

Library Services Newsletter

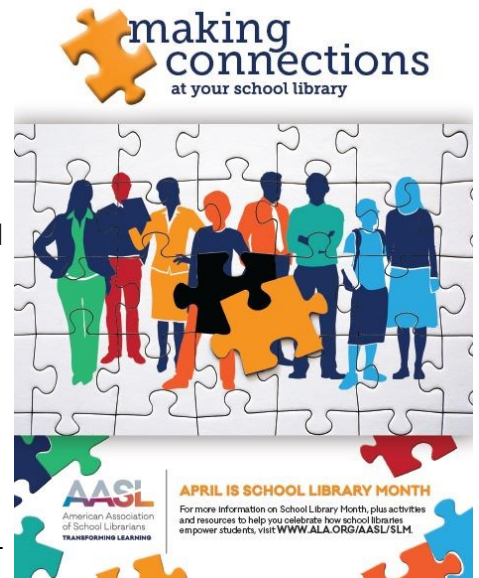
April 2018

April is National School Library Month!

Via <http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm>

School Library Month is the American Association of School Librarians' celebration of school librarians and their programs. Every April school librarians are encouraged to host activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning. [More about the history of School Library Month.](#)

Our very own School Library Month has been declared in Calcasieu Parish thanks to Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Tommy Campbell. See the official proclamation below!



PROCLAMATION

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH APRIL 2018

WHEREAS, the school library program is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information; and

WHEREAS, the school librarian's role is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the library program is an integral part or the instructional program of the school; and

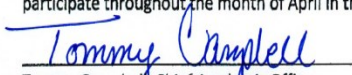
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has entrusted the school librarian in each school to teach the skills of locating and using information through traditional resources and new technologies, to provide literature appreciation activities, and to guide and encourage content and recreational reading to every student; and

WHEREAS, lifelong learning begins and is systematically developed through the school library curriculum of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the school library program contributes to the individual growth and development of all students, while fostering both excellence and equity in education; and

WHEREAS, the school librarians of Calcasieu Parish Schools have dedicated themselves to work for quality library programs for all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Curriculum & Instruction of the Calcasieu Parish Schools does hereby proclaim April 2018 as School Library Month in all of the public schools of Calcasieu Parish and calls upon school administrators, teachers, students and citizens of the schools to recognize and support this action and to participate throughout the month of April in the celebration of School Library Month.


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MESSAGE FROM HELEN CUROL, LIBRARY CONSULTANT

Fellow Librarians, I wish you a “Happy National School Library Month!” I encourage all schools & faculty to also recognize your work & help celebrate your month with you.

Sometimes in the hustle & bustle of everyday service, we forget the positive impact that we make on students. Often our time is spent on challenges regarding a small number of students who take a wealth of our time for the following reasons:

They don't seem to appreciate reading & curiosity as we would like.

There doesn't appear to be a deep appreciation of the power of books to help them escape periodically from life's harsh realities (instead of synthetic substances).

They perform as if there is not a love of learning for the sake of learning (or curiosity's sake).

There is seemingly a lackadaisical attitude about returning resources on time – which we evaluate as the lack of a greater lifetime skill of meeting deadlines.

There does not seem to be a care about whether or not Google information is accurate or not.

There doesn't seem to be a concern for the value of getting correct information.

They appear to be unwilling to learn about the global impact operative in the 21st C.

A few pretend that they care nothing about reading, learning, or testing when schools are graded for those actions and neighborhood property values become a result of the grades.

That's a few of the tests that erode our daily activities even to the point of mental exhaustion. While many fellow educators do not grasp the accountability documents that we as librarians face, I suggest that they look at the finally revised 36-page document, GUIDELINES FOR LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS IN LOUISIANA SCHOOLS (<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/teacher-toolbox-resources/2017-louisiana-librarian-guidebook.pdf?sfvrsn=22>) You will see that the DeQuincy HS Librarian (Adri LeBlanc) was on the committee that updated them. Every school library should also have one on hand that was distributed to them last August at the in-service meeting.

However, as we have all done during times in life while coping with tragic elements, we simply never stopped believing in positive thoughts to get to positive outcomes. I remember “reaching” students that completely surprised me! Did not reach all, but I continue to believe that another librarian or education leader did (or will. As long as we do not demoralize ourselves & the students in the process, there continues to be hope that we shall ALL (students, librarians, & teachers) find our perfect fit in this life & then grow to excel in it.

