



The Bookworm Bulletin



February 2026

January Library Stats

of books checked out: 1,877 books
of whole-class visits: 67 classes
of books added to the library: 19 books
of individual student visits: 3,451 students
Top book check-outs by grade:
 1st place - 6th grade
 2nd place - 7th grade
 3rd place - 8th 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 January



January Recap:

January was a busy and exciting month in the library as we celebrated Literacy Week with the theme "Read White and Blue: Celebrating 250 Chapters of America." Students completed challenges that fit the theme in order to win a chance to spin the prize wheel. Here are a few of the pictures from our Build a Landmark Lego Challenge!



February Library Happenings:



Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt: Stop by the media center to complete our dinosaur scavenger hunt and answer the question of "what advice did the dinosaur give to students?" & be entered to win a daily prize!



Guess How Many?: 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 candies are in the jar. The closest guess without going over wins the entrie jar of candy! Students can guess once per day until Thursday, February 26th

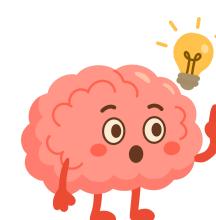
Blind Date with a Book: Feeling brave? Go on a Blind Date with a Book in the library! Pick a wrapped book based on the genre and some fun hints (not the cover), check it out, and discover a story you might never have chosen on your own. You might just fall in love with reading something new! Rate your date after reading to receive a piece of candy.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6 Jolliff
9 Goens	10	11 Montgomery Zimmerman	12	13 No School
16 No School	17 Halter	18 Espinosa	19	20 Montgomery Saletta
23	24 Holton	25	26	27 Ms. Gowin Out

Check the calendar above to see when your ELA class will be visiting the media center! Make sure to bring your library books to return or renew. :)

Riddle Challenge - What Word?



What word in the English language does the following: The first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire word signifies a great woman.
What is the word?

Message Ms. Gowin on Schoology the correct answer to receive a piece of candy!



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Genre Highlight of the Month: Romance

What is Romance? Romance is a genre that focuses on relationships, friendships, and emotions, especially how people connect, grow, and care about one another. They often focus on crushes, first friendships, self-discovery, and learning what it means to treat others with kindness and respect. These stories often blend romance with humor, realistic school life, or coming-of-age themes, helping readers explore feelings and empathy while enjoying relatable characters and happy (or hopeful!) endings.

Why Should you Read a Romance Novel? Romance novels aren't just about crushes, they're about understanding feelings, friendships, and what it means to connect with others. These stories feature relatable characters dealing with real middle school moments like changing friendships, first feelings, and learning how to communicate with kindness and respect. If you like stories that focus on emotions, relationships, and growing up, romance might be the perfect genre for your next read!

Romance Book Recommendations:



Ms. Gowin Recommends: Bye Forever, I Guess

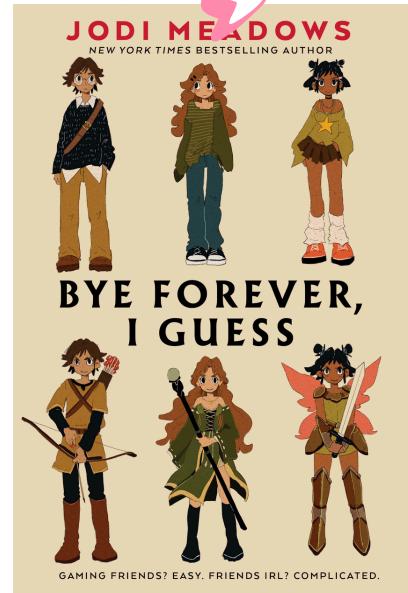
Genre: Romance

Summary: Thirteen-year-old Ingrid's been living a double life. At school, she's the Girl With Dead Parents, her popular friend Rachel's charity case. Online, things are different: she crushes it in her favorite MMORPG, geeks out in her favorite fantasy fandom, and runs a popular social media account. If only real life were that easy.

But when Ingrid finally stands up to Rachel and "starts drama," it suddenly feels like she has no life at all . . . and nowhere to sit at lunch.

Until she gets a supersweet wrong-number text from a mystery boy at her school, and everything starts to go right. Spending time together playing Ancient Tomes Online as "Stitches" and "Traveler" makes her feel like she's really connecting with someone. But when she begins to suspect that Traveler may be a popular classmate who is WAY above her in the cool-kid food chain—and whose original text was actually intended for Rachel—she faces a difficult choice. Can they be friends IRL? She wants to open up, but getting close to people has hurt her before. Is making real friends only fantasy after all?

Visit the library
to check this
book out!



New Books

 Check out some of the new books we added to the library in the month of January!