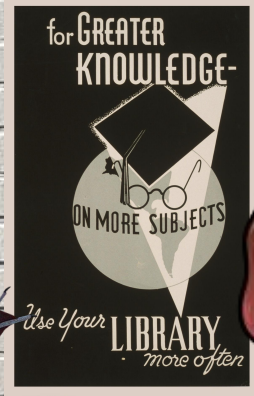
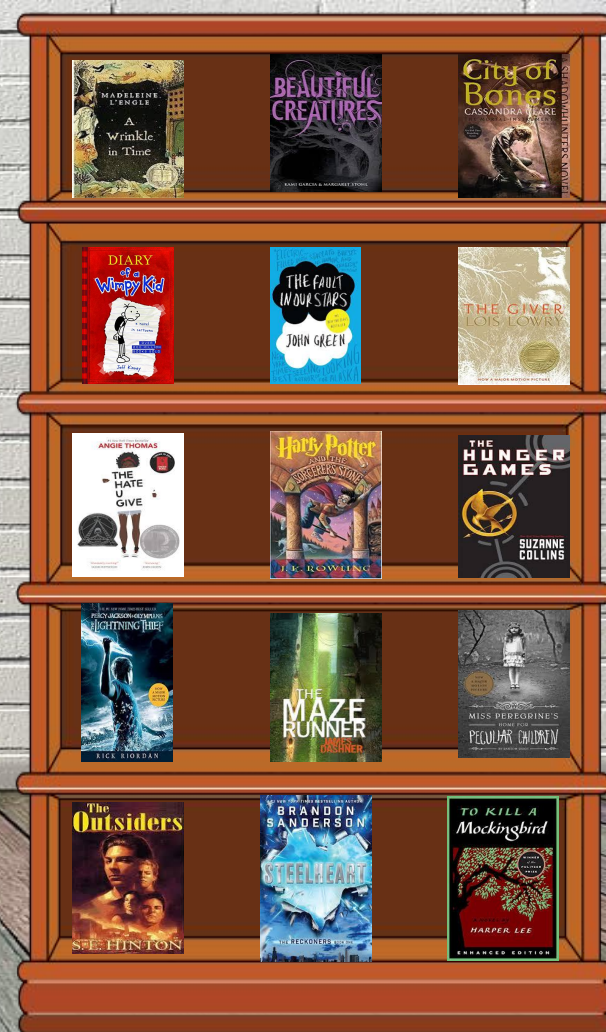


# VMS Virtual Library

## Mrs. Nelson



Middle  
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
Check out our Activities of the Month (**Solve the Cipher and March Madness**), our Author of the Month (**Lemony Snicket**), and our genre of the month (**Graphic Novels**)!




# Announcements

## *Clubs in the Library!*

Join us every day at lunch for a different club!

- Monday- Battle of the Books
  - Tuesday- Book Club/Writing Club
  - Wednesday- Dungeons and Dragons
  - Thursday- Detective Club
  - Friday-GSA Club (**new word-of-mouth location**)
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The Winter Reading Challenge is on now through March 13th! Get your log in the library or on the Google Classroom. Every 150 pages counts as a book. Three lucky readers will be chosen for prizes, including gift cards and book gear!




Lots of new books coming in this month so check back to find your next perfect read every day!



Did you know the original color to represent Saint Patrick's Day was **BLUE**? Read on to find out more about Irish Heritage Month!



Did you know you can search our library catalog yourself? You can even add holds, see our most popular titles, and check out e-books to your device! Learn more at <https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/65753>.



# Lemony Snicket



*Lemony Snicket*

Our March Author of the Month is Daniel Handler, more commonly known by his pen name Lemony Snicket. There are claims his *Series of Unfortunate Events* is a true story.

# GENRE OF THE MONTH: GRAPHIC NOVELS

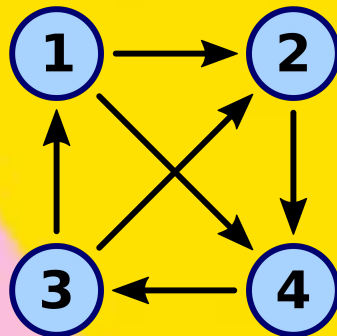
Graphic novels are actually a format, as they can be from any genre, but we wanted to showcase them. Who doesn't love their reading with a healthy side of wonderful art?



# ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH:

## SOLVE THE CIPHER AND MARCH MADNESS

Solve 1 of 4 ciphers to enter the raffle for one of the March prizes straight from the library treasure chest! See Mrs. Nelson in the VMS Library or the assignment tab of Google Classroom to get your cipher or for more information!



Vote between the top 16 books of middle school fame to determine the top dog of books! Simply voting gets you an entry into the raffle for a prize from the library's treasure chest!



# SOCIAL WORKERS MONTH

Did you know that March is Social Workers Month? There are a lot of different types of social workers (see right) but all of them are people who spend their careers helping others! If that is an important feature of what you want to do when you grow up and enter the professional world, come to the library and learn more about the different paths you can take in college and job-wise. You can also go to <https://online.aurora.edu/social-work-jobs/> to take a quiz on which social work job you'd be best suited for.

## Types of Social Workers



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### Geriatric

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### Criminal Justice

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### Case Manager

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### Addiction

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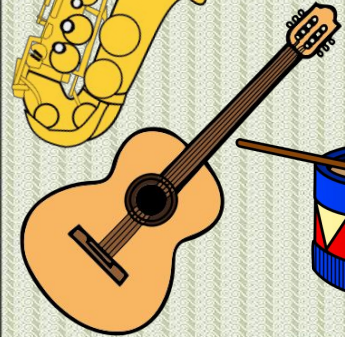
### Psychiatric

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# MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

Music is such an important part of our schools. Studies show that students who participate in music as a class have higher self esteem, enhanced language skills, improved memory, strengthened hand-eye coordination, better study habits, and increased mental processing capabilities. They're especially great at teamwork! Do you play an instrument? How has it helped you perform better at school or just in life? If you've never tried music at school, maybe think about it!



# MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras is a cultural festival meant to celebrate before a season of fasting. It has been celebrated in New Orleans since 1718. It originated during medieval times in Europe. The traditional colors of the festival are green, purple, and gold. It is meant to be a day of indulgence to celebrate life! There are traditional desserts and a King that gets selected every year!



# Women's History Month

- NOTABLE MOMENTS:

- Sojourner Truth became one of the first widely recognized feminists, giving her “Aint I A Woman” speech in 1851.
  - “If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it. The men better let them.”
- Women rallied for and earned the right to vote in 1920 (thanks in large part to Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton for founding the National Woman Suffrage Association in 1869).
- In 1963, the Equal Pay Act was passed.
- Women's History Month originated in 1981.
- Also in 1981, the first woman was appointed to the Supreme Court, Judge Sandra Day O'Connor.
- In 1983, Sally Ride became the first woman in space.
- In 2021, Kamala Harris became the first female vice president.





# MARS —> MARCH

**Did you know that the month of March is named after the Roman god Mars? In Roman mythology, Mars is the god of war and agriculture. Greek culture would tell you that's incorrect and that Ares handles war while Demeter handles agriculture. Norse mythology would tell you they're both wrong and it's Tyr that is the god of war while Gefjun (GEV-yoon) is the god of agriculture. All of these mythologies have a lot of similarities and are very interesting to compare and contrast.**

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day (on March 17th)!

- Saint Patrick's Day honors Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. He was believed to have brought Christianity to Ireland, and also to have driven all the snakes out of the country.
- The shamrock, used to symbolize the holiday, was considered a sacred plant.
- The original color for the holiday was blue. It changed to green with the addition of the symbolism of the shamrock.

# *Irish American Heritage Month*

- Was first celebrated in 1991 by order of President George H.W. Bush.
- The month is meant to honor the contributions that Irish immigrants made to the USA, such as unionizing workers, economic power (due to a large amount of immigrants entering the American workforce), and bringing Catholicism to America.
- One of the most notable Irish-American families is the Kennedys, including former President JFK.



# NUTRITION MONTH

- March is Nutrition Month! This is a great time to determine what your body needs to perform at its best with resources like [myplate.gov](https://myplate.gov).
- The key is balance, not deprivation!
- Treat yourself!
- Snacking is a good thing!
- Water is so important (follow the 8x8 rule or the  $\frac{1}{2}$  in ounces rule)!
- Remember to choose whole grains and eat the rainbow (not just Skittles)!



