

Library Services Newsletter

October 2017

Teen Read Week is October 9-13

Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually in October the same week as Columbus Day. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

The 2017 event will be held Oct. 8 - 14th, featuring the theme "Unleash Your Story." Library staff, afterschool providers, and educators are encouraged to leverage this theme to encourage teens to tell their own stories as well as find stories, biographies, autobiographies, folktales, and more in their local library. Join the conversation on Twitter with #TRW17.



Upcoming October Events:

- October 2: Teen Read Week plans due
- October 4-6: LRA State Conference
- October 9: In-Service Day
- October 8-14: Teen Read Week
- October 13: End 1st nine weeks
- October 28: Louisiana Book Festival & TNT
- October 31: Librarian of the Year Nominations
- Veterans Day Plans due
- Equipment Orders due
- Parish Orders due

Library Services Staff

Karl Bruchhaus—*Superintendent*

Tommy Campbell—*Chief Academic Officer*

Helen Curol, MLIS—*Library Consultant*

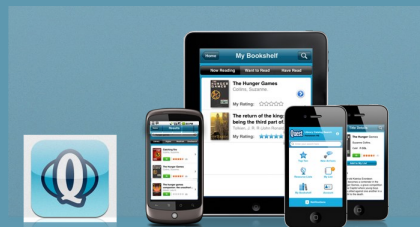
Diane Young—*Library Coordinator*

Valerie Elliott—*Clerk*

Cortney Lyon—*Clerk*

Don't forget about the Destiny Quest app!

You can use it the same way you use Destiny on your computer! Check out books, check in books, all from your iPad!



The first Monday of October kicks off National Bullying Prevention Month.

Please join Learning.com as we participate in **Blue Shirt Day®** on **Monday, October 2nd** by encouraging your students to wear blue and join together to stop bullying & cyberbullying.

[Click here for free Lesson Plans](#)

**Blue Shirt Day®
Is On Its Way!**



From Helen Curol, Library Consultant:

In Southwest Louisiana, October is generally thought of as the month to celebrate Columbus Day, the month when leaves *may* start to change color, it's National Chili Month, Breast Cancer Awareness, National Sarcastic Awareness Month, and Halloween decorations begin to alert us to prepare for Halloween's Trick-or-Treat time at its end.

In our library world it's the time to nominate a librarian for Librarian of the Year (on elementary, middle, and high school levels). There has only been one nomination so far, and that has been on the high school level. PLEASE, elementary & middle school levels, alert your faculty or peers to nominate a school librarian that they wish to recommend for the honor. This is an award that I want established annually so that when I retire, I can look to see who wins for the rest of my life. A team of professional academic, school & public librarians make that decision. It's also the Louisiana Book Festival Day in Baton Rouge on October 28 as well as TNT @ Sulphur HS. I encourage all who are not attending the Book Festival to attend TNT. It's a day to NETWORK and LEARN.

THANKS for a relatively good start of the new school year. Many of us are still recuperating from Harvey anxiety, but we were (for the most part) BLESSED that it did not cause the damage that Southeast Texas, Greenwich Terrace, and some Moss Bluff homes experienced. I still look for this to be

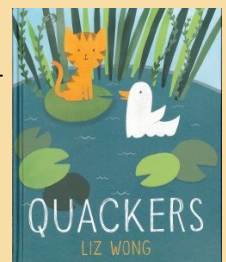
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October 19th is Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day

Join the millions of children and adults who'll be participating in Jumpstart's *Read for the Record*® this year! Jumpstart is celebrating the 12th anniversary of its annual campaign, which gathers over 2 million people together around the world to read the same book on the same day. *Read for the Record* brings much needed attention to inequities in early childhood education, inspires adults to read with children, spurs policymakers and organizations to take action towards transformative change in early education, and puts books in the hands of children across the country.

This year's campaign book, *Quackers* by Liz Wong, is a wonderful story that follows a kitten who grows up believing he is a duck. This tale is about understanding, acceptance, and learning it's ok to be whoever you want to be. Every year, Jumpstart produces a special edition of its *Read for the Record* campaign book that features vocabulary tips, reading comprehension questions, and more resources to 'jumpstart' a child's curiosity. Special editions are available in both English and Spanish.

