

Library Services Newsletter

November 2017

Veterans Day honors men and women who have served in the United States armed services. Veterans Day is a legal federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated on November 11, the anniversary of the end of World War I (1914-1918). Canada, Australia, and New Zealand observe November 11 as Remembrance Day to honor people who have died in war. The United Kingdom celebrates Remembrance Day on the Sunday closest to November 11. Veterans Day celebrations in the United States include parades and speeches. Special services are held at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.



In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day to remind Americans of the tragedies of war. A 1938 law made the day a federal holiday. In 1954, Congress changed the holiday's name to Veterans Day to honor all United States veterans.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back Sunday, November 5th for Daylight Savings Time!



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November Events

November 2: Veterans Day Exhibits & Activities (through 11/10)

November 5: Daylight savings time

November 10: Veterans day holiday

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Holidays

From Helen Curol

Enthusiasm reigns supreme in my office today, because all state book orders from Mackin have been received at Library Services, unpacked, scanned in, browsed/read for yellow flags (if needed), ensured that all ordered arrived in good condition, repacked, and placed on stage for delivery to schools. Thirty-one boxes await delivery onstage. My excitement is because this is the EARLIEST ever that this task has been completed by Library Services. It only happened because we all worked together to accomplish this mission to get books in the hands of students in order to promote love of reading with new books. Diane managed 7,784 books, Helen processed 6,023, Cortney handled 4,757, and Valerie oversaw 3,869.

HARD WORK increased our resolve to accomplish our goal even earlier than expected. Along the way there were some mix-ups that involved orders, but they were handled with expertise and resolved. Now staff of Library Services can continue with such steadfastness for the equipment & parish orders.

This goes to show that even in librarians' real world of library-land with students every day – success (for students & librarians) arrives after their resolve to succeed coupled with hard work. So far this year, I have seen phenomenal Halloween marketing events for school libraries, notable celebrations for banned book week, “read for the record” accomplishments, and 9-week reports that bring an overall good feeling about the year's start-up. Librarians, too, can have success in getting kids hooked on books, teaching them research skills, comparing fake news & information with authentic, co-planning & co-teaching with faculty, curating content to assist users, reviewing books with background & author info provided, writing grants, and engaging community! **Endure when necessary, excel at every opportunity. Hard work will provide a good night's rest!**

I ask that you continue such tenacity throughout the school year to make it your best year ever – as well as mine. It is not easy to work hard every day, but always remember that

**WHEN YOU
LIVE FOR A STRONG
PURPOSE, THEN
HARD WORK ISN'T
AN OPTION.
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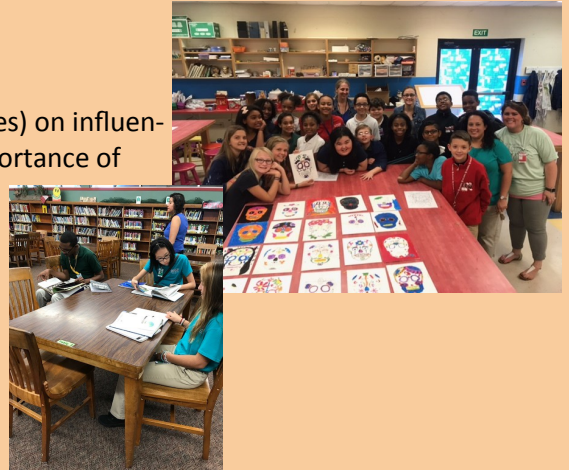
STEVE PAVLINA

FK WHITE MIDDLE—TIFFANY BOSS

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month @ F.K. White



- Research with Senorita De Los Santo (Spanish Classes) on influential Hispanic people, traditions, traditional food, importance of language around the world
- Students participated in a Sugar Skull painting party after school hosted by Mrs. Boss & Mrs. Woolmington (art teacher) to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



IOWA HIGH—JAMIE McCAULEY

—The library applied for a Drew Grant last year and was awarded funding for 12 new iPads. With the addition of the 12 iPads, the library has a mobile cart of 27 devices for teacher checkout. Our Duel Enrollment Math 113/231 class utilizes them weekly.



—The Iowa High School Library celebrated Teen Read Week with a pizza lunch for the school's top 10 readers. In addition to the lunch, the students discussed their favorite books, new books in the library, and played a game of "Kahoot Book Trivia".



WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY—KAREN ASHWORTH

Westwood Elementary and the public library teamed up to have Pre K students sign up for a public library card.

1st grade students have been researching bats. They've used nonfiction books to locate facts about different bats as well as read a few fiction books about bats for enjoyment.

2nd grade students are doing a biography research. They are working with a partner to locate information about a famous person by reading the biography and completing a character map and also using the www.worldbookonline website to find more information for their research assignment.

Students meeting their AR goals for the 1st nine weeks were given a treat bag during their library visit.



Congratulations to the following classrooms for earning the Shelf Elf award the most times during the nine weeks for their grade level: K—Mrs. Hermann's class, 1st grade—Mrs. Hudson's class, and 2nd grade—Mrs. Reed's class. These classes were rewarded with an extra library time and enjoyed playing games with their classmates.



DEQUINCY ELEMENTARY—BRITTANY CASH

DeQuincy Elementary had its first AR party on 10/20. We had 45 students attend! We ate popcorn, drank a coke and played BINGO!



ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER

It's been a busy month in the Arnett library!

Students in sixth and seventh grade completed Breakout Activities in the library. The sixth graders visited the library with Mrs. Harrison, their math teacher, and completed the *Monster Mash* Breakout. The seventh graders visited with their literacy teacher, Mrs. Smith, and completed the *Oh the Places You'll Go* Breakout.



AR goals were celebrated with ice cream sundaes in the pavilion on Friday, Oct. 20th.

The Library Club shared a booth at the La Ville Uni festival on Saturday, October 21st with FBLA, WEB, Student Council, and PBIS clubs. Each club sold concessions. The Library Club sold hot dogs. Students volunteered and worked shifts.

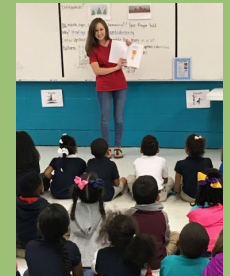
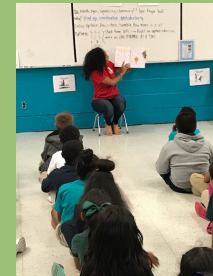
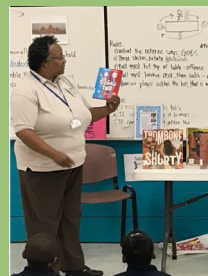


FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY—LAURA MANUEL

October has been an incredible month at Fairview! We had a Calcasieu Parish Public Library librarian come in to talk to the 3rd-5th graders about LYRC program which is sponsored by the Louisiana State Library.



We also had volunteers come in from the Junior League of Lake Charles visit and read to our Kinders and 1st graders so that we could participate in Read for the Record 2017! Next month promises to be exciting too because we will be having our Scholastic Book Fair.



KAUFMAN ELEMENTARY—STACY LAVOI

Volunteers from the Junior League read the story Quakers by Liz Wong to kindergarten and first grades classes on October 19th, Read for the Record Day. Kaufman's annual Read-a-Thon day will be October 31st. Students may dress as a book character. The day will be filled with Book Character Bingo, a book walk, pumpkin decorating contest and other book activities.



WASHINGTON-MARION HIGH—TRESSIE BRYANT

Washington-Marion Librarian Mrs. Tressie Bryant helped the school celebrate “Teen Read Week” by having Advisors submit the title of their favorite book when they were teenagers. Mrs. Bryant turned them into decorations and posted them in the library. She also challenged scholars to a daily trivia question based on popular teen books during the morning announcements this week. Those who were able to correctly answer the questions received prizes. Congratulations to the following winners: *Jasmine, Desmond, Nahomi, Ralph (correctly answered 3 out of 4, Adrian, Charles, and Laken!*



OAK PARK MIDDLE—MELONY LEMAY

Oak Park Middle School celebrated Red Ribbon Against Drugs Week Oct. 23-27, 2017

Mon. Oct. 23 was *Drugs are Old School 1970s* Theme Day!

Melony LeMay, OPMS Librarian, Says "Peace, Love and Soul!" Against Drugs with BOOKS!



BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

October has been a very busy month in the library with a lot of learning and fun! Our biggest celebration was the International Day of the Girl, “Stand Up for Girls”, in the library for all girls on October 11. University United Methodist Church sponsored the “pink” event that was complete with crafts, notes to give to someone each participant admires, and reading. It was special to have many parents participate with their children. Earlier in the month we had a walk to end domestic violence sponsored by OASIS, a Partner in Education. Corporal Broussard with the Lake Charles Police Department came to read to Mrs. Clarke’s Kindergarten class. On October 20, the AR and PBIS parties were held. The PBIS party theme was The Great Pumpkin. We have enjoyed our month of October and look forward to more learning activities to come!



BELL CITY—SUSAN DUPLANTIS

Pete the Cat saddled up for a rip roaring good time at the Book Fair. It was a huge success and was enjoyed by all.



The library coffee shop had its grand opening on October 24th. High school students were treated to coffee, hot cocoa or cappuccino as they enjoyed a good book and the company of good friends. The coffee shop will open each morning from 7:15-7:45.



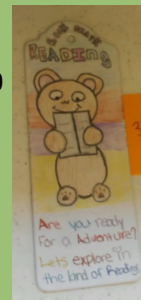
COMBRE-FONDEL ELEMENTARY—CHRISTY MCCANN

We had a bookmark contest for the Most Creative Bookmark in September. I had 40 entries between 3rd and 5th grade. I had an art teacher, Jessica Woolmington, from F.K.White Middle come to judge the bookmarks. She said that it was a tough decision with so much creativity. These are our winners: Overall winner, grade levels, and our principal, Mildred Smith. Also, there is a picture of our Over-All Winner

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FRASCH ELEMENTARY—JENI ANDERSON

October was a busy month in the library at Frasch. We learned about Fire Safety and researched Christopher Columbus. Accelerated Reader achievements were rewarded with prizes. In celebration of International Credit Union Week, we welcomed visitors from South West Louisiana Credit Union and the Young Professionals Network who shared *Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money* with our first grade students. Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair opened with a successful Parent Night on October 26. Thank you to everyone who helped out or shopped on Parent Night.



Our Fall Shelf Elves have been busy helping out in the library. They have been spotted dusting, shelving books, helping with check out, and helping with the book fair. We love our Shelf Elves!

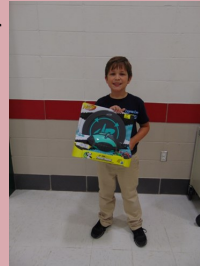


CYPRESS COVE—KRISTI FONTENOT

Over 225 students met their AR Goal the 1st Nine Weeks, we celebrated during lunch in the gym. Students that met their goal received pizza and a treat and top readers picked a prize. Our Fall Book Fair was a huge success, we surpassed our goal of selling 1,000 books for students to read. We sold 1,275 BOOKS!!! The Cypress Cove news crew puts on a pumpkin decorating contest, check out these cool pumpkins.



This past Thursday was dress as your favorite book character Day. The Book Fair hosted several events including: "Muffins for MOMS", "Donuts for DADS". Cypress Cove School cafeteria hosted grandparent lunch and grandparents could browse the Book Fair after they ate lunch with their grandchild



WESTLAKE HIGH—KRYSTAL FONTENOT

Faculty at Westlake High participated in "Freedom to Read" by adding their favorite book to our school bookshelf. Our special needs students utilize the library to complete some of their lessons. This one student in particular enjoys listening to "Storyline Online"



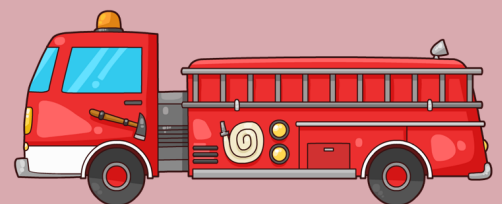
ST. JOHN ELEMENTARY—PENNY PENTECOST

Can you imagine that Michael was considered "short" when he was young and was kicked off the basketball team when he was in high school? Michael says, "I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying." Students completed a unit on Michael Jordan. They learned about Michael's struggles as a kid. Students wrote stories about what they felt they "failed" at and how they succeeded. This nine weeks St. John Elementary kindergartners are more than a little excited to come to the library! They are checking out books and partner reading in the library!



HENRY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY—JENNIFER FONTENOT

Wow, it seems as though October was the busiest month ever! The month started out with a fire truck visit, which the students really loved! In the middle of the month, we had the Scholastic Book Fair! Students really enjoyed getting new books. As October wound down, we ended the month with our very first AR party. We had over 100 students attend the party! Students who met their goal were awarded with an ice cream party and were able to wear their Halloween costume. What an exciting month October was for Henry Heights!



