

Georgia O’Keeffe Elementary Book Clubs

We offer a range of Book Clubs to match every student's reading level and interests. Our Book Clubs are intended to encourage students to read for pleasure. Our Book Club "Halls of Fame" encourage students to explore contemporary and classic children's literature of the highest quality, and allow students to experience the pride that comes from the accomplishment of a long-term goal. Books can be READ TO any age student in class or at home to count toward the clubs. A brief description of each Book Club is given below.

THE RAM READER HALL OF FAME

A student becomes a member of the Ram Reader Hall of Fame when he/she has become a member of the Caldecott Hall of Fame (150 titles), Newbery Hall of Fame (50 titles), and three of the following:

1. Peter Rabbit Junior Classics Hall of Fame (75 titles)
2. Georgia O’Keeffe Enchantment Hall of Fame (entire list of 12 titles for one school year)
3. Classics Hall of Fame (15 titles)
4. Explorer's Hall of Fame (60 titles)
5. A completed Battle of the Books list (20 titles, either 4th or 5th Grade)

Prizes for the Ram Reader Hall of Fame include a hardback book of any choice, a Hall of Fame Ribbon and a framed Hall of Fame certificate.

THE PETER RABBIT CLASSICS CLUB

The Peter Rabbit Classics Club (Hall of Fame - 75 books) features picture books that no child should miss. These classic picture books have stood the test of time and place. Most have endured for thirty or more years and are popular in many countries. This club is suitable for beginning and established readers and includes titles such as *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, *The Five Chinese Brothers*, *Marshmallow*, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, and *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Students list the books they have read on the BLUE Peter Rabbit reading logs which are available in the Library. Kindergarten, first, and second graders are tested after each 10 books. Third, fourth, and fifth graders are tested after each 25 books. The tester asks questions about two books from the student's list. Questions are simple, so a student who has read the books will pass. Students receive a small prize and are recognized in front of their class after the completion of each list.

Peter Rabbit books are shelved together in the Easy section of the Library. They are marked with a BLUE sticker with Peter Rabbit on it. Some of these books are also Caldecott or Newbery books; those books may be included on a student's lists for both Book Clubs.

THE CALDECOTT CLUB

The Caldecott Medal (Hall of Fame – 150 books) is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children to the illustrator of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Most years two or three additional books are chosen to receive Caldecott Honor awards. Reading levels in this club range from simple picture books through middle-school reading level.

Students in this club may read any Caldecott Award book (Medal or Honor). Students list the books they have read on the WHITE Caldecott reading logs available in the Library. Kindergarten, first, and second graders are tested after each 10 books. Third, fourth, and fifth graders are tested after each 25 books. The tester asks questions about two books from the student's list. Questions are simple, so a student who has read the books will pass. Students receive a small prize and are recognized in front of their class after the completion of each list.

Caldecott books are shelved together in the Easy section of the Library. They are marked with a NEON ORANGE sticker with the words "Randolph Caldecott Award" and a medal-shaped icon.

THE NEWBERY CLUB

The Newbery Medal (Hall of Fame – 50 books) is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. Most years two or three other books are chosen to receive Newbery Honor awards. Reading levels range from easy chapter books through high-school reading level. Please note that content also varies greatly - from simple stories of friendship or adventure to books about serious social issues more appropriate for older students.

Students in this club may read any Newbery Award book (Medal or Honor). The list of books each student has read is kept on file in the Library. Testing occurs after each book is read. The student is asked two or three questions about the book. Questions are simple, so a student who has read the book will pass. Students receive a small prize and are recognized in front of their class after every block of five books.

Newbery books are marked with a BRIGHT YELLOW sticker with a medal-shaped icon. Most of these books are shelved in the Fiction section of the library. A few Newbery books are shelved in the Nonfiction and Easy sections.

THE CLASSICS CLUB

This Classics Club (Hall of Fame - 15 books) is designed to encourage students to read classic children's literature. These books have been in print for at least fifty years and have been translated into other languages. Examples of classic books include *Heidi*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Hobbit*, *The Secret Garden*, *Treasure Island*, and *The Little Prince*.

