

The Bookworm Bulletin

March 2026



February Library Stats

- # of books checked out: 1,602 books
- # of whole-class visits: 52 classes
- # of books added to the library: 56 books
- # of individual student visits: 3,268 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 February



February Recap:

February was a busy and exciting month in the media center! Our Blind Date with a Book activity encouraged readers to take a chance on a mystery title, while Genre Speed Dating with Ms. Goen's ELA classes gave students the opportunity to "meet" books from a variety of genres and discover something new to love. Congratulations to Brigita S. who won our "Guess How Many" jar contest with the exact correct answer of 243 Hershey's kisses! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make February such a fun month of reading and learning in the media center.



March Library Happenings:

Book Fair: Our Scholastic Book Fair begins on Monday, March 30th and ends Friday, April 10th! 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:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/switzerlandpointmiddlesch>

Battle of the Books: Our Battle of the Books competition is on Tuesday, March 24th. Good luck to Brigita, Duru, Gabe, Landon, Lilliana, Sruthi, and Suhas as they will be competing against all other K8/middle schools in the district on their knowledge of the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award books!



Duck Decorating Contest: Get ready to get *quack-ing*! We are hosting our first ever Duck Decorating Contest, and we want to see your most creative ideas come to life! Transform a plain rubber duck into anything your imagination can dream up, like a book character, a superhero, a famous figure, a punny masterpiece, or anything else school-appropriate! Ducks are due Friday, March 27th. Book fair gift cards will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Montgomery - beginning	3	4	5	6 Holton - Beginning
9 Goens - End	10 Zimmerman - end	11 Ms. Gowin Out - Library Closed	12 Jolliff - Beginning Halter-end	13 No School
16 No School	17 No School	18 No School	19 No School	20 No School
23	24 Battle of the Books Competition, Library Closed	25 Espinosa - Beginning	26	27
30 First Day of Book Fair	31 6 th /7 th Writing FAST			

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



A man is trapped in a room. The room has only two possible exits: two doors. Through the first door there is a room constructed from magnifying glass. The blazing hot sun instantly fries anything or anyone that enters. Through the second door there is a dangerous fire-breathing dragon. How does the man escape? Message Ms. Gowin on Schoology the correct answer to receive a piece of candy!

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Genre Highlight of the Month: Fantasy

What is Fantasy? Fantasy books are stories that take place in worlds where magic is real, mythical creatures exist, and the impossible becomes possible. You might meet dragons, fairies, witches, or heroes with special powers. Some fantasy stories happen in completely made-up worlds, while others mix magic into our real world in surprising ways. What makes a book fantasy is that it includes elements that couldn't happen in real life, like spell-casting schools, enchanted objects, or epic battles between good and evil.

Why Should you Read a Fantasy Novel? You should read fantasy because it lets your imagination run wild! In fantasy books, anything is possible: magic exists, heroes rise from ordinary beginnings, and entire worlds are waiting to be explored. These stories take you on epic adventures filled with brave characters, mysterious creatures, and high-stakes quests that keep you turning the pages. If you're ready to escape into a world of adventure, fantasy is the perfect genre to try!

Fantasy Book Recommendations:



SSYRA Book of the Month: Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl

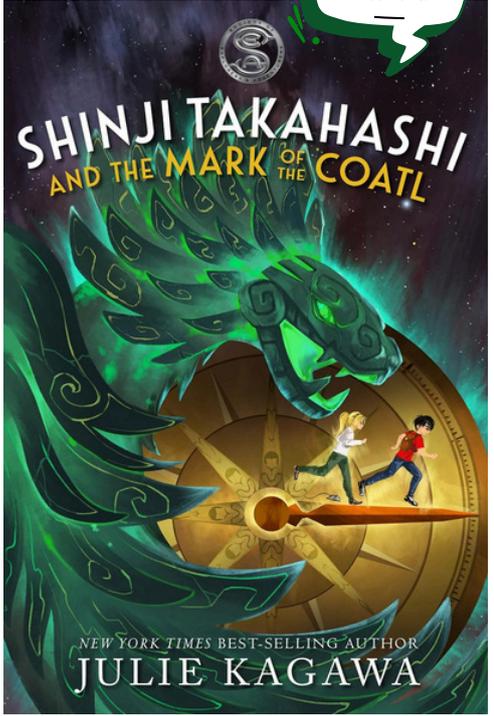


Genre: SSYRA, Fantasy

Summary: "One cannot fight destiny, boy. Even if one did not ask for it. The idol calls for you, and you must answer its call..."

Shinji Takahashi is just an ordinary kid. An ordinary homeschooled smart-alecky kid being raised by his globe-trotting aunt Yui. But when a magical guardian decides to use him as a conduit to awaken its power, Shinji's life takes a turn for the anything-but-ordinary. Captured by the menacing Hightower Corporation, which is bent on using the guardian's magic for its own nefarious purposes, Shinji must team up with a brilliant young tech whiz named Lucy and her robot mouse, Tinker, in order to escape.

Together the two turn to the venerable Society of Explorers and Adventurers and its ragtag cast of spelunkers, hackers, mapmakers, pilots, and mythology experts (among other things) to return the guardian to its rightful home and release Shinji from its magic—which seems to be draining his life force. Time is ticking, the Hightower Corporation is in hot pursuit, and success or failure might depend on one small thing—Shinji finally coming around to the belief that he is anything but ordinary.



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