Please know that you are appreciated & never stop believing in



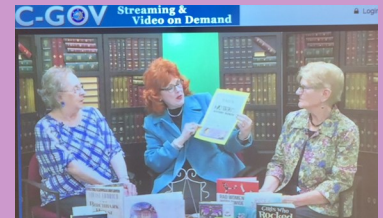
OAK PARK MIDDLE—MELONY LEMAY

CPSB Librarians at LLA Conference: Beth Guillory Moss (Vinton Middle), Melony LeMay (Oak Park Middle) Laura Manuel (Fairview Elem.) Mary Lanier (T.S. Cooley Elem.) Not pictured Adri LeBlanc (Dequincy HS)



Oak Park Middle School Library collects Mardi Gras Beads for the Autism Society!

C-Gov program "Celebrate Reading"



Oak Park Middle Library Club field trip 3-15-18 LaGrange's "Beauty and the Beast" Musical

Celebrating. OPMS Library Pizza Party at CiCi's



KAUFMAN ELEMENTARY—STACY LAVOI

Kaufman's spring book fair was a huge success! We had the highest sales ever! The students really enjoyed the book fair, especially the grandparent lunch/shopping day. For the 3rd nine weeks, one hundred and seventy-seven students in pre-k through 5th met their reading goal. They attended the reading goal party and were treated to cookies and juice. The "reader leader" of each class attended a field trip to Sam's Club and had a free dress day. Students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with many library activities, including Dr. Seuss bingo, research, trivia, stories, and more. Students also got to wear silly socks to honor The Foot Book and Fox in Socks.

COMBRE-FONDEL ELEMENTARY—CHRISTY MCCANN

We had our Book Fair during Dr. Seuss week, and it was a success! During Family Night, several parents/guardians stopped by to purchase books for their student. SO proud of the success of this fair!

Combre-Fondel students celebrated meeting their 3rd 9 weeks AR goal with ICE CREAM SUNDAES and a movie! Students were SO excited to get to have as many toppings as they wanted and to get out of class for an hour to watch SING!



BARBE HIGH—KAYLA LITTLE & KIM CHOLLEY

Barbe Library hosted Dr. Mark Merchant, McNeese biochemistry professor, to discuss his alligator research with students interested in pursuing careers in the field of science. Dr. Merchant discussed the immune systems of crocodylians, and the search for new antibiotics for humans. The inquisitive group of students were intrigued by Dr. Merchant's research and what it could mean for the future of medicine.



Barbe Spanish students were spotlighted in the library as part of our Teen Tech Week celebration. Sra. Derouen's Spanish III classes harnessed their creativity to design Spanish slogan boards.



The students have posted them on padlet.com for all to see. Scan the QR code to view the Spanish slogan boards or come by the library to see them on display.



LEBLEU SETTLEMENT—RENEE LELEUX

LeBleu Settlement had a busy March! We had a special visit from Jeanie, the 3-legged dog. The children enjoyed and learned so much from this visit from such a special dog and her owner.

Students that met their goal also celebrated with a special luncheon, pencil, and badge. There was an EXTRA special award for the children that met their goal and maintained a 95% or higher. These 132 students enjoyed coke floats in the library. What a loud and fun treat!



WW LEWIS—JANET RITCHIE

WW Lewis students celebrated their AR success with Parties in Bags at the end of the 9 weeks. Over 300 students met or exceeded their goals.

Students have been enjoying extemporaneous speaking activities and writing 3- minute skits to perform in front of their class. They are using published stories and plays to give them ideas for their topics.

SULPHUR HIGH—SUSAN GARDEBLED & KRISTI TYREE

During March our Louisiana Collection was utilized by classes researching languages and dialects, including Cajun French. We also hosted geography and world history classes for research about countries and contemporary world issues. We continued the month with English classes using the Opposing Viewpoints database



while investigating controversial topics for their synthesis papers. We ended the month by handing out senior supply boxes in the library and preparing for National Library Week.

DOLBY ELEMENTARY—BETH FERGUSON

We have been studying Women in History all month. We have learned so much. The students especially liked Anne Frank, Elizabeth Blackwell, Amelia Earhart, Marie Curie, Susan B. Anthony, Mother Teresa, Christa McAlliffe, and others. We read books, watched short biographies, and discussed our findings.



I challenged the 3rd - 5th grade to go a little further and write a short research essay on some little-known women figures like Ellen Ochoa, Oliveta Culp Hobby, the Rosie the Riveter campaign and the WAC organization and its purpose. If they'd write and orally present their findings to their class, their name was entered in a drawing for a prize each week. The response was amazing! I gave away a tube of Skittles each week, one to each grade level. We have one more week to go in the challenge. The kids learned so much and seemed to really have funny "digging" a little deeper. They were also utilizing Digital Media Resources through CPSB website (Gale and World Book online, mainly) to

find information. It was a win-win for all.