WW LEWIS MIDDLE—JANET RITCHIE

165 Students were rewarded for their participation in AR with Parties in Bags. Students had to be in the top 25 of their team, and they had to earn a minimum point amount with 85% or better comprehension.

JJ JOHNSON—LESLIE BRINKLEY

Thanks to the Junior League & Literacy Committee.



Nate Livings, author and former NFL Player, Visits J.J. Johnson for a special reading of his new book "Big Boy Nate Adventures First Football Road Trip"



JJ WATSON ELEMENTARY—AMBER SMITH

The students at JJ Watson Elementary are working hard to achieve their AR goals. There were 118 students in grades 1st-5th who made their goals for the 1st nine weeks. Of those students, 37 of them made 20 or more points. All students were rewarded during their library class time with Ring Pops and Laffy Taffys. The students who earned 20 or more points also had an extra recess with cupcakes and juice. Way to Read Stingers!

TS COOLEY ELEMENTARY—MARY LANIER

T.S. Cooley held its annual pumpkin decorating contest to promote the "Wild West" Scholastic Book Fair. Fifty students participated in this fun family activity. The pumpkins were based on a book that characterized the book fair theme. Some of the pumpkins created by the students and their families included the books Slim and the Tornado, Charlotte's Web, Ghost Town at Sundown, and Horses at Dawn. Sheriff Jayden R. and Deputy

Mary Lanier, librarian, performed fun skits during morning assemblies and book talks were given by various students to get the Cooley Cowpokes excited about the upcoming book fair. The school held its "Wild West" Scholastic Book Fair Family Day Event on Sunday, October 29. Included in the fun activities were the annual "My Favorite Storybook Character" Costume Contest and the 2nd grade musical "Westward Expansion."



DEQUINCY MIDDLE—LISA BOYER

DeQuincy Middle School has been participating in Halloween Mini Research! We are using the Write Tools Research Method and students are learning a few things they did not know about Halloween!

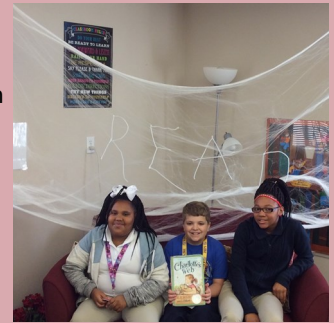
We gave away numerous bookmarks during Teen Read Week along with two Guinness Book of World Record books! In addition, classes were treated to LYRC Book Trailers during visits to the library. Excitement abounds because we have also received our new books and the students are thrilled!

COLLEGE OAKS ELEMENTARY—BRANDI PICKETT

There has been some excitement in the library this month. Students arrived on Monday morning to discover that Charlotte from the book Charlotte's Web had visited and left a message for them in her web.



The students in Mrs. Hummel's kindergarten class enjoyed having Ben Dougay from the LCPD read the story Click, Clack, Boo! to them.



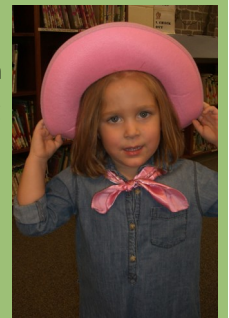
DOLBY ELEMENTARY—BETH FERGUSON

Dolby students have been very busy in October. 142 students met their AR goal for the first 9 weeks and enjoyed a pizza party and a free recess courtesy of the principal Ms. Phenice. The students had a great time playing and enjoying their afternoon snack. The students commented that they were already working on making their goals for the second 9 week period.



The Jr. League came to Dolby to read to 1st grade for the Read for the Record. 65 1st grade students enjoyed hearing the book *Quackers* on the morning of October 19.

The PBIS celebration for great behavior was held on Friday, October 20 with Kindergarten through 5th grade students enjoying games and a snack for having earned an Outstanding mark on their report card for the 1st 9 week period. Almost every student in the school made it to the celebration with other students working hard to earn the reward for the next 9 week period.



October 26 was Family Literacy Night at Dolby. Students enjoyed a variety of stations where they could read books, review good books they had read, be read to, and shop at the Book Fair. The StarLab was featured and students could go inside and be read to by Jr. Beta students under the stars. Yee haw!! There were several important visitors at Family Literacy night including Rowdy the McNeese mascot, several Calcasieu Parish School Board members including Mr. Hayes and Ms. Ballard, Mr. Tommy Campbell, and even the Supervisor of Libraries Ms. Helen Curol.