Click [here](#) to register to read and order your Jumpstart special edition of *Quackers* today!



JOHNSON PRIMARY—LESLIE BRINKLEY



MSU Football player Darious Crowley—Pep Rally 2017



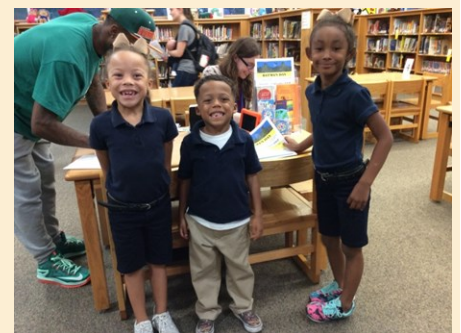
Washington Marion Cheerleaders



Kaleb Brinkley & LeLo Music

RW VINCENT—JENNIE DELINO

Thanks to Sheryl Chaisson from the public library!! She came to the R.W. Vincent library during our open house to share information on free programs and resources that they have to offer. There were also several families new to the area that were able to sign up for their own library card.



WW LEWIS MIDDLE—JANET RITCHIE

We added 25 new chairs to the WW Lewis library.



WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY—KAREN ASHWORTH

Westwood Elementary hosted the first of six Prime Time Family Reading sessions on Sept. 19. We have 24 families signed up to attend each week.



Our students are excited about visiting the library and checking out books. Many students are reaching their AR goals for the 1st nine weeks.



WESTLAKE HIGH—KRYSTAL FONTENOT

The “Ram Relaxation Station” has been added to the WHS library. It has been a success! Students may work on puzzles, color, draw, or play checkers during lunch, before school, and during their off hours.



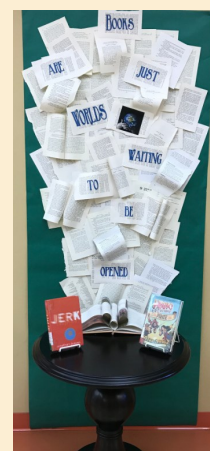
RAM RELAXATION STATION

ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER



Arnett’s library classes had a book tasting event. Students sampled books from different genres in the library.

We also had open house on September 7th. Students and parents visited the library together.



HENNING ELEMENTARY—BOBBIE GILBERT

The 4th and 5th grade students are learning about 9/11.

The 4th grade students are reading I Survived: The Attacks of September 11, 2001 by Lauren Tarshis.

And the 5th grade students are reading What were the Twin Towers? by Jim O'Connor.

They are also collaborating on Remember 9/11 posters.



KAUFMAN ELEMENTARY—STACY LAVOI

Kaufman’s 2017-2018 Library Club has twenty-one new 4th and 5th grade members. They are eager to be “Book Buddies”. Book Buddies is a program where library club members are paired up with a first or second grader who is struggling with reading. Once a week they will meet and the little buddy will read to the big buddy. They form a reading relationship. It gives the library club a chance to shine as reader leaders. At open house, parents received a brochure with all kinds of library information, including digital media resource information. Third, fourth and fifth graders learned about Constitution/Citizenship Day. Kindergarten has begun checking out library books. They are excited to have the opportunity to practice the book care rules they have learned

SAM HOUSTON HIGH—VICKIE BARTO & SARA JOLIE

The Bronco Library identified the need for a new-to-SHHS orientation for students who transferred to SHHS from OUTSIDE of the Moss Bluff area. Librarians collaborated with new students, administration, Student Council Officers, and the Peer Support Team to create "HOW TO BE A BRONCO". Librarians, STUCO Officers, and Peer Support Team met with all new students during our RTI period over the course of two weeks

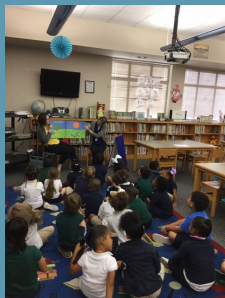


VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER

We all had a great time at the Vinton Elementary "Grubbin With Grands Reading Picnic". We had a fantastic turnout.