The AR party for those who made their goal for the 3rd 9 week period was held on March 22. 155 students who made their percent comprehension goal AND point goal enjoyed pizza and an extra recess time with the principal Mrs. Phenice and assistant principal Mrs. Comeaux. The wonderful weather, pizza, and drinks were enjoyed by all. Then, Mrs. Phenice drew a name from the attendees and gave away a brand new donated Kindle Fire to one 4-5th grade student and one 1st-3rd grade student. Two boys were exceptionally happy to go home with their prize.

March 2nd was Read Across America Day and Dolby students enjoyed dressing up as their favorite book character that day.



TS COOLEY—MARY LANIER

T.S. Cooley students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2 with library class activities and 4th graders reading Dr. Seuss books during lunch to kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes. First graders played Dr. Seuss tic-tac-toe and partner read Dr. Seuss books. Third graders watched "The Lorax" and answered questions about the characters, plot, and theme of the story. Fourth and fifth graders conducted research about Dr. Seuss's life by reading his biography on the website <http://www.seussville.com> and answering questions about his life.



Mardi Gras was celebrated in February with the annual AR Mardi Gras reading celebration and parade honoring the AR Mardi queens, kings, royal court members, and parade marshalls who earned their titles through reading and earning AR points. Each class had a queen, king, and two royal court members.

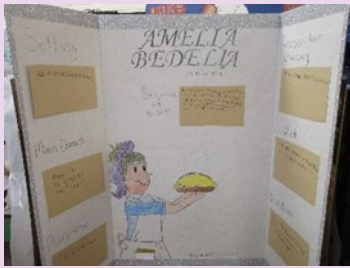


Librarian, Mary Lanier, presented book talks for the 2019 3rd - 5th Grade Louisiana Young Readers Choice Award session during the LLA conference held in Alexandria, Louisiana March 7, 8, and 9.



WESTWOOD—KAREN ASHWORTH

One hundred forty-two students met their AR goals for the 3rd nine weeks. The students enjoyed a treat during their library visit.



Students in grades K-2 participated in a Reading Fair. Students chose a book to read and create a project board displaying information about their book such as title, author, illustrator, characters, setting, problem and solution. Students and their family were invited to school on Monday, March 26 to view all projects.

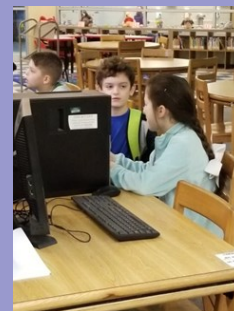


ST. JOHN ELEMENTARY—PENNY PENTECOST

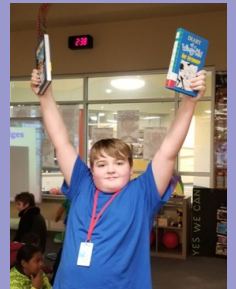
During St. John Elementary's Dr. Seuss celebration, library club members dressed as their favorite book character! Library workers are helping other students read and take AR tests.



Our Wimpy Kid books are ready! Ms. Pentecost bought more books for our library and our Eagles are ready to fly away and read!



Our Book Fair was held March 5-9. Our Scholastic coordinator, Robin, said that we raised more money than any of her other assigned schools in her districts! Our online sales were the top also! St. John Elementary parents, grandparents, teachers, and students rock! Parents / grandparents, like Teresa Castro, read to our class during our book fair!



MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE—HOPE MYERS

Veronica Manthei visited Maplewood Middle and presented a wealth of information including available teen and tween programs, digital media, as well as print resources that are available for students & parents who have a CPPL card. She also talked about some in-house resources that can be utilized without a library card. Students were surprised at the wealth of resources that were available to them free with a library card, many of which would not require them to physically go to the library. Students are eager to begin using many of the digital resources presented. The public library—school library connection makes learning possibilities endless.



MOSS BLUFF ELEMENTARY—MARGARET PARIS & JESSICA DWIGHT

MBE is proud to announce that we now have 18 members of our Million Words Club! We currently have 14 students who have read over **one** million words, 3 students who have read over **two** million, and one student who has reached over **THREE MILLION** words! Each student has received a special spirit shirt to wear and treats throughout the year. We will celebrate our club members with an end-of-the-year pizza party & prizes!



