

# Library Services Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2018

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2018 occurs on Thursday, November 22. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



From <https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>

## November 6th is Election Day!

# VOTE



### November Events:

- 11/4: Daylight Savings Time (fall back)
- 11/6: Election Day; schools & offices closed
- 11/12: Veterans Day; schools & offices closed
- 11/18-24: Thanksgiving Holidays

### *A Note from Beth—*

*Thankful. November is a time that we reflect on what we can be thankful for in our lives. Well, this year it is extremely easy for me. I am certain that all of you are grateful for your job as a librarian. It is one of the most gratifying career choices out there. You get the chance to make a tremendous difference in the educational lives of hundreds and even thousands of students each day. Can you top that? Other than saving lives in a hospital or finding a cure for life-threatening diseases, I think our profession has a chance to bring to light an abundance of information that can direct a student's path to be a successful contributor to society. WOW! Even more than being thankful for my career choice, I am thankful for all of you. I have the privilege (for which I am so grateful) to come and visit you and see the magic happen. I am overwhelmed with appreciation for what you do every day. Thank you for being you. Thank you for making the choice to be a librarian so that you can reach ALL the students in your school every day. Happy Thanksgiving to you. I wish only happiness and blessings for you and your families as we go into the holiday season.*



### **IOWA HIGH—JAMIE MCCAULEY**

Iowa High School Library Club members celebrated Teen Read Week with a few activities. Wednesday was “Christmas in October” with the unveiling of our new books for the school year. Library members were the first to take advantage of new book check-out. On Thursday, Cheyenne Bertrand from the public library presented a Louisiana Teen Reader’s Choice book talk in addition to a pizza lunch.



### **WW LEWIS—JANET RITCHIE**

Students who met their AR goals for the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks were rewarded with Parties in Bags.

Students have been working in Gale Health and Wellness and WORLDBOOK Online during the past month.



## T.S. COOLEY—MARY LANIER

T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School Chess Club members swept the Elementary Division of the National Chess Day Scholastic Chess Tournament winning 1st Place with a total of 16 1/2 points! Team members who earned the points for the 1st Place win were Aidan L. (4 1/2 points) winning 4 games and drawing (tie) one game, Mahad J. (4 points) winning 4 out of 5 games, Ethan W. (4 points) winning 3 out of 4 games and earning an extra point for playing in the Advanced Section, and Kunsh K. (4 points) winning 4 out of 5 games.

Individual trophies were won by the following students in the Beginner/Intermediate Section: Aidan L. - 1st Place, Mahad J. - tied for 2nd Place, Kunsh K. - tied for 2nd Place, Dominic B. - tied for 5th Place. Ethan W., who played in the Advanced Section, tied for 4th Place.

Chess club members who, also, competed were Jacob C., Sonny P., Amelia O., Cecilia R., Daniel S., Dale S., Yasna J., and Chris M.. For several of these students, it was their first chess tournament. Congratulations to all the competing chess club members for representing T.S. Cooley and the state of Louisiana so well at the Houston tournament!



T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School held its annual pumpkin decorating contest sponsored by the library on October 22. The theme of the contest was the theme of the Scholastic Book Fair "Enchanted Forest." The winners of the contest will be displayed in the book fair during the week of October 28 - November 2. A huge "thank you" to Beth Ferguson, Calcasieu Parish Library Consultant, and Valerie Burleigh, Library Services staff member, for judging the pumpkin contest.



T.S. Cooley students kicked off their annual Scholastic "Enchanted Forest" Book Fair on Sunday, October 28 with an extremely successful Family Event Day which included a "Cinderella" play presented by the two second grade classes, the "My Favorite Story-book Character" costume contest, book fair shopping, face painting, candy guessing games, and "Enchanted Forest" pictures with your Cooley cub!



A special thank you to our costume contest judges who are all alums of T.S. Cooley: Holly Holland, CPSB information officer; Katy Miller, owner of "We Rock the Spectrum" Gym, who donated free passes to her gym for all the costume contest winners, and Kelly Campbell, labor and delivery nurse at Memorial Hospital.



