The beginning of school is always exciting. The library acquired over 300 new books during the summer and these were displayed so students could check them out. With so many new books available both in physical print as well as eBooks, Mr. Vallée visited all 7th, 8th and 9th grade English classes to discuss new acquisitions. Students in 7th grade accessed Overdrive, the eBook platform, and checked out books. Eighth and ninth graders reviewed the checkout procedure and explored the new books.

Mr. Vallée was thrilled to introduce the Academy library program to all 7th graders. Students in 7th and 8th grades also participated in a lesson using various search engine operators to increase the effectiveness of searches on the Internet.

Mr. Vallée reviewed works cited and MLA formats. Students will be completing many projects throughout the year that will require them to cite their work. This lesson introduced the concept of works cited for 7th grade Social Studies classes and reviewed it for the 8th grade.

Mr. Vallée presented databases to Ms. Woodland’s health class and to Ms. Morse’s child development class. Students in these classes will be conducting research in the near future. They can use sources from Health Reference Center, a specific health resource, and from Ebscohost, an academic database.

Finally, with every new school year comes a host of technical requests. Many students needed their password reset or required assistance with Schoology. Teachers had questions regarding electronic textbooks and assessment programs, as well as general technology questions. September was productive.