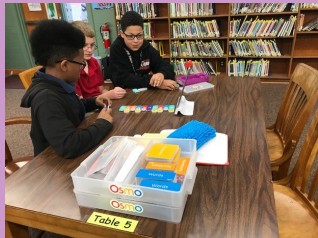
BELL CITY—SUSAN DUPLANTIS

Bell City High School hosted their spring book fair this month. Everyone "PAWSED" for books. It was a huge success.

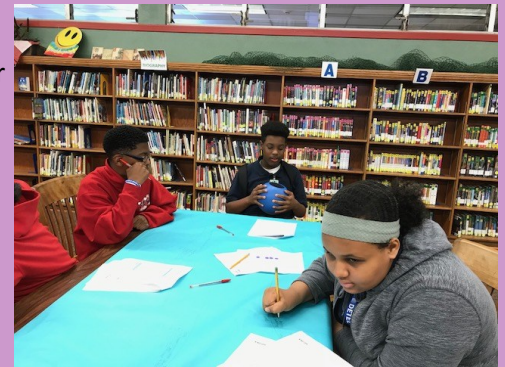
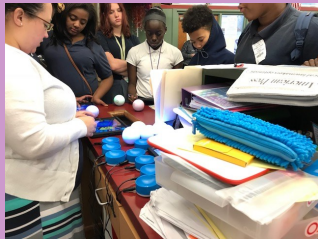


FK WHITE MIDDLE—TIFFANY BOSS

Students at FK White have been spending lunch dabbling with different maker space activities. Students are completing community puzzles, extra large adult coloring banners. Sphero and Osmo free play has been offered over the last few weeks since Teen Tech Week.



Mrs. Cormier's class used the Qball during discussions and we plan to use Spheros for LEAP prep games. Teachers are excited to see the students learning how to use the technology which can then be incorporated into classroom lessons with ease. We look forward to getting more technology and having time to discuss implementation for next year.



WESTLAKE HIGH—KRYSTAL FONTENOT

Westlake High Key Club celebrated Read across America Day at Westwood Elementary.

Key Club students read Dr. Seuss books and worked on fun activities with the students.



HENRY HEIGHTS—JENNIFER FONTENOT

Wow!! My first year in the library flew by! This month was so busy. Our school attended the Beauty and the Beast musical earlier this month; some of my former students were in that outstanding performance! Yesterday, we had our third AR party. 186 of our students were allowed to wear free dress and have an egg hunt for making their AR goal. I am so proud of them!



MOLO MIDDLE—RACHEL SANDERS

Molo Warriors welcomed Spring 2018 with a visit from a former student and writer, Mr. Nathaniel Livings. Nate motivated and encouraged 6th and 7th graders with stories of hardship he encountered as a young man growing up in their neighborhood. “Reading is Power” is a phrase Mr. Livings emphasized throughout his motivational speech. He then read his children’s book *Big Boy Nate Adventures* and discussed the inspiration behind his first book. The children were inspired by Nathaniel Livings and had many questions about college, and of course, football as Mr. Livings is a retired NFL player.



VINCENT SETTLEMENT—KATEIE STONE

Library Grand Opening: In late February we held a Grand Opening for our newly remodeled library. We were honored to have Mr. Bruchhaus come by and see our new library. A red ribbon was cut by Mr. E.J. Ellender, the architect for the project, Mr. Bruchhaus, and our current Student of the Year. The students have been really enjoying the new space, and circulation has increased tremendously. We really appreciate our donations from the VSE PTO, Tellurian, and First Flight Holdings!



AR News: Our 3rd Nine Weeks Lunch Bunch celebration was held last Friday. We had 225 students meet their AR goals. These students enjoyed a free dress day and were treated to prime seating in the cafeteria, cupcakes and other goodies. We are so proud of them!

At the beginning of the nine weeks we set a school-wide goal of having 70 percent of students meet their AR goals. Students met and exceeded this expectation. To celebrate, all students enjoyed a picnic lunch outside.

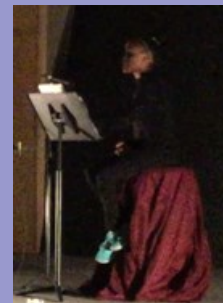


Read Across America: Dr. Seuss was once again celebrated during Read Across America Week. Students dressed in Seuss shirts and participated in lots of fun literacy activities in the library as well as in classrooms. We had several volunteers from Rain Carbon visit classrooms and read to students. Ms. Elaine Hebert from the Calcasieu Parish Public Library and parent volunteers also visited classrooms to read. The students really enjoyed the stories.



BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

March has been another busy month at the Barbe Elementary Library! We began the month by completing the book fair. We hosted our Family Reading Night. Those in attendance had a great time, enjoying “The Spoken Word” – poetry spoken in a bistro-like atmosphere complete with some interpretive dance, hands-on reading activities, the book fair, and refreshments. Mrs. DeJean’s fifth grade class is assisting with book shelving following completion of the lesson during book check out. They are a great help! In preparation for Easter, we have been reading Rechenka’s Egg by Patricia Polacco with the students coloring a picture of a pysanky egg to remind them of the ones in the story. As the March winds blow by and the April flowers spring up, we prepare for another exciting, but short month!



JI WATSON ELEMENTARY—AMBER SMITH

The students at JI Watson have been some busy bees this month. At the end of the 3rd nine weeks, there were 239 students who achieved their AR goals. Of those students, 55 of them earned 20 points or more. We look forward to seeing how many students will achieve their goals for the 4th nine weeks.



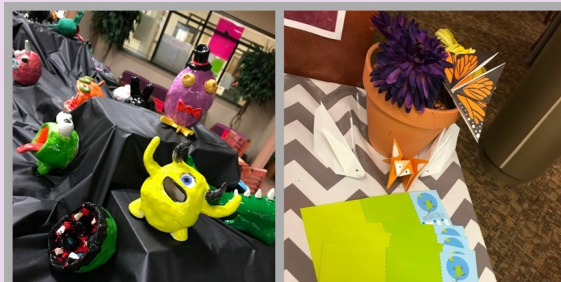
The JI Watson library was also the host for the egg decorating contest in conjunction with our annual Spring Fling. Students could decorate eggs in the categories of storybook characters, animals, or sports. Their creativity definitely shined through.



SAM HOUSTON—VICKIE BARTO & SARA JOLIE

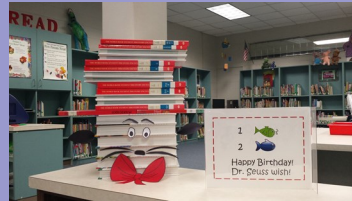
Students have enjoyed viewing the Art Department’s monster ceramics project on display in the Bronco Library. Our new spring time animal origami maker space has been a huge hit with our patrons as well.

The Bronco Library as well as Teenage Republicans, Student Council, Beta, and PILOT clubs teamed up to host our 3rd annual Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation Breakfast. LEOs were treated to a homemade breakfast, school presentation which highlighted all of SHHS’s recent achievements, and then each guest won a community sponsored door prize.



FRASCH—JENI ANDERSON

March definitely came in like a lion at Frasch. Jeanie the three-legged dog and her owner visited third-grade for our Read Across America celebration. We recognized Dr. Seuss's birthday with a mystery in the library. Fourth and fifth-grade students analyzed evidence and alibis to solve a mystery involving the library's Seuss characters. Third-graders' excitement about the mystery was rewarded with a Seuss-themed Breakout the following week. St. Patrick's Day found us trying to release Lucky the Leprechaun from the Breakout box by using map skills and inferring skills. Kindergarten and first-grade may get in on the fun with a Peter Cottontail mystery of their own.



KENNEDY—MATILDA TOLBERT

John F. Kennedy Elementary students were happy to have people of the community come to our school and read to them. Cpl. Ross Rathburn of the Lake Charles Police Department read the book titled, "Zippy the Runner", by JiYu Kim. This book explores social and emotional skills such as perseverance and hope. We also had retired NFL offensive lineman, Nate Livings stop by to read a book he has written entitled, "Big Boy Nate Adventures First Football Road Trip". The book encourages students to live out their dreams.



CYPRESS COVE—KRISTI FONTENOT

Congratulations to all of the **276 students** who met all of their AR goals for the third nine weeks. Way to go!!!



This is the Top AR Reader in School for the 3rd Nine Weeks. He earned 103.2 points and picked out a prize to bring home.

The top reader in each grade chose a prize to bring home. A sign and prizes are awarded to each homeroom class with the best AR comprehension for the 3rd Nine Weeks

"Read Across America" celebration : Students dressed up as their favorite Dr. Seuss storybook characters. Students participated in a school wide reading challenge during this week for a prize. Cat in the hat greeted students in the car line and passed out Dr.



Seuss pencils to the classrooms. Students completed Dr. Seuss riddles that were announced each day, and prizes were awarded each day.