More plans for the week include 3 days of "Lunch with Someone Grand" for all grade levels, Donuts with Dad/Grandpa Day on Halloween, and "Wear your favorite enchanted accessory to school day" on the last day of the fair. The second grade classes will present their "Cinderella" play to the entire student body the last day of the fair, November 2.



## J.D. CLIFTON—NICHOLE THIBODEAUX

JD Clifton Primary First Grade students would like to say Thank You to the Mayor's office for sending Mrs. Katie Harrington to read the book "Maybe Something Beautiful" for "Read for the Record" day



## KAUFMAN—STACY LAVOI

October has been a busy month with lots of great Halloween stories and activities in the library! One hundred and forty-four of our students met their reading goal for the first nine weeks. Students who met their goal earned a treat. The top reader in each class was named "reader leader".



The reader leader got a free dress day, attended a field trip to Sam's Club, our partner in ed, and got their picture on the wall of readers. Volunteers from the Junior League read to 2nd and 3rd grade classes on Oct. 25th for Jumpstart's Read for the Record day. We will have our annual Halloween Read-athon on Oct. 31st. Students may wear a book character costume. We will have Book Character Bingo, a Book Walk, and lots of other ELA activities.



## R.W. VINCENT—JENNIE DELINO

October has been very busy at the R.W. Vincent library! We had our Book Fair in conjunction with Grandparents' Day the second week in October. The grandparents and students had so much fun spending time together. The 130 students that met their AR goals for the first nine weeks enjoyed pizza and an extra recess. We also had lots of volunteers to read to our classes on October 25 to help with Read for the Record. Below is a picture of the Sulphur High homecoming queen reading *Maybe Something Beautiful* to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.



## J.I. WATSON—AMBER SMITH

We are super proud of our Stingers at JI Watson. This nine weeks 158 students met their AR goals and 28 of those students earned 20 points or more. Students were given an AR Star Reader yard sign, a Book It Pizza Hut certificate, and an AR bead for their accomplishment necklaces. We also held our first ever "Over the Line" afternoon in the library. On the last day of the nine weeks, the library was open from 3:30-5:00 and students were allowed to be brought into the library with a parent to read AR books and take AR quizzes. Our library was full and all iPads were being used the entire time. Nearly everyone who came was able to reach their goals. There were some restrictions and students had to follow the guidelines to be able to participate, but many have asked if this will continue each nine weeks. The answer is probably Yes!



## ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER

October is in the books! In the Arnett Library, the sixth graders participated in two Breakout EDU activities: Monster Mash and Force, Motion, & Newton's Laws. The students solved clues to escape the library.

In other library news, 135 students at Arnett met their AR goals for the first nine weeks and they were treated to ice cream.

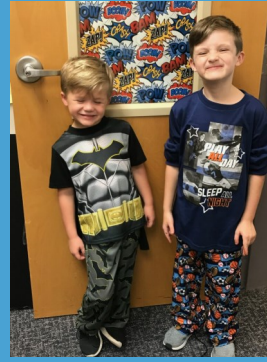


Our Library Club is planning a trip to see Mary Poppins, Jr. on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Pics to come in next newsletter.



## LELBEU SETTLEMENT—RENEE LELEUX

It was a great month at LSE! We began the month with our Book Fair and celebrating Grandparent's Day. Maker space is running smoothly and I love seeing the children's creativity and their teamwork. Also, we had our Family Reading Night and wore our pajamas. Lastly, we celebrated our AR success with a special luncheon.



## MOSS BLUFF ELEMENTARY—JESSICA DWIGHT & MARGARET PARIS

October was a busy month for the MBE library! We hosted a very successful enchanted book fair at the beginning of the month and had three night events for parents/grandparents. We ended the month with a visit from the Jr. League of Lake Charles coming to the library to be a guest reader. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, we had two Jr. League members come to visit our library for the annual Read for the Record event. They read the book Maybe Something Beautiful by Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell to K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.



## HENRY HEIGHTS—JENNIFER FONTENOT

What a busy month we had at Henry Heights! We had our very first AR party, on Friday, October 26. Students were able to wear free dress, have an ice cream party, and an extra recess!



