

LIBRARY SERVICES

September 2018



Banned Books Week September 23-29

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned>

Banned Books Week 2018 is September 23-29. It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

The books featured during Banned Books Week have all been targeted with removal or restricted in libraries and schools. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship.

Visit the ALA site for promotional downloads, book lists, and more information!

SEPTEMBER IS PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

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September Events:

9/3: Labor Day holiday

9/4: plans due for International Literacy Day, Hispanic Heritage Month & Banned Books Week

9/15: Hispanic Heritage Month begins (through October 15)

9/23-29: Banned Books Week

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL



John J Johnson II Elementary School will hold their Accelerated Reader kick-off program with pep rally for reading on September 7, 2018.—**Roxanne Ravey**

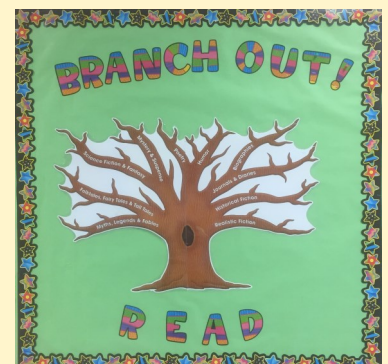
Moss Bluff Middle welcomed all the students back to school in a colorful way. Each grade level and enrichment teachers had t-shirts made to wear on the first day.—**Tanya Portinause**

This week at **Ralph Wilson Elementary** we have started checking out books, and it has been something. I had a student come to me at the end of the day, and told me here are your books back. I was baffled of course, so I told the student they are yours to read and test on until next week, she gave me a confused look. So I went over everything again, and her response was priceless. The life of a librarian, you have to love it. —**Erika Braxter**

The students at **Cypress Cove Elementary** are off to a great start with their AR testing. When a student makes a 100% on an AR test in the library, they get to spin the wheel for a prize. Library Open Access is busy and students are excited to read books. Prior library club members are excited to get started with Library Club this school year. Our annual Fall Book fair this year is October 22nd - 26th.—**Kristi Fontenot**

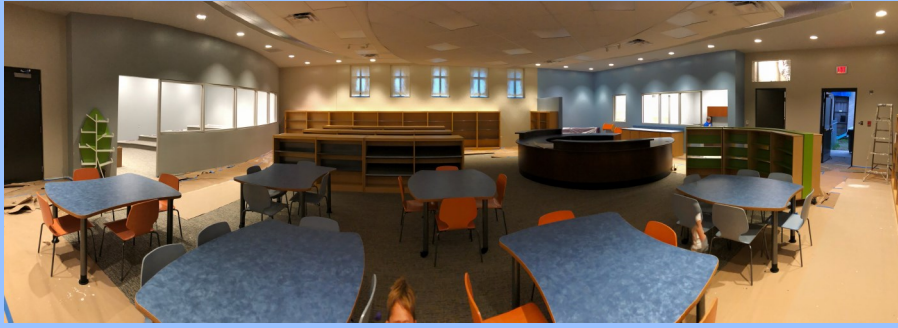
BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

The first few weeks of the new school year have started off well. We have welcomed our veteran and new students, teachers, and staff. All are fitting in well with one another. Students are loving having books to read and as always are eager to AR test and exchange books for new ones. We are working hard and focusing on literacy in all classes. We want every student to raise their reading levels this year. May we all take a breath of fresh Fall air as August ends and September begins. It is a time for new and inspiring knowledge yet to be discovered!



GILLIS ELEMENTARY, MOSS BLUFF ELEMENTARY & MOSS BLUFF MIDDLE—JESSICA DWIGHT (MBE)

Gillis Elementary has a new library & on the first day of school it was all hands on deck!! Librarians Tanya Portinause and Cindy Wright (MBMS) and Jessica Dwight (MBE) went to Gillis after school to help Robin Courville unpack and restock her bookshelves. The new library is still getting in order, but it is a very impressive sight and will be great for students and staff once everything is arranged!



IOWA HIGH—JAIME MCCAULEY

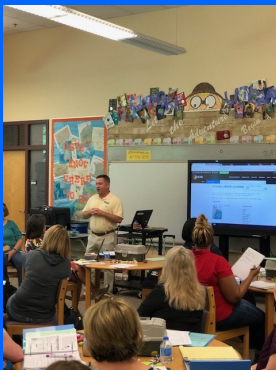
The teachers at Iowa High School participated in a library hall bulletin board project. In an effort to make students aware of higher education and goal achievement they posted their pictures along with their college alma mater/s. The goal is to encourage a “pathway to success”.



In-service morning, the staff was treated to a Bagel breakfast and library presentation. Mrs. McCauley went over the available library resources to the staff.

