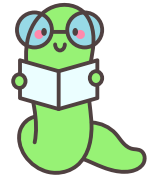


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August Library Stats

of books checked out: 1,513
of whole-class visits: 47
of individual student visits: 1,527
 (before school + from a class)
Top book check-outs by grade:
 1st place - 6th grade
 2nd place - 8th grade
 3rd place - 7th grade

Join our Schoology Group!

Group Code:
QFJN-4NSR-56M3C
 Stay up to date on library events
 and connect with other
 bookworms!

Most Checked Out Books of August



August Library Happenings:

The media center officially opened on Tuesday, August 12th. All students visited with their ELA classes for library orientation. 6th and 7th graders did an escape box activity where they had to use their knowledge of the media center to crack codes and earn prizes. 8th graders got a review of how the media center operates and checked out their first books of the school year. We also started a collaborative bulletin board where students could decorate a book spine that represents them to add to our shelf.



September Library Happenings:



Autumn Scavenger Hunt: We have placed 21 autumn kitties around the library. On each kitty you will find a number and a letter. Find the correct number on this sheet and write the letter next to it. Collect all 21 letter clues and find the answer to our question: What did the kitten say when its book was interrupted? Turn in your completed scavenger hunt to Ms. Gowin to enter our prize raffle!

Guess How Many Bookworms: Put your math guesstimation skills to the test in the library this month! Check out a library book to receive a slip to guess how many bookworms are in the jar. The closest guess without going over wins the jar! Students can guess once per day until Friday, Sept. 26th.



Question of the Week Results:

Stop by the media center weekly to answer our question of the week! Here are the results of our previous questions: Most students . . .

- Would rather never have homework instead of never have tests.
- Would rather only be able to whisper instead of only be able to scream.
- Are team Conrad instead of team Jeremiah.
- Would rather be 3 feet taller instead of 3 feet shorter.

Sunshine State Books:

Our SSYRA program is in full swing! Students can read any of the SSYRA books and take quizzes to earn prizes. Our top students in the lead for most quizzes taken are:

6th grade - Lilliana W. - 9 quizzes
 7th grade - Gabe P. - 5 quizzes
 8th grade - Lily V. - 9 quizzes

Sunshine State Prizes:

For every SSYRA book students read, they get 3 different prizes: A Brag Tag, an entry into our gaming library lunch raffle, and a prize from the prize case or ✨the wheel of weird✨. Congratulations to Lily V. and Ethan A. for being the first winners of the gaming library lunch session! They get to bring themselves and 3 friends to play games in the media center during lunch!





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Genre Highlight of the Month: Novels in Verse

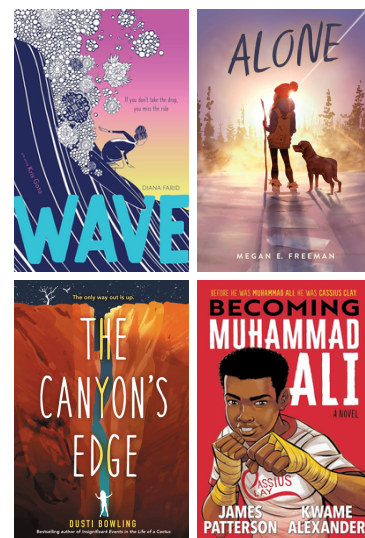
What Are Novels in Verse?

A novel in verse is a story told through poems instead of regular paragraphs. Think of it like a chapter book made of poetry. Each page or section is written in free verse (poetry that doesn't always rhyme) or sometimes in different poetic styles. Even though it's poetry, it still has all the parts of a novel like interesting characters, a setting, a plot, and a beginning, middle, and end. The poems work together to create one big story.

Why Should you Read a Novel in Verse?

The vivid language of verse novels brings stories to life. Even though it's poetry, it doesn't always feel like poetry...it feels natural and it flows in an engaging way. With fewer words and more white space on the page, novels in verse can be read quickly. If you want something that's short & sweet, easier to read, and thought-provoking, you'll love novels in verse!

Book Recommendations:



SSYRA Highlight of the Month: Mid-Air by Alicia D. Williams

Genre: Novels in Verse, Realistic, SSYRA

Summary: It's the last few months of eighth grade, and Isaiah feels lost. He thought his summer was going to be him and his boys Drew and Darius, hanging out, doing wheelies, watching martial arts movies, and breaking tons of Guinness World Records before high school. But now, more and more, Drew seems to be fading from their friendship, and though he won't admit it, Isaiah knows exactly why. Because Darius is...gone.

A hit and run killed Darius in the midst of a record-breaking long wheelie when Isaiah should have been keeping watch, ready to warn: "CAR!" Now, Drew can barely look at Isaiah. But Isaiah, already quaking with ache and guilt, can't lose two friends. So, he comes up with a plan to keep Drew and him together—they can spend the summer breaking records, for Darius.

But Drew's not the same Drew since Darius was killed, and Isaiah being Isaiah isn't enough for Drew anymore. Not his taste in clothes, his love for rock music, or his aversion to jumping off rooftops. And one day something unspeakable happens to Isaiah that makes him think Drew's right. If only he could be less sensitive, more tough, less weird, more cool, less *him*, things would be easier. But how much can Isaiah keep inside until he shatters wide open?



Toilet Talks: Book Recommendations from the Bathroom Stall!

Looking for more book recommendations?

Look no further than the bathroom stalls! This month we added "Toilet Talk" posters to all the bathroom stalls around campus highlighting different SSYRA books. See a book you might want to read? Visit the media center to come check it out—just make sure to wash your hands first! :)

