



The Bookworm Bulletin

November 2025



October Library Stats

of books checked out: 2,323 books
of whole-class visits: 63 classes
of books added to the library: 52 books
of individual student visits: 3,506 students
Top book check-outs by grade:
 1st place - 6th grade
 2nd place - 8th grade
 3rd place - 7th grade

Join our Schoolology Group!

Group Code:

QFJN-4NSR-56M3C

Stay up to date on library events and connect with other bookworms!

Most Checked Out Books of October



October Recap:

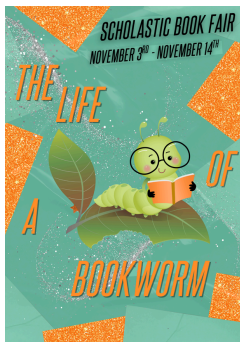


Ms. Gowin presenting about SSYRA at the FAME conference.

- In early October, the graphic novel section got a makeover! They're now all sorted into genres like the rest of the library so it's easier than ever to find your next favorite read.
- In late October, Ms. Gowin attended the Florida Association of Media in Education (FAME) conference where library professionals and authors gathered to share ideas and collaborate. She is excited to bring back fresh strategies and creative ideas to make our library even more engaging and fun!
- Congratulations to all the students who won our October contests! See the last page for all of our winners.

November Library Happenings:

Book Fair: Our Scholastic Book Fair begins on Monday, November 3rd and lasts until Friday, November 14th! Every student will get the chance to visit the fair with their ELA classes. Students can also come before school, during lunch, or from any class with a signed blue pass that says Book Fair. Visit the bookfair website for more info:



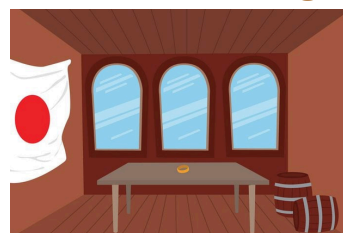
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Give Thanks, Win a Pie: Stop by the media center and pick up a Thankful Notecard. Write a kind, thoughtful, and detailed note to a teacher or staff member and turn it in by November 14th. You and the staff member you wrote the note to will be entered into a drawing to win a mini pie! You can enter as many notes as you want to, and pies will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving break.

November Library Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Holton Saletta	4 Zimmerman	5 Espinosa	6 Goens Halter	7 Montgomery Jolliff
10 Ms. Gowin Out - No Book Fair	11 NO SCHOOL	12	13	14 Last Day of Book Fair!
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
Thanksgiving Break - No School				

Riddle Challenge - Thief at Sea



Message Ms. Gowin on Schoolology the correct answer of who the thief is and how the captain knew to receive a piece of candy!



A Japanese ship was leaving the port and on its way to open sea. The captain went to oil some parts of the ship. He took his ring off so it wouldn't get damaged. He left it on the table next to his bunk. When he returned, it was missing. He had suspected three crew members could be guilty and asked them what they had been doing for the 10 minutes that he had been gone. The cook said, "I was in the kitchen preparing tonight's dinner." The engineer said, "I was working in the engine room, making sure everything was running smoothly." The seaman said, "I was on the mast correcting the flag because someone had attached it upside down by mistake." The captain immediately knew who it was. How?



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Genre Highlight of the Month: Historical Fiction

What is Historical Fiction? Historical fiction is a genre that brings the past to life through storytelling. These books are set in real historical time periods and often include real events, places, or people, but the main characters and plots are imagined. As you read, you get to experience what life might have been like during different eras, from ancient civilizations to the civil rights movement.

Why Should you Read a Historical Fiction Novel?

Historical fiction helps readers understand history in a more personal and exciting way, showing how ordinary people lived, dreamed, and made choices that shaped the world we know today. By reading it, you can explore different eras and see how history connects to life today.