OAK PARK MIDDLE—MELONY LEMAY

Mackin rep Herbie Thorpe presenting at the Librarian In-Service & OPMS Library display.



FK WHITE MIDDLE—TIFFANY BOSS

FK White Middle School painted the library this summer to modernize the colors for the new school year. We had staff, students, family, and friends volunteer their time. Also, several high school students from St. Louis and Our Lady Queen of Heaven completed service hours to help complete this project. Our gratitude for the volunteers is beyond words. The next steps include painting a mural and finding funding for new furniture.



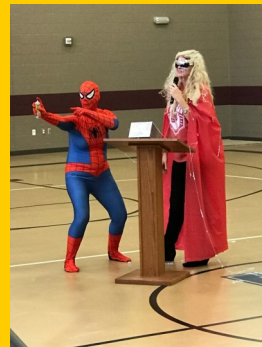
DOLBY ELEMENTARY—CAROL WOMACK

The new year has started off with so much excitement at Dolby. We have lots of new ideas and plans for Accelerated Reader. Teachers and students are already busy utilizing STAR Reading tests and making sure they are ready to grow in their reading skills more than ever. On Friday, September 7, there will be a Pep Rally to excite the students to read more through Accelerated Reader. It will have a cowboy theme as we have the McNeese girls basketball team join us in the celebration to encourage the students to read, read, read. The students will play games, meet some of the Dolby Reading superstar students, and get excited about AR. An added feature in the Dolby library this year is a special section of books called Micah's Mission. This section includes all of the books that a student read last year in his quest for the 1,008 points that he earned during that year in Accelerated Reader. Students have already expressed their desire to try to replicate his accomplishment or at least have fun trying.



LEBLEU SETTLEMENT—RENEE LELEUX

The students at LeBleu have jumped right into the new school year and are loving the library. They are using Maker Space and creating new things! Readers make leaders! Our AR kickoff was a success. Over 50 students were awarded for excelling in our summer reading program.



WESTWOOD—KAREN ASHWORTH

Book check out and story time are in full swing at Westwood Elementary. Students are excited to check out books and begin AR testing. They also enjoy reading with a book buddy after checking out new books.



ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a roaring start. Students have been through library orientation & AR goals have been set.



Arnett's Open House was held on August 28 from 5-6:30 PM. Calcasieu Parish Public Librarians from the Westlake Branch, Delores Verdine & Kay Dering, were on hand to greet students and parents. Students and their families had the opportunity to get library cards, update their existing cards, receive information about services and programs, and take home lots of goodies the ladies

brought along. Their table was busy until almost 7:00!



VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER

One of our fantastic 4th grade teachers asked friends if they would donate a book to all of the students in her class. She got what she wished for. The students were so excited to get a new book on their first day of school. We appreciate Ms. Tindall. She is also the Teacher of the Year.



DEQUINCY HIGH—LAURA MANUEL

We started the year off right here at DeQuincy High. After teaching orientation, I introduced the 3D printer to the students. To say that they are a little excited about it is an understatement. I have been printing everyday and I will probably be printing for the next six months with all the designs they have created using www.tinkercad.com.



COLLEGE OAKS—BRANDI PICKETT

The students at College Oaks began the school year eager to “pop into a good book”. We’ve reviewed the library rules and procedures and they’ve been checking out books and taking AR tests. I was fortunate to receive 4 new laptops and 4 more iPads for the library this year. The students are just as excited as I am and can’t wait to start using them. Also, for the first time College Oaks will host a Fall and Spring Book Fair this year.



FRASCH—JENI ANDERSON

Frasch students are busy reading and taking Accelerated Reader quizzes. STAR testing is almost complete. We are using AR Certification goals this year to encourage our growth as readers. I can't wait to see what our students achieve because "We know a thing or two about reading!"

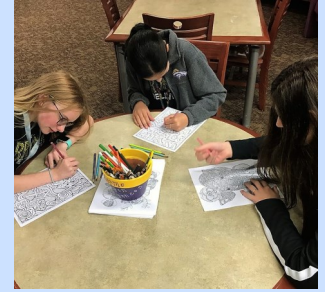
Fourth and fifth grade students have turned in their applications for Shelf Elf positions and are waiting to hear if they have been selected. The Shelf Elf library helpers can be found shelving books, straightening shelves, dusting, and performing other jobs around the library during lunch recess.