# Mr. Jory Got Slimed!



# Winter Reading Challenge

January 17-March 13, 2022

**ALMOST DONE! SPRING CHALLENGE  
COMING SOON!**

- Separate challenges for staff and students!
  - Every 150 pages counts as a book!
  - Logs available in the VMS Library or on the Google Classroom!





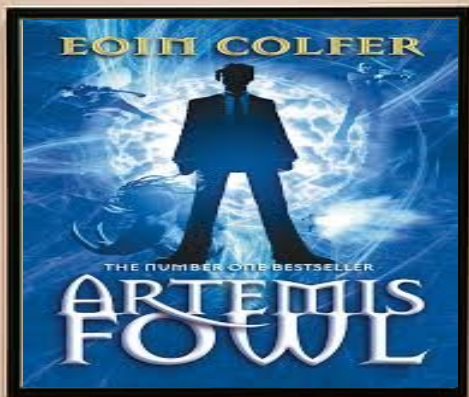
*Mrs. Nelson's*



*Recommendations*



*A story about an Irish princess during the slave trade in Ireland (900).*



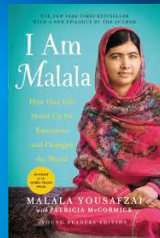
*Criminal mastermind discovers a secret world of high-tech, evil fairies.*



*A young woman goes on a scavenger hunt through Europe.*



All of these books feature Irish characters, perfect for Irish American Heritage Month/St. Patrick's Day!



# SOCIAL MEDIA

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Follow the VMS Library on social media for book recommendations, literary news, book reviews, reading challenges (with prizes), Q&A, and more!

\*Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vmslibrary805>

\*Twitter: <https://twitter.com/VMSLibrary805>

\*Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/vmslibrary/>

\*TikTok: VMS Library LUSD

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*ALL THINGS LIBRARY!*



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Mrs. Nelson



# ***Battle of the Books Club***

**Join us!**

- Meets every Monday in the library at lunch
- Is the perfect combination of reading, game shows, and fierce but fun competition
- Involves reading a pre-selected list of 28 books that all sound AMAZING!
- Will include activities like book talks, meeting with authors, movie days, and more!
- Most English teachers are offering extra credit for participating.