Historical Fic Recommendations:



SSYRA Highlight of the Month: Heros by Alan Gratz

Genre: Historical Fiction, SSYRA

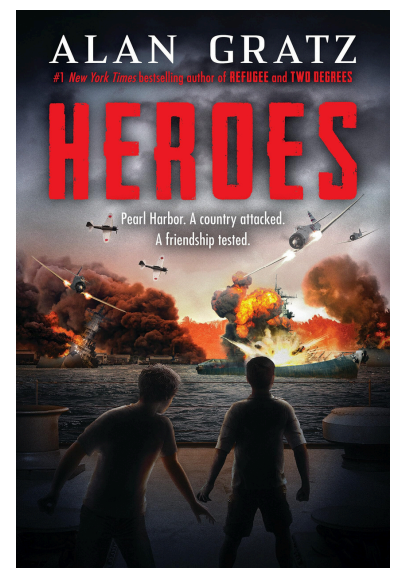
Summary: December 6, 1941: Best friends Frank and Stanley have it good. With their dads stationed at the Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii, the boys get to soak up the sunshine while writing and drawing their own comic books. World War II might be raging overseas, but so far America has stayed out of the fight. There's nothing to fear, right?

December 7th, 1941: Everything implodes.

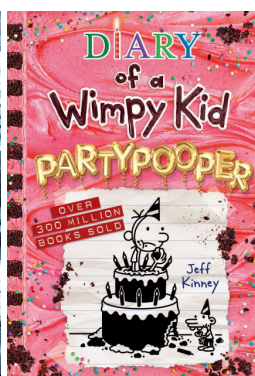
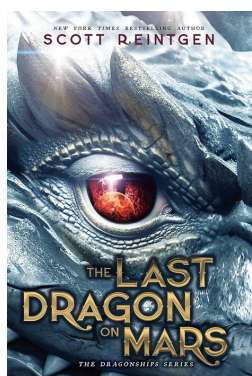
Frank and Stanley are touring a battleship when Japanese planes zoom overhead, dropping bomb after bomb. As explosions roar and sailors scream, Frank and Stanley realize the unthinkable is happening: Japan is attacking America! The war has come to them.

Frantically, the boys struggle to find safety. But disaster and danger are everywhere--from torpedoes underwater to bullets on the beach... to the shocking cruelty that their friends and neighbors show Stanley. Because his mom is Japanese-American, Stanley is suddenly seen as the "enemy." And Frank, who is white, cannot begin to understand what his friend is now facing.

If the boys make it through this infamous day, can their friendship--and their dreams--survive? Or has everything they know been destroyed?



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



Literary Pumpkin Design Contest Winners

CATEGORY: BEST USE OF MATERIALS

CATEGORY: BEST REPRESENTS ITS BOOK



Zah'Nia Mitchell

2



1

Lauren Shepherd



Danielle Harmer & Lily Voreis

3



Francesca Ramos

2



Alaina Wolfgang

1



Brigita Sniokaityte

3

CATEGORY: MOST CREATIVE

CATEGORY: BEST OVERALL/FAN FAVORITE



Laila Sands

2



1

Olivia Bajzat



Sydney Niles and Emersyn Ray

3



Aubrey Carn

2



Emma Cozzi

1



Carson McGinnis

3

2025 2 Sentence Horror Story Contest Winners

"As the girl crept closer to the open door, the grandfather clock at the end of the hall struck midnight and she turned to see a man standing beside it a knife in his hand and a wicked smile and his blood splattered face. She screamed and then there was silence."

- Allie W, 6th grade

"Drip drip drip, out went the candle, "woosh." All I remember is my last blink before getting swallowed by him . . ."

- Josie B, 6th grade

"I open the coffin and expect the musty smell of dust to enveloped me but instead there's a sharp metallic tang in the air. I look down and scream because there's something in there, and it's alive."

- Sruthi R, 6th grade

"He gasped as its sharp slimy hands stretched around his torso. His breathing became heavy . . . until the beast rose to its full height, corpse in one hand."

- Elisabeth F, 7th grade

"As I was walking through the graveyard at night something caught my eye. It was a gravestone that had my name on it with a hole in front of it and then a figure pushed me in."

- Liam I, 7th grade

"All I could see were the outlines of its long arms and the glimmer of its fangs in the moonlight. I fumbled back in fear and fall to the floor as the creature bends down to devour its prey"

- Sebastian C, 7th grade

"Max slowly walked into the cave beyond its gaping limestone jaw. Then the cave chewed and swallowed."

- Jacob K, 8th grade

"Every week, one of the two legged monsters comes, smelling like blood, and takes one of us, never to be seen again. How I hate being a cow."

- Natalie S, 8th grade

"I have the perfect family. After I stitch them all up!"

- Sutton S, 8th grade