

THOMASBORO

School library set to see upgrades

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THOMASBORO — Improvements are coming to the Thomasboro Grade School library. The grade school board has agreed to spend up to \$10,000 for new furniture.

Superintendent Michelle Ramage said the new furniture is needed to make the library more student- and teacher-friendly.

The district has \$10,000 earmarked for the purchase.

The district's new architect, the Upchurch Group of Mattoon, will be contacted for arrangements for a new fire door in the library, which Ramage said is needed immediately.

That expenditure will be paid from operations and maintenance funds.

Ramage said a computerized checkout system and electronic cataloging are needed to modernize the library. Other changes would include murals painted on the library walls. Volunteers will be sought for that work.

The board also agreed to hire a full-time social worker. The district currently employs a social worker three days a week.

The social worker would conduct Character Counts and Second Step lessons.

Other work would include group counseling, the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program, one-on-one counseling and home visits.

Ramage said the social worker will be available for students needing someone to speak with on discipline issues.

The board approved issuing \$505,000 in general obligation working cash bonds in 2008. A list of projects for which the money will be used will be selected by the board later.