

Library Services Newsletter

December 2018

From Beth Ferguson, Library Consultant

As we wrap up 2018 in a few weeks, I just want to remind you of how much I admire each of you and what you do for our students. People ask me often “Do you think books and libraries will be around much longer?” or “Do you really think we need libraries?” My answer is always that as long as there are curious people, there will be books. As long as there is a need for knowledge, there will be resources. As long as there is just one passionate librarian, there will be libraries. I hope this is how you feel as well. Keep the passion, spread the curiosity, and make sure you are meeting the need for knowledge.



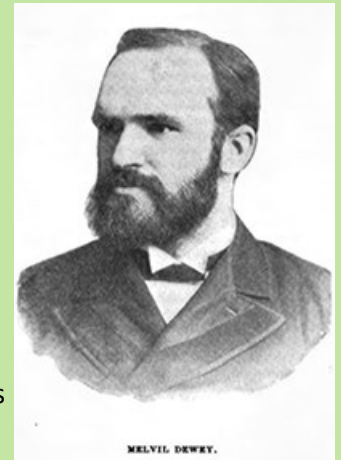
I love you all. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and so long 2018.

About Melvil Dewey: via <https://www.loc.gov/aba/dewey/about-dewey.html>

Melville Louis Kossuth (Melvil) Dewey was born on December 10, 1851 to a poor family who lived in a small town in upper New York state.

Dewey invented the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system when he was 21 and working as a student assistant in the library of Amherst College. His work created a revolution in library science and set in motion a new era of librarianship. Melvil Dewey well deserves the title of “Father of Modern Librarianship.”

Dewey changed librarianship from a vocation to a modern profession. He helped establish the American Library Association (ALA) in 1876; he was its secretary from 1876-1890 and its president for the 1890/1891 and 1892/1893 terms.



December events

12/3: Dewey plans due to Library Services

12/10: Dewey’s birthday celebration

12/20: end of second nine weeks (reports due)

12/22-1/6: Christmas Holidays

T.S. COOLEY ELEMENTARY—MARY LANIER

T.S. Cooley 5th graders worked in partners to read one of the LYRC books and created an ad to "sell their classmates on reading" the books. Amanda White from Southwest Alliance spoke to the students and gave them tips on designing their ads. Healthy Image Advertising Agency judged this year's winners. The fifth graders, also, created a PowerPoint slideshow highlighting their book including information about the author, characterization of the main characters, and analysis or final impression of the book.

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL—JAMIE MCCAULEY

On Thursday, Nov. 8, Iowa Middle and High School students honored our Veterans with a Breakfast reception. Middle School students from the FACS program, students from the High School Nutrition program, and High School FFA members hosted the breakfast in the High School library. After the breakfast, all students from both schools, veterans and their guests attended a program in the HS gym with music provided by the IHS band.



DEQUINCY HIGH—LAURA MANUEL

I had my first field trip with my DeQuincy High School Library Club. We had a blast visiting the Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge. Students got to visit with famous YA authors and have them autograph books. They visited the top of the Capitol Building, explored the Capitol Park Museum, and competed in the Tea Dueling Competition at the Louisiana State Library. I am looking forward to next year's trip.



MOSS BLUFF ELEMENTARY—JESSICA DWIGHT & MARGARET PARIS

Looking for ways to recycle unused book covers? Try incorporating them into interesting bulletin boards! We created this fall bulletin board using several covers from books we have available on our shelves—it's a great way to turn "trash" into "treasure"!



LEBLEU SETTLEMENT ELEMENTARY—RENEE LELEUX

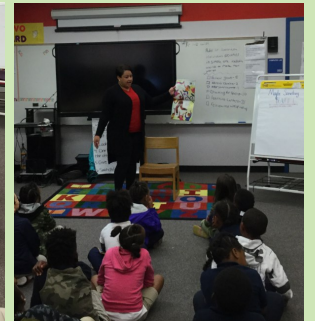
November was a busy month at LSE. Our Library Club helped set up for a Veterans day program and performed a skit, as well as, served our Veterans cake and punch. We had many fun Thanksgiving activities, along with a huge Thanksgiving Feast.



JOHNSON PRIMARY—ROXANNE RAVEY

Read for the record visited Johnson Primary.

The Johnson Primary TWT club gathers every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after breakfast in the Library for a little A/R and problem solving fun.



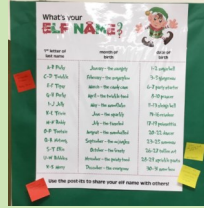
BARBE HIGH—KAYLA LITTLE & KIM CHOLLEY

The Barbe High School Library focused on Veterans Day Resources during the month of November. Students enjoyed viewing and checking out books from the Veterans Day display. We also promoted Veterans day digital media resources from Discovery Education, Teaching Books & Library of Congress.