Students in this club may read any of the books on our Classics Club list. The list of books each student has read is kept on file in the Library. Testing occurs after each book is read. The student is asked two or three questions about the book. Questions are simple, so a student who has read the book will pass. Students receive a small prize and are recognized in front of their class after every block of three books.

Classics Club books are shelved throughout the Fiction section of the Library. They are marked with a PURPLE CLASSIC sticker.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE ENCHANTMENT (GOE) CLUB

The GOE club is intended to engage the mid-grade readers, however a student in any grade may read these books and complete the club. The GOE club includes non-fiction as well as fiction books, chapter books, and even picture books. Twelve books are selected by Ms. Huggins each year, with input from 2nd and 3rd Grade teachers.

Students in this club read any of the books on the **current** GOE list. The list of books each student has read is kept on file in the library. Testing occurs after each book is read. The student is asked two or three questions about the book. Questions are simple, so a student who has read the book will pass. Students receive a small prize and are recognized in front of their class after every block of three books. Students who read ALL of the books are inducted into the GOE Hall of Fame.

Georgia O'Keeffe Enchantment books are shelved together in their own section of the Library. They are marked with a GREEN GOE sticker

EXPLORERS BOOK CLUB

Students in this club read any six books from one of the following 17 non-fiction topics: Animals & Insects, Astronomy, Biographies, Dinosaurs, Earth Science, Environment, Explorers, Fairy Tales, Geology, Machines, Mythology, Pets, Physical Sciences, Plants, Poetry, Religion, and States & Countries.

To complete a topic/packet, the six books must come from the Dewey decimal number on the Explorers Book Club List. Books can be from our library, the public library, or home as long as the book would be catalogued in the right section. Students will fill out the packet with the names of the books they read, the Dewey numbers, and five facts (or five of favorite parts) with corresponding page numbers. Students turn in the completed packet to their classroom book club tester or Mrs. Huggins. The student will be recognized during a library lesson for completing each topic/packet. **Hall of Fame:** To finish the entire Explorer's Club, a student needs to complete one form (6 books) for ten of the topics. When all ten topics are completed the student will then be inducted into the Explorer's Club Hall of Fame!

BOOKMARK SERIES BOOK CLUBS

Bookmark Series Book Clubs are designed especially for students who are starting to read on their own. Sample series include *Amelia Bedelia*, *Henry and Mudge*, *Pinky and Rex*, *Mr. Putter and Tabby*, *Arthur*, and *Fox*. Repetition of favorite characters encourages beginning readers to keep reading. A wide variety of titles is provided to accommodate different tastes. Most bookmark series books are shelved in the Easy section.

Students choose one series at a time. They read all the books listed on the bookmark for that series and then take a short written test in the library. The tests are graded immediately. Questions are simple, so a student who has read the books will pass. Students receive a prize and are recognized in front of their class after the completion of each bookmark.

These clubs were established to help students who are ready to read on their own to locate appropriate-level books and to encourage children to visit the public library. We do not have multiple copies of some of these books. In some of the series we do not have a complete collection of titles. Students are not expected to complete all of the bookmark series, and these series do not have a Hall of Fame.

PI MATH STORYBOOK CLUB

The Pi Math Storybook Club is intended to encourage students' interest in math and support math literacy. Students in grades 1-3 may participate in this club. Students will read six books from the 10 math topics listed on the cover of the packet, then fill out the packet. A prize will be awarded for each completed packet that is turned in. To complete this club, a student needs to complete 10 packets.

These books can be found throughout the library, indicated by a green sticker with math symbols (+-x=).

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (BOB)

At Georgia O'Keeffe, the Battle of the Books is designed for 4th and 5th graders only. Each grade has its own list of books compiled by Ms. Huggins and the grade level teachers. Each classroom will form a team of students who have read some or all of the books on the appointed grade level list. Classrooms will "battle" in the second semester. Students will get credit for each book read by filling out the Summary Sheet. For each five books completed students will receive recognition in the library. The current year's books are shelved in a special section of the library.

The 4th grade books have a salmon colored "BOB" sticker and the 5th grade books have a red colored "BOB" sticker.