We also had our very first Scholastic book fair for the year. Our students loved purchasing new books! The Junior League came to our library and read to our classes for Read for the Record.



## ST JOHN—PENNY PENTECOST

Jr League came and read to our St. John 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders- Maybe Something Beautiful! Students enjoyed our visitors as they read this book about how art transformed a neighborhood! Thanks for the donation of the book!



## WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY—KAREN ASHWORTH

Westwood Elementary grandparents were invited to read with their grandchild. Each grandparent went home with a yummy bag of cookies.

The Calcasieu Parish Public Library has given information on signing up for a public library card to all Pre and Kindergarten students. Parents were instructed to bring in completed application to the Calcasieu Parish Library.



2<sup>nd</sup> grade students have been identifying text features in non-fiction books. The students played a game with their table to locate text features in nonfiction books. They have also enjoyed using the app Kahoot! to reinforce the text features learned.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade students participated in a Book Character Pumpkin Contest. The pumpkins are on display in our school patio. Three winners received \$10 gift card to Sonic. Ninety students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade met their AR goals. These students will receive a treat during their library visit.

## BARBE HIGH—KIM CHOLLEY & KAYLA LITTLE



## DOLBY ELEMENTARY—CAROL WOMACK

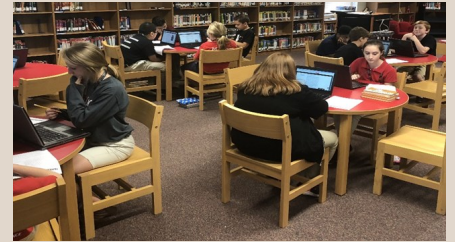
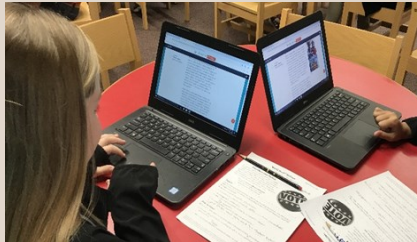
We had a fabulous time during Reading Night! The library was full of shoppers for our book fair and family event. We had an international theme called "Oh, the Places You Can Go" that sent us on a journey around the world to experience different cultures through reading and fun, hands on activities. Passports were passed out and stamped at each destination. The kids are still buzzing about the adventure.



## MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE—HOPE MYERS

Maplewood Middle Students “popped” in for a popping sweet AR Party! All students who met their AR goal with at least 85% accuracy were rewarded with a popcorn party held in our school gym.

Maplewood Middle Students learned about the election process by using Worldbook Online. They explored many of the components of Worldbook and completed a webquest. Students were making changes in real time to this database. When students accessed the site many topics were featured differently. Some students had “Paris” as a feature article while others displayed “Dracula.” The students thought that was really neat.

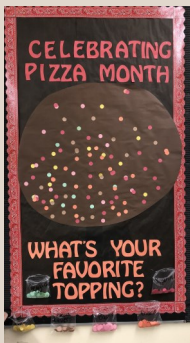


## MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY—MELISSA TARASIEWICZ

Southwest Louisiana Credit Union came to Maplewood Elementary to share some financial wisdom. Chad Miller, Chief Operations Officer read to 115 2nd grade students and talked to them about money management. They also donated copies of the book " The Berenstain Bears Dollars and Sense."



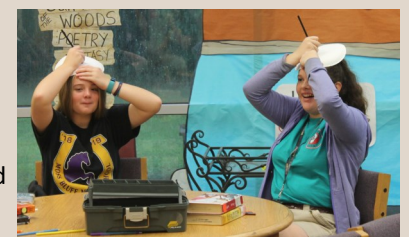
## MOSS BLUFF MIDDLE—TANYA PORTINAUSE & CINDY WRIGHT



Moss Bluff Middle library celebrated National Pizza Month by letting the students pick their favorite topping and posting it on a bulletin board.

Several classes enjoyed creating a spooky picture by listening to a story and following directions...only they had to put the plate on top of their head and not peek!! There were lots of laughs after the pictures were revealed!