COLLEGE OAKS ELEMENTARY—BRANDI PICKETT



Pre-k enjoys story time with our visitors from Central Library.

Kindergarten enjoys playing hide & seek with Gerald and Piggie after reading Elephant & Piggie books.



ST. JOHN ELEMENTARY—PENNY PENTECOST

We are teaching **Growth Mindset** in our St. John Elementary Library Learning Center. We can do anything if we set our mind to it!

St. John Elementary Library Learning Center PROMOTES READING!



PRIEN LAKE ELEMENTARY—SARA WALTERS

We have a new cozy spot in the library! You can never have too many cozy reading spots. We were able to clear an area by the windows and get a love seat from our lounge. I'll be shopping for two comfy chairs this weekend to add next to the couch. The kids will take turns reading in the comfy spot. Pre-K was the first to enjoy the couch with their books.

Fourth and fifth graders are learning about Newberry Award winning books. I have placed a list of all of the Newberry books in the library. The books that we currently have are highlighted on the list. We will work on getting copies of all of the Newberry books to add to our collection.



Public library friends came to read to Pre-K. They LOVED their visit!

Second and third graders explored Kidsbookseries.com to find a list of all of their favorite series. They enjoyed listening to a reading of Junie B. Jones and Amber Brown.

Students who read and AR test on the amazing book Wonder by R.J. Palacio will receive a treat from the library.

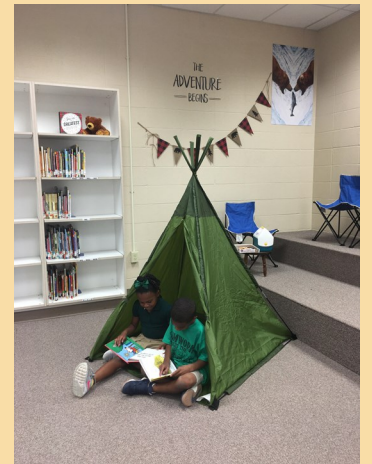
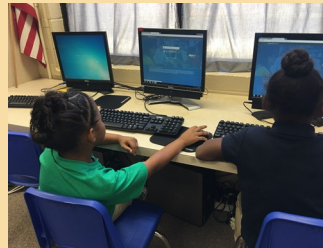
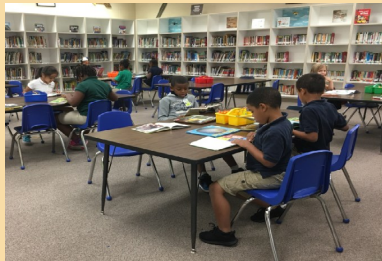
Kids for Christ began meeting in the library on Monday mornings. We are all decorated for fall and looking forward to Lights Out in the Library next month.



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HENRY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY—JENNIFER FONTENOT

Students at Henry Heights have been really busy reading books and taking AR tests! Students are getting excited about our AR party next month, along with our book fair! In other news, students were ecstatic about our new shipment of books that we received this week! It's going to be a great year here at Henry Heights Elementary!!



FRASCH ELEMENTARY—JENI ANDERSON

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will open with Parent Night on Thursday, October 26. Student shopping will begin on Monday, October 30 and end on Friday, November 3. We are looking forward to a fun-filled "Reading Round-up!"

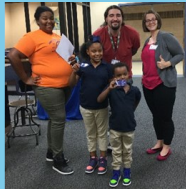


Fourth and fifth grade students completed applications for "Shelf Elf." These helpers will visit the library once a week during lunch recess to assist with shelving, technology, check out, and errands. Our Shelf Elves help keep our library looking good and running smoothly.



BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY—CAROLYN HENRY

We Won Dear Dragon Books! Norwood House Press gave away 5 sets of the new Dear Dragon Emotions (4 books). These all-new Dear Dragon stories are about a boy experiencing various emotions with his pet dragon, friends, and family. Beginning-to-Read books can be used to practice reading high frequency words, expand comprehension, and improve oral language skills. Brentwood first graders loved reading the new books.



