and future capacity goals with Follett Content, aiming to curate a library that matched the space's potential while adhering to budget constraints.



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With that information in-hand, the district held its first meeting with Follett Content. This brainstorming session was crucial in understanding the district's needs, including enrollment, book types, demographics, and the physical layout of the library. Discussions covered shelving, capacity, and other logistical details. This initial meeting helped outline the budget and explore options for FollettBound®, hardbound, and softbound books.

Following this, the district gathered more information about the furnishings and the library's capacity before holding another meeting to review updates and finalize decisions on spine placement and whether to use True Dewey or genrefication. As the only employee at the time, Firpo relied heavily on Follett Content, and Joshua Crotts, the district's Instructional Materials Coordinator for guidance. Firpo stated, "The decision to genrefy the library – considering the TK-8 student population – was strategic in making the library more accessible. This approach allows any staff member to assist students in finding books, fostering independence and ease of use."

INSPIRING STUDENTS FOR YEARS TO COME

One of the most significant challenges was curating the book list. With no prior experience in opening a library, the district found Follett Content's support invaluable. They provided a Titlewave® account and shared various lists, helping navigate budget considerations and binding options.

Crotts, who was recently awarded California Classified Employee of the Year, has been a key figure in this project. His insights and connections have helped tailor the library to the district's specific needs, ensuring it serves the students effectively.

In collaboration with Firpo, they reviewed the curation list before placing the order. The books and furnishings were delivered and installed over the summer, just in time for the new school year to

begin. The white-glove service provided by Follett Content ensured that the library setup process was smooth and efficient.

"Throughout this journey, Follett Content's support has been exceptional," said Firpo. "Their expertise and resources have been instrumental in bringing the district's vision to life."

As the district prepared to open the new school, the excitement was palpable. At Twin Rivers, the library is the cornerstone of the educational environment, offering a rich collection of books and resources in a thoughtfully designed space.

And the district's experience with Follett Content has been nothing short of outstanding. Their comprehensive support, from initial planning to final execution, has made the daunting task of setting up a new library manageable and enjoyable. Firpo reaffirmed, "Thank you, Follett Content, for helping create a library that will inspire and educate students for years to come."

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