The Cajun Music Association Queens visited our library and did a presentation for our French Immersion students. Our students learned about the festival and what the association has to offer our state.



## LEBLANC MIDDLE—TISH MARTINEZ

We had so much fun during the month of October at LeBlanc Middle. Students enjoyed learning about The Day of the Dead as part of our Hispanic Heritage Month studies; we created festive masks for the occasion.

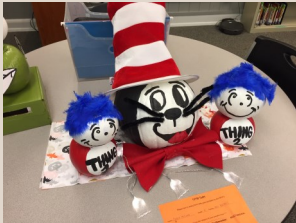


Teen Read Week was "Written In The Stars" for students to be eager to read and be filled with exciting star-centered activities! We had our annual TRW bookmark contest. During the week students also created emoji-face stars to express their feelings about reading. A favorite student activity was creating origami ninja stars.



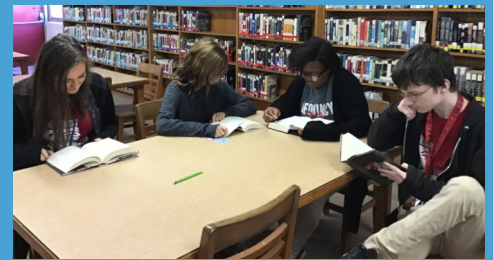
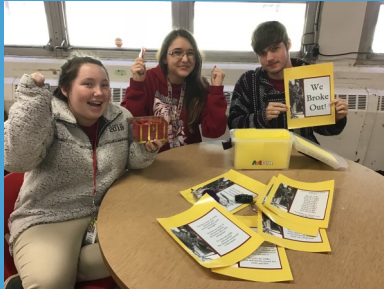
## NELSON ELEMENTARY—KIM BURCHAM

October was a busy month in the Nelson library! We had our very successful fall book fair the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>. Students who met their AR goals enjoyed a sweet treat. Top AR classes in each grade were each presented a trophy to proudly display in the classroom. We participated in Junior League's Read for the Record with two guest readers. Our annual pumpkin decorating contest took place in the library to wrap up a fun month.



## DEQUINCY HIGH—LAURA MANUEL

Students at DeQuincy High are having a blast in the month of October! Library Club is preparing to visit the Louisiana Book Festival by reading books written by the authors that will be at the event. Chess Club is trying to teach me to become a better chess player. I'm not sure it's working, yet. Finally, English VI just completed a Breakout Box session for their culminating event on Hamlet. The students (and the teachers) had a great time. Next month, research projects!



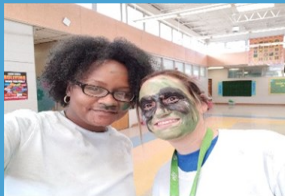
## KENNEDY ELEMENTARY—MATILDA TOLBERT





## T.H. WATKINS—CAROLYN RIGMAIDEN

We are trying to boost reading at T.H. Watkins. All students who met their AR goal were invited to a Trick or Treat AR party. They dressed as their favorite book character. They played games, danced and enjoyed refreshments. Our next celebration will be a Winter Wonderland Party.



Our grandparents were invited to a tea with their students. They wore hats and gloves for this fantabulous event. Dr. Jackson was our guest speaker. Our grandparents took pictures and visited the classrooms.

All students exhibiting outstanding behavior were invited to join us for our Color Run!



## VINCENT SETTLEMENT—KATIE STONE

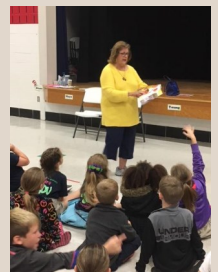
Lunch Bunch: Last Friday we celebrated all students who met their AR goals for the 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks. We had 203 students who met their goals! These students enjoyed free dress, prime seating in the cafeteria, dessert and a bag full of treats. Students are now working hard in the second nine weeks to do it again!



Reading Picnic: To encourage family involvement, we held a Family Reading Picnic on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Families were invited to come enjoy a picnic lunch with their students. Parents were encouraged to bring a favorite book to read to their child. Books were also provided by the library for this purpose. It was a beautiful day to celebrate family and literacy!