Librarians are leaders in their communities – helping people of any age to find what they need to help improve their quality of life. Brentwood Elementary Library is joining with the American Library Association and the Calcasieu Parish Public Library for **Library Card Sign-up Month**, an initiative to make sure that every student has a free library card. Brentwood's students and parents were excited to receive their new CPPL cards at open house held on September 14, 2017.



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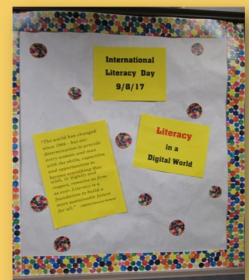
You're Never Too Young to Enjoy a Good Book. The library is the perfect place for kindergarten students to read together, develop reading skills, and explore books on their own. The students in Mrs. Palmer's room enjoyed reading today.

It was fun collaborating with our first grade teachers as their students learned all about frogs. We read *Frog and Toad* stories and non-fiction books for fun. One of our library activities was completing a frog life cycle booklet after reading **FROM TADPOLE TO FROG** by Suzanne Slade



SULPHUR HIGH—SUSAN GARDEBLED & KRISTI TYREE

There's never a dull moment at the Sulphur High Library! During the month of September we hosted all 23 English II classes for library orientation. Mrs. Billings's World History and Geography classes took advantage of library resources and visited this month, in addition to the English IV classes writing papers comparing Beowulf to a superhero.



We ended the month with Mrs. Norwood's English II classes visiting the library to find resources for persuasive essays. Somewhere along the way we were able to find time to celebrate International Literacy Day, Banned Books Week, and prepare for Homecoming.



DOLBY ELEMENTARY—BETH FERGUSON

With only a few days left to test in the first nine weeks, some students are focusing on what books they need to make their goals. Other students who've already met their goal are enjoying reading for fun and not worrying about book levels or AR.



Officer Broussard came to read at Dolby in mid-September. The Reading Committee will be meeting soon to plan Family Reading Night which is coming up on October 26. The Book Fair will be arriving at that same time and families will get a chance to shop with their students.

All teachers at Dolby are focusing on writing skills this year, even in the library. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have been working on writing clearly and making sure to use sequence words when they are at the library. After reading some unclear email examples on the Promethean Board, students had to re-write the examples to make them clearer by using chronological/time order and correcting mistakes. They enjoyed correcting Mrs. Ferguson's mistakes and making her messages clear.



Students have been enjoying all of the new books that have been coming in from the State Order. Thank you to Library Services for their help getting the books out so soon. Some of the favorite books from the new order include Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes, Fly Guy's Amazing Tricks by Tedd Arnold, Middle School Escape to Australia by James Patterson, several new books about the New England Patriots, biographies about pop stars like Blake Shelton and Adele.

TS COOLEY ELEMENTARY—MARY LANIER

Grandparents' Week was celebrated in the T.S. Cooley library September 7 - 13! Thirty-eight grandparents entertained the kindergarten through fifth grade students by reading to them during their library class times. The students had a grand time listening to books such as Ada Twist, Scientist, When Sheep Sleep, The Dinosaur who Lost Its Roar, and Ox-Cart Man. The grandparents were thrilled to be invited to read and share special time with their grandchildren and their classmates!



The fourth and fifth grade classes participate in the Louisiana Young Readers Choice Award program sponsored by the Louisiana State Public Library. Lakendra Rouse, librarian at the Carnegie Public Library, shared book talks with the fourth graders about the books in this fun and interesting program. The students must read, test and score at least a 90% on at least 3 of the books on the LYRC list to be eligible to vote for their favorite book at the beginning of February.

