

The Bookworm Bulletin

October 2025

September Library Stats

of books checked out: 2,707 books
 # of whole-class visits: 70 classes
 # of books added to the library: 71 new books
 # of individual student visits: 3,049 students
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 September



September Recap:

- Congratulations to Kaitlyn Brown for winning the Gummy Worm Guessing jar! The correct answer was 307, and she guessed it exactly with 1 guess! Congratulations to Matheus Desengrini for having the highest September Boggle score of 56!
- Our autumn scavenger hunt has ended. The question was, "what did the kitty say when their book was interrupted? The answer was, "I am reading, LEAF me alone!" 53 students completed the hunt.
- Shout out to Ms. Abbs for collaborating in the media center on a primary and secondary sources kidnapping mystery with her US History classes!



October Library Happenings:

Literary Pumpkin Design Contest:

Decorate a pumpkin to represent a middle school appropriate book in some way (maybe a character, the cover, a symbol, or a scene).

Pumpkins can be real or fake, but real pumpkins CANNOT be carved or punctured.

(They rot too fast!) Entries must be turned into the media center by Friday, October 24th, 2025. Students and staff will vote for their favorites and winners will receive a spooky prize and a gift card to the book fair!

2 Sentence Horror Story Writing Contest: Have a good idea for a spooky story? Can you tell it in only 2 sentences? Enter our writing contest! Stories must be:

- Original. (Your own idea, not from the internet or AI!)
- Exactly 2 sentences. School appropriate.

Example: "A client hired me to find the smell in her crawl space. As I crawled inside, I saw a very familiar uniform and heard a door close and lock behind me."

& more! Visit the media center for more info on other activities.

OCTOBER LIBRARY VISIT SCHEDULE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	7	1 Ms. Gowin Out Today	2 Brewster 4th	3
13 No School	14 Holton	8 Zimmerman (6th grade)	9 Brewster 4th	10 Montgomery Saletta
20 Goens	21 Halter	15 Espinosa	16 Brewster 4th	17 Jolliff
27	28	22 Zimmerman (6th + 7th)	23 Brewster 4th	24 Montgomery Saletta
		29 Ms. Gowin Out Today	30 Ms. Gowin Out Today	31 Ms. Gowin Out Today

Fat Bear Month

Fat Bear Month celebrates the incredible brown bears of Katmai National Park in Alaska. Every fall, these bears feast on salmon to prepare for winter hibernation, and rangers track their progress and share it with the world. Stop by the media center daily to vote for your favorite bear as they compete for the title of Fat Bear Champion!

Sunshine State Books

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✨.

So far, students have taken 142 SSYRA quizzes this year, with 6th grade in the lead with 84 quizzes taken! Lily V in 8th grade is in the lead with 13 quizzes taken, only 2 more until she had read all 15 books!



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Genre Highlight of the Month: Horror

What is Horror?

Horror stories are written to give readers a thrill, like that shivery, goose-bump feeling when something spooky or mysterious is happening. The goal isn't just to scare you, but to keep you curious and excited to see what happens next. Horror often incorporates supernatural/paranormal elements.

Why Should you Read a Horror Novel?

Reading horror is like riding a roller coaster—you feel scared, but you're safe. It can also explore big themes like bravery, friendship, or facing your fears. Not all horror is super scary. Some books are more spooky-fun than terrifying, and many are written just for middle school readers. If you enjoy suspense, ghosts, monsters, or solving creepy mysteries, horror might be the perfect genre for you!

Horror Book Recommendations:



SSYRA Highlight of the Month: Brick Dust and Bones

Genre: Horror, SSYRA

Summary: Get ready for Halloween with BRICK DUST AND BONES, a hair-raising middle grade novel about a twelve-year-old monster hunter and his flesh-eating mermaid best friend who must race against the clock to bring his mother back to life.

Nothing's more dangerous than a monster hunter with a mission. Marius Grey hunts Monsters. He's not supposed to. He's only twelve and his job as a Cemetery Boy is to look after the ghosts in his family's graveyard. He should be tending these ghosts and—of course—going to school to learn how to live between worlds without getting into trouble.

But, Marius has an expensive goal. He wants to bring his mother back from the dead, and that takes a LOT of mystic coins, which means a LOT of Monster Hunting, and his mother's window to return is closing. If he wants her back, Marius is going to have to go after bigger and meaner monsters, decide if a certain flesh-eating mermaid is a friend or foe, and avoid meddling Demons and teachers along the way. Can Marius navigate New Orleans's gritty monster bounty-hunting market, or will he have to say goodbye to his mother forever?

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New Books Check out some of the new books we added to the library in the month of September!

