



The Bookworm Bulletin



September 2026

August Library Stats

of books checked out: 1,818 books
 # of whole-class visits: 42 class visits
 # of books added to the library: 0 books
 # of individual student visits: 1,421 visits
Top book check-outs by grade:
 1st place - 7th grade!
 2nd place - 8th grade!
 3rd place - 6th grade!
7th grader Landon M. checked out the most books this month - 42 books!!

Join our Schoology Group!

Group Code:

4H4F-29GW-W4NJ6

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

Most Checked Out Books of August



August Library Recap:

During the month of August, all ELA classes visited the library for media center orientation. 6th and 7th graders worked as a team using their knowledge of library expectations to complete an escape box activity and earn prizes! They even had to decode morse code and use a cipher to solve clues. Students in our media center Schoology group voted on what to name my new library assistant, and his name is officially Merlin!



September Library Happenings:

9/11 Gallery Walk: This year marks the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, a day that changed American history. To commemorate this important anniversary, the library will feature a gallery wall showcasing photographs of artifacts connected to 9/11. Students can visit to learn more and reflect on how artifacts can help us understand and remember important moments in history.

Sticker Mosaic: This month we're starting a collaborative sticker mosaic project! Every time you check out a book, you'll get a sticker to add to our mystery mosaic. As more students read and add their stickers, a hidden picture will slowly be revealed. Check out a book and help us put the pieces together!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug 31 Holton - Orientation	1 Olive - Orientation	2 3 rd period Link	3	4 Montgomery - beginning
7 No School	8 6 th /7 th ELA FAST	9 4 th period Brewster/Pattison	10 8 th ELA FAST	11 Jolliff - beginning Zimmerman - End
14 Math FAST	15	16 4 th period Brewster/Pattison	17 Halter-End	18 PTSO Meeting - using library
21 Montgomery - beginning	22	23 4 th period Brewster/Pattison	24 Zimmerman - End	25 Inservice Day - No School
28 Holton - Beginning	29	30 4 th period Brewster/Pattison		

September Library Visit Schedule:

Brain & Heart Challenge: EARN CANDY!

Each month will have a different brain & heart challenge. Send me (Ms. Gowin) a Schoology message with the correct answer to my puzzle AND turn in your completed kindness challenge to earn candy.

Brain: The answer to last month's puzzle was Scrambled Eggs! Can you figure out the common phrase hidden in this word puzzle?



Heart: National IT Professionals Day is celebrated on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Our SPMS IT professional is the one and only Mr. Allen aka Scooter Man! Draw a picture of him flying down the halls on his scooter or fixing computers and turn it in to me. We'll be making him a collage of all the drawings to thank him for doing amazing work for our school! Must complete BOTH in order to cash in for candy! :)



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Genre Highlight of the Month: Novels in Verse

What Are Novels in Verse?

A novel in verse is a story told through poems instead of regular paragraphs. Think of it like a chapter book made of poetry. Each page or section is written in free verse (poetry that doesn't always rhyme) or sometimes in different poetic styles. Even though it's poetry, it still has all the parts of a novel like interesting characters, a setting, a plot, and a beginning, middle, and end. The poems work together to create one big story.

Why Should you Read a Novel in Verse?

The vivid language of verse novels brings stories to life. Even though it's poetry, it doesn't always feel like poetry...it feels natural and it flows in an engaging way. With fewer words and more white space on the page, novels in verse can be read quickly. If you want something that's short & sweet, easier to read, and thought-provoking, you'll love novels in verse!

Book Recommendations:



SSYRA Highlight of the Month: Mid-Air by Alicia D. Williams

Genre: Novels in Verse, Realistic, SSYRA

Summary: One summer. 46 mountain peaks. A second chance to make things right.

Finn Connelly is nothing like his dad, a star athlete and firefighter hero who always ran toward danger until he died two years ago. Finn is about to fail seventh grade and has never made headlines . . . until now.

Caught on camera vandalizing a cemetery, he's in big trouble for knocking down some dead old lady's headstone. Turns out that grave belongs to a legendary local mountain climber, and her daughter makes Finn an unusual offer: she'll drop all the charges if he agrees to climb all forty-six Adirondack High Peaks in a single summer. And there's just one more thing--he has to bring along the dead woman's dog.

In a wild three months of misadventures, mountain mud, and unexpected mentors, Finn begins to find his way on the trails. At the top of each peak, he can see for miles and slowly begins to understand more about himself and his dad. But the mountains don't care about any of that, and as the clock ticks down to September, they have more surprises in store. Finn's final summit challenge may be more than even a hero can face.



Sunshine State Prizes:

For every SSYRA book you read, you get 3 different prizes: A Brag Tag that matches the book, a library lunch reservation pass, and a prize from the prize case or ✨the wheel of weird✨. Students have already taken 47 quizzes in just 7 school days! Quizzes can be taken throughout the school day, like on your way to lunch, with a blue pass from a class, or pretty much any time I'm not busy/teaching! :)



8th grader Marley R and 7th grader Landon M. are tied for most quizzes taken with 6 each!