The "Wild West" Scholastic Book Fair is galloping its way to T.S. Cooley October 29 - November 3! Cooley students are kicking off their fair with a pumpkin decorating contest based on the western theme of the fair! The second graders are practicing for their musical, "Westward Expansion," which will be presented at the Family Event Day and the last day of the fair. Book Talk Buddies are preparing their book talks about their Scholastic books to lasso in all the students into buying the books. First graders are reading the Magic Tree House book Ghost Town at Sundown during library class to rustle up excitement for the fair. The call has gone out to parents and grandparents to volunteer and all are saddling up for a boot stompin' good time!



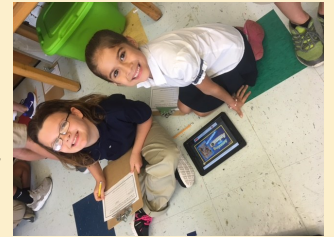
BARBE HIGH—KAYLA LITTLE & KIM CHOLLEY

Barbe High students are enjoying the 28 boxes of new books we received this month. One of our student's made the comment, "It's like our library is celebrating Christmas in September with all of the new books!" We created a special section in our library featuring "Test Prep Resources". Many of our teachers and students are eager to being preparing for testing in the spring.



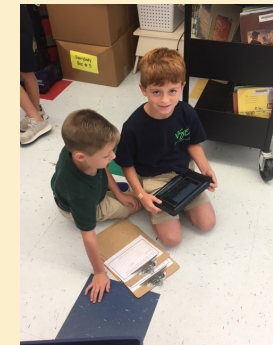
VINCENT SETTLEMENT ELEMENTARY—KATIE STONE

Book Checkout: All grades have been checking out books, and open circulation times have been very busy! After learning how to care for books and keep them safe at home, even our Pre-K students have begun checking out one book per week. They look forward to their library time and getting a new book!



International Literacy Day: We celebrated International Literacy Day by highlighting the holiday on our morning announcements. An AR drawing was held in the library for all students who scored 100% on a test that day. Seven lucky winners were drawn and received prizes.

Constitution Day: Fourth and Fifth grade students learned about Constitution Day by watching Discovery Videos and completing a Webquest using the website "Ben's Guide to Government". They found familiar famous names and learned why these founding fathers were so important.



AR : We have hit the ground running with AR! We already have 108 students who have met their goal for the first nine weeks. We have set a school wide goal of having 60% or 208 students achieve their goals for the first nine weeks. The students are working hard to make it!

Grandparent's Day: On September 15th, we celebrated Grandparent's Day with our annual Grandparent's Lunch. The theme this year was "Grandparents Who Are One in a Minion!" The gym and cafeteria were decorated with a Minion theme and grandparents enjoyed sharing a lunch with their grandchildren. Each year enrichment teachers serve as coordinators for this event.

Library Renovation Project: Through generous donations from Partners in Ed., PTO, and other funding sources we have been able to begin an extensive renovation of our library. The library is currently under construction as we add space and all new furniture and carpet. We hope to be back in the library in a couple of months!



LEBLANC MIDDLE—TISH MARTINEZ

We have been busy collecting, sorting, and bagging Community Coffee labels for the Cash for Schools program. The money we receive from this program will go towards new books in the library!



RALPH WILSON—KELLI RICHARD

Our Ralph Wilson Jaguars are so excited about reading this school year. Our students are using RFW Credit Cards to check in and out of the library. We are also using iPads for the check-in and check-out process. Our students love using the iPads because it makes the check-out process mobile.



BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

We've had a fun and busy September in the school and in the library! Class visits are productive learning opportunities! Two of our upper grades visit the library twice each week. The extra visits are being used to encourage AR reading and testing. It is also an opportunity for another book selection.



Kids for Christ (KFC) is meeting in the library again this year. The KFC leaders sponsored a "See You at the Pole" event that was well attended. Faculty meetings are being held in the library while our usual meeting place is being used for our bus students' waiting area. We had a school-wide western themed party for Grandparents Day and to kick off PBIS that was a lot of fun! We ended the month with a Sickle Cell Awareness Walk! While there is much learning at every grade level in the library, we enjoy letting you

know about other school events. You may visit our library's Blackboard site to see all of our photos from September's events. October is again a very busy month here at Barbe Elementary. We are looking forward to The Great Pumpkin's arrival!