The Book Fair continues through November 3 at Dolby and students are able to make Wish Lists to bring home to their parents as well as visit the Book Fair during the day. Seven classes a day still attend their regular Enrichment schedule and Open Check-Out continues throughout the days of the Book Fair as to not hinder students access to library books.

MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE—HOPE MYERS

Maplewood Celebrates Reading: Students who read and met their point and accuracy goals were invited to a popcorn party for “Popping” open a good book and meeting their reading goals! Students were provided popcorn, M&Ms, and bottled water, along with music and fun!



EK KEY—TALICIA ANDERSEN

Students were able to decorate a pumpkin as their favorite book character during the week of Halloween. Awards were given in several categories.

Students enjoyed the book *Quakers* by Liz Wong when participating in Jumpstart's Read for the Record on October 19.



VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER

We had a fantastic Spooktacular Family Reading Night. Lots of activities, Trunk or Treat and a Book Character Pumpkin Contest. Students and faculty had a spooktacular time dressing up as a book character.



LEBLANC MIDDLE—TISH MARTINEZ

We had a busy, fun-filled week during Teen Read Week.

Monday: bookmark contest

Tuesday: guess the number of candy corn

Wednesday: 6 word story about reading or books

Thursday: Post-it note art

Friday: Duck tape bookmarks



BARBE HIGH—KAYLA LITTLE & KIM CHOLLEY

Barbe High School's *Top 25 Library Patrons* were recognized during **TEEN READ WEEK 2017**. No Tricks, Only treats for these super students for utilizing BHS library resources!



PRIEN LAKE ELEMENTARY—SARA WALTERS

This was a big month for the Prien Lake library. Our top AR kids for the first nine weeks came to the library for a prize. Each student who met their AR goal was allowed to Trick-or-Treat and take their shoes off during their library class. Our counselor, Mrs. Blalock, came to read to our second graders for "Read for the Record" day. Corporal Broussard visited to read Halloween books to our fifth graders. We also had a week of fun during our second annual "Lights Out in the Library" event. We decorated the library with Halloween lights. The kids enjoyed searching for, and reading their books with flashlights. Our older students enjoyed some spooky music and a reading from the Fright-lopedia, while the younger kids enjoyed some silly Halloween stories. Mrs. Curol and Mr. Campbell stopped by to see the fun!



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BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY—CAROLYN HENRY

On Thursday, October 19, 2017, Brentwood Pre-K, First, and Second grade students gathered to learn, laugh, and read this year's campaign book, *Quackers* by Liz Wong, as part of the world's largest shared reading experience, Ms. Summer Templeton from the Junior League of Lake Charles was our guest reader. A copy of the books was donated to our school so the students could continue to enjoy the story. Brentwood Spook-A-Thon Reading Night was held on October 30, 2017. The students and parents were treated to a fun filled night of Halloween stories read in the library, fun activities and a really scary spook house. Students and parents came out to enjoy the evening. Volunteers from the Coast Guard and Glad Tidings helped to make our night a ghoulish event.



RALPH WILSON—KELLI RICHARD

Ralph Wilson Elementary partnered up with the Epps library for the 2018 LYRC book talk. The students had book talks with the librarians, and they told them how they could vote on the LYRC books. They also shared the different events and resources they have at the public library.



Thank you Epps for the public library cards. Congratulations to our Jaguars that attended our Goosebumps – GO EAT WORMS party! The students watched a Goosebumps movie and ate dirt cake with worms. What a way to celebrate their success!



KENNEDY ELEMENTARY—MATILDA TOLBERT

John F. Kennedy celebrated our annual Spooky Reading Day, October 31st. We had several members of the community to read to our students. Mayor Nick Hunter, State Representative A. B. Franklin, Mrs. Carolyn Weston, and Mr. Verone Thomas were participants. Our students had a great time.



GILLIS ELEMENTARY—ROBIN COURVILLE (PHOTOS BY VALERIE ELLIOTT)

Pep rally for the annual Read-A-Thon. Sam Houston High cheerleaders & football players came to help and encourage reading.



Happy Thanksgiving!

from all of us at Library Services