SULPHUR HIGH—KRISTI TYREE & SUSAN GARDEBLED

Sulphur HS Library has been very busy this month! We celebrated Halloween by dressing up as the Louisiana Spice Girls. The teachers from each hall chose a theme; the students voted on their favorite. We threw candy and beads like it was Mardi Gras! We set up the Elfie Selfie Station in the teachers workroom and a poster asking "What's your elf name?" Teachers determine their name then add it to the display using post-its. We had 3 displays this month inside the library: Veterans Day display was in our vestibule and honored each of the military branches; No Shave November featured books with faces on it and mustaches attached to them; the Black Friday display featured books with black covers.



HENRY HEIGHTS—JENNIFER FONTENOT

This year is flying by so fast!! We have 25 new computers in our library! Students are so excited to be able to use them for research and to take AR tests.



ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER

This month the library club took a trip to see Mary Poppins, Jr. by Christian Youth Theatre.

Two of our library club members, Olivia Delano and Kambree Malone were in the show, and a few of our Arnett classmates were as well. Our club was there to cheer them on. The Library Club members all had lunch together at Arnett when we returned.

The library and Student Council also presented a Veteran's Wall and breakfast as a tribute to our local veterans.

Students submitted names and pictures for the Veteran's Wall and invited all local veterans to have breakfast with them in the commons.

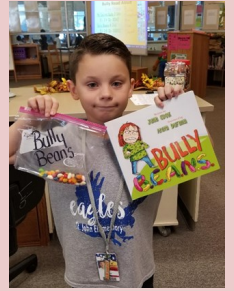


ST. JOHN ELEMENTARY—PENNY PENTECOST

During October, Prevent Bullying Month, students read books about Bullying. They were given “bully beans” in library to help them “stand up to bullies!”



St. John Elementary students are reading and meeting their AR goals. The school goal is to read 9,000 books this nine weeks!



VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER

New books are arriving. We had a great Grubbin With Grands, where the grandparents were invited to come throw a blanket on the Vinton Elementary Playground, bring a book and have lunch with their grandchildren. The 5th graders are learning all about the DARE program in the library with Officer Smith. And I read Thanksgiving books to the classes while dressed as a Pilgrim.



WESTLAKE HIGH—KRYSTAL FONTENOT

The Ram library is a busy place during lunch. Students come to library to read, study, or work puzzles.



COLLEGE OAKS ELEMENTARY—BRANDI PICKETT

Students at College Oaks have been enjoying all the new books from the book order. They were happy to discover that the author of two of our new books (Josh Funk) sent a poster to our library reminding them to "Always Stay Hungry for Books".

The first graders had fun listening to stories when the Lake Charles Police Department stopped by to read to them.



DOLBY ELEMENTARY—CAROL WOMACK

There is a chill in the air, but it is warm and cozy in our library with good books to read! The students are all excited about the new shipment of books that we received and “Eddie the Elf” is helping introduce a different book every day until Christmas break.



We also had two visitors from the Junior League to read for the record. The children learned that they are something beautiful!



DEQUINCY ELEMENTARY—BRITTNEY HARGRAVE

The past few weeks our third graders have been learning about natural disasters in Social Living. One disaster that they learned about was wildfires. Yesterday, we had Smoke Jumper, Arthur Cherry, come and talk to the kids about how they fight wildfires, how to evacuate safely, and how to be safe with fire at home.



FRASCH ELEMENTARY—JENI ANDERSON

November was a busy month in the library! Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Thank you to all of our parent and teacher volunteers who helped with shopping and Parent Night. We couldn't do it without you. By the end of the week even Clifford was tired!



Speaking of Clifford, look who I ran into at the Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge! Authors, illustrators, and new books! Oh, my!



In November, our lessons focused on Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. We read *America's White Table* in order to better understand our school's Veterans Day display. Fourth and fifth graders practiced using various information resources while researching Veterans Day. Second and third graders learned how Sarah Hale saved Thanksgiving from extinction. Kindergarten and first grade students enjoyed Thanksgiving books and facts about the Pilgrims and Native Americans.



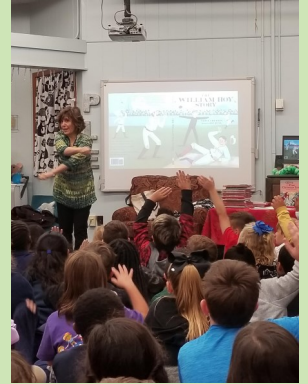
PRIEN LAKE ELEMENTARY—SARA WALTERS

We finished up our Halloween Lights Out in the Library week and moved directly into Christmas decorating! Our book fair is November 29th-December 7th. We're doing TWO family events this year. We'll have our after school event for parents on Wednesday Dec. 5th and our first ever SATURDAY shopping day on December 1st! I'm hoping that this will help to bring in parents who normally work during the week and cannot shop with their child during school hours. Fingers crossed that it's a success.