SAM HOUSTON—SARA JOLIE & VICKIE BARTO

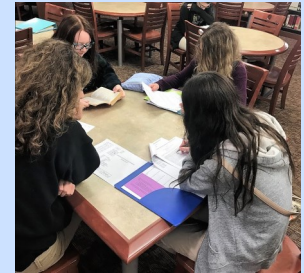
A snapshot of “An Average August Day in the Bronco Library”:

The month of August, in the school library world, brings a whirlwind of meeting faculty needs and student bustle to the Bronco Library. We thought that it would be enjoyable to share a few of the ways that we happily serve our patrons...breaking down the old notion that libraries are simply a place to house books.



Our students will always find a jig-saw puzzle, therapeutic coloring station, a quiet place to study, and of course.... find their next great read. We also spend time throughout each day assisting patrons with computer log-in/password resets, instruction on how to use JCampus & BlackBoard, how to check & send CPSB email, and printing assignments.

We are looking forward to another fabulous and successful school year at Big Sam!



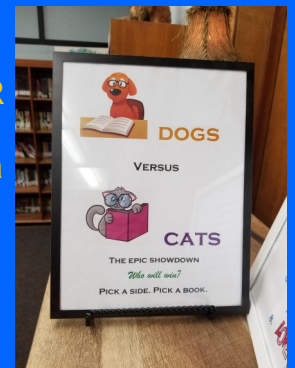
MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE—HOPE MYERS

Students at Maplewood Middle were actively engaged in learning policies and procedures while working as teams to keep their Jenga tower standing. The kids had so much fun! It was fun for me to watch them work together and collaborate in order to answer the questions and keep the tower standing. Students enjoy utilizing the library at lunch to sit and read, check out books, AR test, and work on homework.



PRIEN LAKE—SARA WALTERS

Books and Bar Codes! August has been all about printing student bar codes and getting books into our kids' hands. All grade levels began checking out library books on the first day of school. We're reviewing our Open Check Out policies and learning more about how to use Destiny Quest. Our bookmarks that list the open check out rules have been passed out to all of the students. We have a new display for August. Dogs versus Cats is the hot debate this month. The kids can choose dog books from the left side of the shelf or cat books from the right side. Our Pre-K class had two special visitors from the public library. They enjoyed listening to books about monsters! Kindergarten and Pre-K parent letters went home with each child's library book. First grade has received their AR Home Connect invitations, and we are working on second grade's letters right now. The library instagram page has a lot of new followers so we're excited about that. (@ple_library) My new All About Me board is hanging by the exit door and it has been hilarious listening to the student's comments about my photos. It looks like it's going to be a great year!



LAGRANGE HIGH—REKHA SHARMA

We had Educational epiphany professional development in La-Grange library on Wednesday , 8/23/2018. Teachers learned how to write performance based objectives.



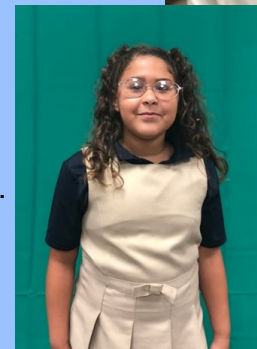
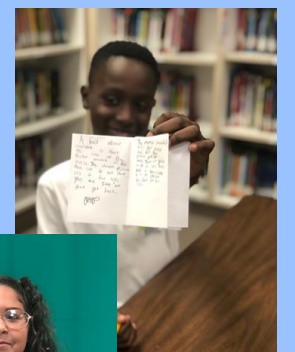
HENRY HEIGHTS—JENNIFER FONTENOT

This year is off to a great start! Our school was able to purchase the STAR program this year. We have not used STAR testing in some time. Students can check books out more geared to their own personal reading levels.

The upper grades will work with the green screen this year to make book trailers! We are so excited.



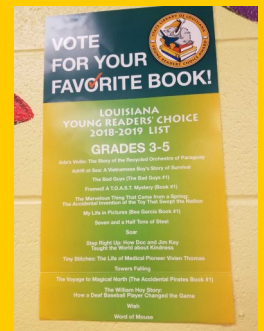
The 3D machine is up and running! Students will be working on designing their own 3D objects to print and keep.



TS COOLEY—MARY LANIER

The five members of the T.S. Cooley Library Leader Club will meet every Monday afternoon from 3:00 - 4:00 with librarian, Mary Lanier. They will have the opportunity to help keep the library running smoothly by shelving books and processing new books, assist with the book fair, promote AR programs such as AR Mardi Gras and AR Pep Rally, and be advocates for the library.

Fourth and fifth grade students will participate, again this year, in the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Program sponsored by the Louisiana State Public Library. The students have the opportunity to read the 15 books that are on the LYRC list and vote on their favorite book. To be eligible to vote, the students must read and successfully score a 90 or 100% on the AR test on at 3 of the books on the list. The students vote on an official voting machine in March of 2019. The fifth grade students work with partners and read one of the books, research the author of their chosen book, and create a PowerPoint slide show about their book including an ad about their book. Mary Lanier, T.S. Cooley librarian, greatly enjoys being a member of the state committee that selects the books that are placed on the LYRC 3rd - 5th grade list.