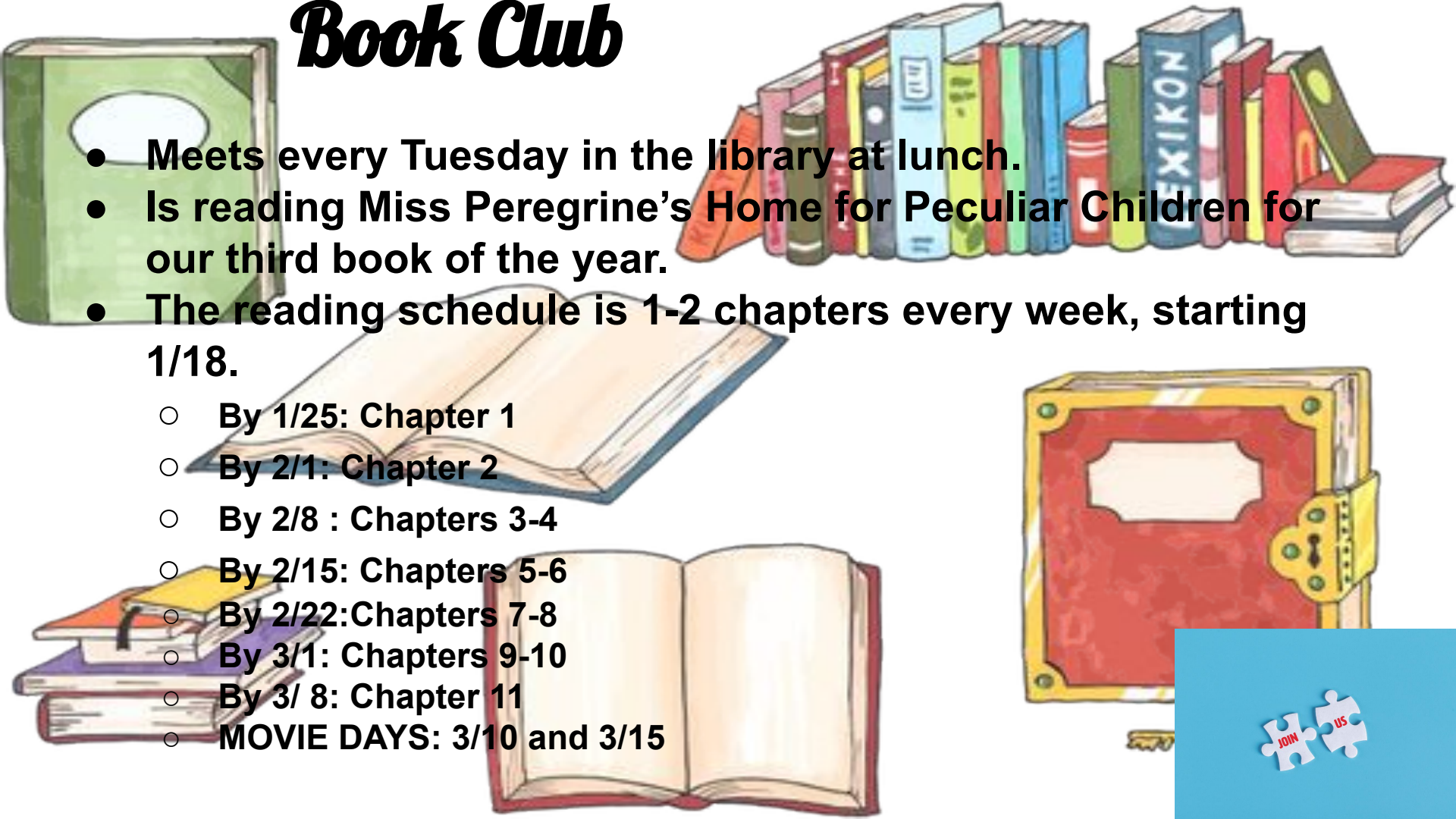
# Detective Club

- Meets every Tuesday in the library after the 10-minute bell at lunch
- Will learn more about criminology, the justice system, and solve crime puzzles
- Ever wanted to be a detective, a cop, a private eye? Like mysteries? Come check out this club!



# ***Book Club***

- Meets every Tuesday in the library at lunch.
- Is reading Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children for our third book of the year.
- The reading schedule is 1-2 chapters every week, starting 1/18.
  - By 1/25: Chapter 1
  - By 2/1: Chapter 2
  - By 2/8 : Chapters 3-4
  - By 2/15: Chapters 5-6
  - By 2/22: Chapters 7-8
  - By 3/1: Chapters 9-10
  - By 3/ 8: Chapter 11
  - MOVIE DAYS: 3/10 and 3/15



# *Writing Club*



- Meets every Tuesday at lunch in the library
- Accepting all writers: fiction, nonfiction, short stories, fan fiction, poems, songs...
- Get feedback on your work from Mrs. Nelson and/or your fellow student writers
- Participate in NaNoWriMo (a.k.a. National Novel Writing Month). Learn more at <https://nanowrimo.org/>.

# ***Dungeons and Dragons Club***

- Meets every Wednesday in the library at lunch
- Has a beginning group, an intermediate group, and an advanced group
- Learn more about Dungeons and Dragons (a.k.a. D&D) at [dndbeyond.com](https://dndbeyond.com) or on YouTube from the creator Critical Role





***GSA***  
***(Genders and  
Sexualities  
Alliance)***

***Allies  
Welcome!***

- Meets every Friday at lunch in a word-of-mouth location
- Is a safe haven for LGBTQIA people and supportive allies
- Will include such activities as hearing from guest speakers, creating awareness posters, conflict resolution, movie days, and more!

Lompoc Public Library has a lot of great stuff for your enjoyment/education as well through **doorside pick up or online**, including but not limited to:

- **Holds/checkouts** of books and movies (simply go to <https://www.cityoflompoc.com/government/departments/library>)
  - **Book Bundles and Movie Bundles!**
- **Homework Help**
- **Zip Books**
- **Virtual Storytime** (great for your younger siblings)
- **FREE Audiobooks and Ebooks** through Black Gold and Overdrive!

Make sure to take advantage of this wonderful community service!



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