

The Bookworm Bulletin

January 2026



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December Library Stats

of books checked out: 1,664 books
of whole-class visits: 57 classes
of books added to the library: 44 books
of individual student visits: 2,429 students
Top book check-outs by grade:
 1st place - 6th grade
 2nd place - 7th grade (yay!)
 3rd place - 8th grade

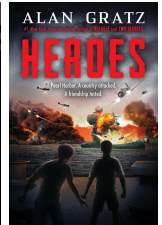
Join our Schoology Group!

Group Code:

QFJN-4NSR-56M3C

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

Most Checked Out Books of December



December Recap:



Ornament Contest Winners -
 Eliza W, Elizabeth H, and Lily V

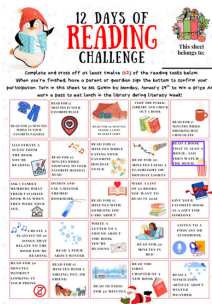
Peppermint Contest Winner
 Olivia V. Correct answer was 122!



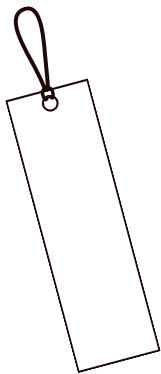
Author Visit with Taryn Souders!

January Library Happenings:

12 Days of Reading Challenge: Stop by the media center to pick up a 12 Days of Reading Challenge Task Sheet! Turn in to Ms. Gowin by January 19th to win a prize and earn a pass to eat lunch in the library during literacy week.



Bookmark Design Contest: In honor of literacy week, we are hosting our annual bookmark design contest! All designs must be school appropriate, in black marker/pen, and they must be your own creation. Entries are due to Ms. Gowin by Friday, January 30th. Entries will be posted on Schoology and voted for by students. The winning bookmarks will be printed and given out in the library.



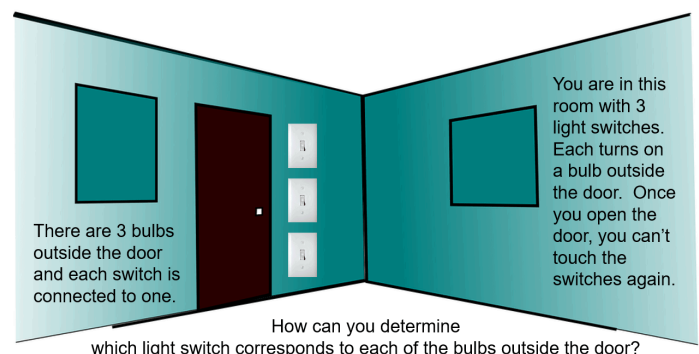
Celebrate Literacy Week: Celebrate Literacy Week is designed to raise awareness about the importance of reading and to inspire students to make reading part of their daily routines. This year's theme is "Read, White, and Blue: Celebrating 250 Chapters of America". Stop by the media center during the week of January 26th - January 30th to complete literacy themed activities and earn a chance to spin the prize wheel!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 No School	2 No School - Planning Day
5	6 Beginning: Holton	7 End: Zimmerman	8 Brewster 4 th Gowin Out	9 Gowin Out Maybe?
12 End: Goens	13 End: Halter	14	15 Brewster 4 th	16 Beginning: Montgomery End: Saletta
19 No School - MLK Day	20	21 Beginning: Espinosa	22 Brewster 4 th WEB using Library to film Character Chats	23 Beginning: Jolliff
26 Literacy Week	27 Literacy Week	28 Literacy Week	29 Literacy Week Brewster 4 th	30 Literacy Week Beginning: Montgomery

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 - Lightbulbs



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

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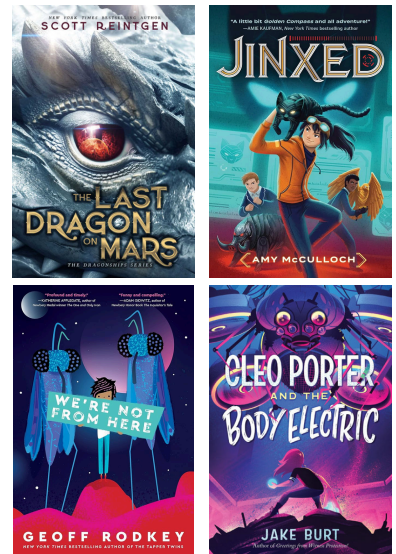
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Genre Highlight of the Month: Science Fiction

What is Science Fiction? Science fiction is a genre of books that explores what might happen in the future or in worlds different from our own, often using science, technology, or space as a starting point. These stories might include robots, time travel, space adventures, advanced technology, or new inventions that don't exist yet. Science fiction often asks fun and interesting questions like: What if humans could live on another planet? What if a machine could think like a person?

Why Should you Read a Sci-Fi Novel? People should read science fiction because it sparks imagination and curiosity while still connecting to real life. Science fiction encourages readers to think creatively about the future and ask "what if?" questions about technology, space, science, and society. It also helps readers develop critical thinking skills by exploring big ideas like right vs. wrong, the impact of new inventions, and how people might respond to change.

Sci-Fi Book Recommendations:



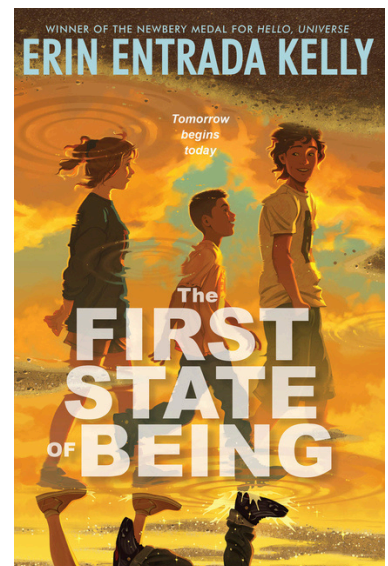
SSYRA Book Highlight of the Month: The First State of Being

Genre: Science Fiction

Summary: It's August 1999. For twelve-year-old Michael Rosario, life at Fox Run Apartments in Red Knot, Delaware, is as ordinary as ever—except for the looming Y2K crisis and his overwhelming crush on his sixteen-year-old babysitter, Gibby. But when a disoriented teenage boy named Ridge appears out of nowhere, Michael discovers there is more to life than stockpiling supplies and pining over Gibby.

It turns out that Ridge is carefree, confident, and bold, things Michael wishes he could be. Unlike Michael, however, Ridge isn't where he belongs. When Ridge reveals that he's the world's first time traveler, Michael and Gibby are stunned but curious. As Ridge immerses himself in 1999—fascinated by microwaves, basketballs, and malls—Michael discovers that his new friend has a book that outlines the events of the next twenty years, and his curiosity morphs into something else: focused determination. Michael wants—no, needs—to get his hands on that book. How else can he prepare for the future? But how far is he willing to go to get it?

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