Grandparents have been invited to read in the library to their grandchild's class the week of September 10 - 14 to celebrate Grandparents' Week. This is one of the highlights of the year for the students and their grandparents!

Chess Club has kicked off at T.S. Cooley! The twenty-two members of the club will meet with co-sponsors, Mary Lanier (librarian), Tararra Babaz (2nd grade teacher), and Coach Bob Yen on September 6 for their first meeting. The club meets every first and third Thursday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00. The club offers the members opportunities to compete in tournaments in Houston, as well as, at the local, state and national level.

BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY—CAROLYN HENRY

Brentwood Elementary students are learning about the Digital Media Resources provided by Calcasieu Parish Schools. Digital Media Resources can be accessed on the CPSB homepage at school as well as from home



WATKINS ELEMENTARY—CAROLYN RIGMAIDEN

T.H. Watkins new year started off with lots of excitement. Our motto is "One team, One goal, No limits."

We welcomed a new principal, Mrs. Ashley Johnson, and a new assistant principal, Mrs. Brandi Gallien. They have a lot of new ideas and plans for an exciting new school year. We also welcomed our new teachers, Ms. Harris, Ms. I. Jones, Mrs. Williams, and our TAP Master Teacher Ms. Danielle Daigle.

LEBLANC MIDDLE—TISH MARTINEZ

The new year has started out with much excitement at LeBlanc. We welcomed a new principal and assistant principal who are excited about seeing our students grow. Students have started locating books by browsing the shelves and using Destiny Quest to locate their favorites. Students have already started taking AR tests and working towards rewards. Students and teachers are enjoying the "Oh the Places You'll Go" bulletin board outside of the library. (Thank you to Moss Bluff Middle library for the inspiration.) Teachers sent in pictures from their summer travels with the location. This is going to be a springboard for one of our first research lessons that we do in the library. We will be picking different places that were visited and using the "Comparing Places" feature in World Book to look into the similarities and differences.



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BARBE HIGH—KAYLA LITTLE & KIM CHOLLEY

Our library has been a focal point of the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. Students were eager to visit the library on the first day of school. Patrons enjoyed checking out books and dove into our Digital Media Resources, to fulfill classroom requirements. In addition to library duties, we have been creating CPSB computer



accounts, resetting passwords, entering AUP status into J-campus, generating SPC credentials and assisting in Blackboard accounts. We are looking forward to presenting our Freshman Library Orientation. We anticipate this to be an exciting school year and thrive on serving our library patrons.



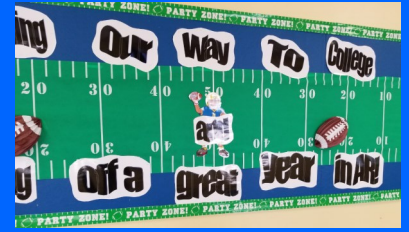
SULPHUR HIGH—KRISTI TYREE & SUSAN GARDEBLED

These are pictures of our updated entry into the library. We painted specific areas in a gray tone (to downplay the mauve throughout the library!) and added blue and gold everywhere we could. We asked each club sponsor to donate a t-shirt, regardless of the year it was worn, and stapled them to thin canvases (economy canvas purchased from Blick Art Materials). The items in the round case were collected from various teachers.

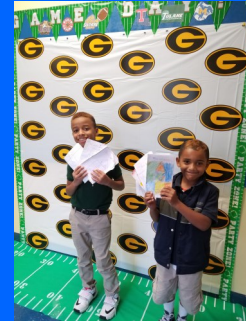


OAK PARK ELEMENTARY—RENEE ARCHINARD

Our school slogan at Oak Park Elementary is “**Learning today, leading tomorrow**” so what better way to do that than have a school wide theme that highlights Louisiana Colleges. Each grade level represents a college in Louisiana and those colleges are seen throughout the library and on all the library bulletin boards. And you know the students can easily identify my Alma Mater, Grambling State University!



In the library we have been discussing rules, procedures and what centers they enjoyed last year as well as new centers to come. The students were excited about the Book Writing center where they get to become authors as well as illustrators. I informed the students that we will officially start centers the second week in September, but they were so excited that they have started writing and illustrating at home and in their spare time. I have received about 15 rough drafts already! One of my 3rd grade book writing partners came in during their recess time and read their book to one



of my kindergarten classes and received thumbs up for their work and you know it's hard to please those critics!

Don't forget:

Parish & Equipment

orders are due

October 1st!