Read for the Record: On October 26<sup>th</sup> Vincent Settlement celebrated Read for the Record with a guest read-aloud of this year's book *Maybe Something Beautiful*. Mrs. Beatrice Hopkins visited our school to read the book to an excited group of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Mrs. Hopkins has a granddaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Vincent Settlement Elementary. The group not only listened to the story, but discussed art that they have seen in our community and ways that they can make our community a better place to live.



New Books: We received a partial shipment of our book order in early October. These books were quickly put out for circulation, and students are very excited about the new titles. Many of this year's LA Young Reader's Choice books were included in this shipment and they are on display for students to check out.

## F.K. WHITE—TIFFANY BOSS

FK White had representatives from the Central Branch of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library come to family night during the book fair to sign families up for library cards and share information about events and resources at the library.

Students enjoyed making Judo-Bots using supplies from the Makerspace Cart.

Stickers are being placed on our Stick Together Collage to represent the number of AR tests passed. We have about half of the mystery picture filled in and students are anxious to find out what the picture will be once it is complete. There are 3,996 spots that must be filled in to finish the picture.



**SAM HOUSTON—SARA JOLIE & VICKIE BARTO**

The Bronco Library has been a “happening place” this month! Our Bronco Readers who met their Stayin’ Alive @ 25 goal were treated to ice cream floats on October 25<sup>th</sup>.



Ms. Jackie, our ever-faithful volunteer aid of 14 years, has been a busy bee helping to process our book order. She is an asset to our library, faculty, and library patrons. Thank you, Ms. Jackie, for all that you do!



October 29-November 9 we are celebrating PBS’s “The Great American Read” campaign. The top 25 American Reads are on display, crossword puzzles, and check lists have been a hit with our patrons. “The Great American Read” online quiz and printable checklist has been much fun to share with students and faculty. It seems there might be a little friendly competition among English teachers to declare the winner of the most books read from this list.

<https://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home/>

<https://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/quiz/>

**VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER**

New books are here!!! We had guests read to our students from the Junior League of Lake Charles. Thanks to Mr. Farnum and Ms. Broussard. We had a great LUNCH BUNCH Celebration for the 1st 9 weeks. I finally have my MEET THE LIBRARIAN bulletin board finished. October was a great month!!!!



**LAGRANGE—REKHA SHARMA & DONNA FRANKLIN**

LaGrange High School celebrated Teen Read Week from October 8, 2018 to October 12, 2018. We displayed various kind of books in the library including fiction and non-fiction. Faculty and students visited the library. We encouraged students to read YALSA. Teen read posters were displayed in the hallways and on school hall monitors.

**E.K. KEY—TALICIA ANDERSON**

Students participated in JumpStart's Read for the Record on October 25 by reading *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell.

Over 160 students met their AR goals for the first nine weeks and earned a free snow cone. The top reader in each grade enjoyed a pizza lunch in the library.



Pictured are a few pumpkins from Key's Book Character Pumpkin Contest. Winners will be announced soon.



## SULPHUR HIGH—KRISTI TYREE & SUSAN GARDEBLED

Teen Read Week celebration bulletin board showcasing books featuring 'Star' in the title

We are working on updating our library decor with school colors. In the round display case are historical items from SHS. Each club donated a shirt, which we cut and stapled to a canvas. We are planning more updates!



## DEQUINCY PRIMARY—TERRY BROXSON

DeQuincy Primary celebrated students who met their AR goal for the 1st 9 weeks. We had 151 meet their goal and 110 who doubled their goals. Percent correct was 84.7 and average book level was 1.7.



## COMBRE-FONDEL—CHRISTY MCCANN

We had Read for the Record where First United Methodist Church came and read to all of our students.



We had a fabulous 1st 9 weeks AR Party with pizza and sundaes!!

Winners of our Bookmark Contest! From left to right: Zyona , Lanyjah , Aenaysa (1st place-Best Design), Omar (1st Place-Most Creative), and Laila (not pictured).