This month some PLE students were lucky enough to have a visit from Ms. Nancy Churnin. She is an award winning author who was on her way to Baton Rouge for the Louisiana Book Festival. I set the visit up through CPPL and Ms. Churnin came to speak with all of our third grade students. They had the opportunity to purchase her books and have her autograph them.

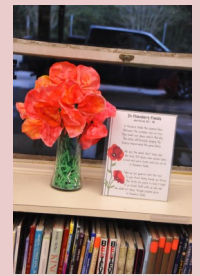
She was an AMAZING speaker! The kids were completely enthralled with her. She was so animated and her books are fabulous. She even taught our students a few words in sign language, just like in her book "The William Hoy Story, How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game". Her books are written about real people who have done really courageous things. All of the kids want to check them out now. She has a new book coming out in the spring and is willing to Skype with classrooms about it.



LEBLANC MIDDLE—TISH MARTINEZ

Thanks to the planning of our Social Studies department, we had a great Veterans Day program at LeBlanc Middle School. In the library we studied about poppies and the poem "In Flanders Fields" by

John McCrae. The students made poppies and we used these to decorate the library for the veterans reception held in the library before our program. We were blessed to have so many veterans in attendance. You can see that there was not an empty seat in the library.



Also we are so excited about a book that was donated to our library this Veteran's Day. It is written by Delton Joseph Menard. Mr. Menard is a combat veteran of WWII and the great grandfather of one of our students. Kylie is pictured with the book along with Mrs. Martinez.



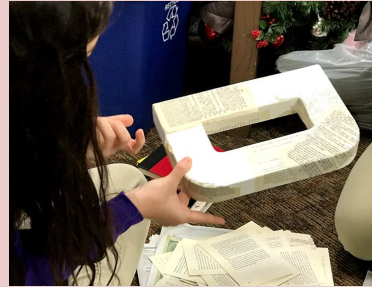
KENNEDY ELEMENTARY—MATILDA TOLBERT

Deputy Carmen Green visited our library to read to our Pre-K class. The students asked questions about her job as a lady officer. They were very excited to see her. 5th grade students also did research on celebrities who were Veterans. Some of the students participated in the "Posting of the Colors" for our Veteran's Day Program.



SAM HOUSTON HIGH—VICKIE BARTO & SARA JOLIE

Christmas Bells are ringing in the Bronco Library. The Library patrons shown in these pictures are “repurposing” recently weeded books in very unique ways. Snowflakes were made from old pages. These pages were also used to decoupage the letters R E A D which will also adorn the Library Christmas tree. Books were bundled, tied with a colorful Christmas bow and set underneath the tree. Our fine faculty will be treated to a special Christmas breakfast later in December. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to hosting our January Librarian in-service.



T.H. WATKINS ELEMENTARY—CAROLYN RIGMAIDEN

T.H. Watkins library has been rocking this month. We learned about Fire Safety. First and second graders read “Twas the night before Thanksgiving” and drew pictures of where they would hide the turkeys on Thanksgiving Day.

Third graders are learning how to use a Thesaurus.

Fourth and Fifth graders practiced using various resources while researching “Veterans Day.”

We celebrated “Red Ribbon” week and Cory L. was the winner of the Red Ribbon Week coloring contest. Great job Cory!!

CYPRESS COVE—KRISTI FONTENOT

Library Club packed over 60 Operation Child boxes this year. Our book fair was a huge success, we sold over 1,225 books!

Mr. Cedric LeFleur read to our upper elementary classes. He read the book “Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn for Kids!” We enjoyed his visit and the students loved the book. The author is John C. Maxwell.



OAK PARK ELEMENTARY—RENEE ARCHINARD

The students at OPE was greeted with an Enchanted Forest Book Fair to remember in the month of November! Our Book Fair included a Teacher Preview Night, Family Moonlight shopping Night, Merry Muffins with Moms and a potato soup lunch, Draggin Dads for Donuts and a gumbo lunch, Enchanted Book Cover contest and a Storybook Character Parade contest! It was a lot of work but well worth it! I am so proud of all of our contest winners especially our Grand Prize student storybook character winner as "The Giving Tree and Our Faculty Grand Prize winner along with some of her students as the characters from "The Cat In the Hat".



OAK PARK MIDDLE—MELONY LEMAY

Oak Park Middle School held a VETERANS BREAKFAST in the Library to honor our Veterans.



MOSS BLUFF MIDDLE—TANYA PORTINAUSE & CINDY WRIGHT

Moss Bluff Middle School has welcomed Dewey Elf to the library. Each day Dewey is moved someplace in the library. Our students have enjoyed coming in daily to look for Dewey and to see what book/s he is hiding around. It has also promoted check out of books they may not have noticed before.

