

# LIBRARY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

## *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service—Monday, January 21*

Via <https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/mlk-day-service>

Legislation signed in 1983 marked the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a federal holiday. In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort. Each year, on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is observed as a "day on, not a day off." MLK Day of Service is intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."



### JANUARY EVENTS & DEADLINES

1/7: IN-SERVICE (@ SAM HOUSTON HS LIBRARY)

1/11: MLK PLANS DUE TO LIBRARY SERVICES

1/14-18: MLK DISPLAYS AND ACTIVITIES

1/21: MLK HOLIDAY; SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED

1/25: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PLANS DUE

**\*\*PLEASE REPORT ANY ISSUES WITH PARISH OR EQUIPMENT ORDERS TO LIBRARY SERVICES BY JANUARY 31 TO BE RESOLVED\*\***

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## From Beth—

Here we are beginning a brand-new year. Some of you are wrapping up your first year in the library and what a wonderful year it's been. For others, you are fast-approaching the end of your career in the library with excitement and many other emotions, as well. All of us are invigorated and filled with enthusiasm about expectations of positive things to come for our students and planning how we will prepare ahead to meet their needs through our libraries. The new year can help us turn the page to new intriguing chapters of our lives inside and outside of our careers. Working alongside all of you has most definitely impacted me in a positive way. You encourage me every time I visit and see your love, concern, and zeal as you enliven learning in the students you so faithfully serve. I, in turn, wish to embolden you as you strive to create and sustain a propitious atmosphere at your library. I want to wish a very Happy New Year to each one of you!

### WASHINGTON MARION HS—TRESSIE BRYANT

At WMHS we are "Lighting Up the AR Tree". When a student makes a 100 on an AR test, they are rewarded with a candy cane and they get to put their name on a lightbulb and put it on the AR tree. I like to give a little encouragement so that the students want to read and take AR tests.

I also have Christmas adult coloring in my Makers Space for students to relax during their lunchtime.



On the 20<sup>th</sup>, I will reward my AR readers, who have earned a 100 on their AR tests, with Hot Chocolate and a Cookie.

I have a display of Christmas books and a little Christmas tree to welcome all faculty and students into the library.

### WW LEWIS MIDDLE—JANET RITCHIE

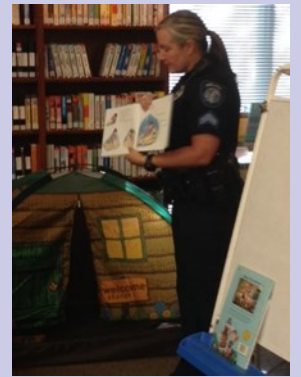
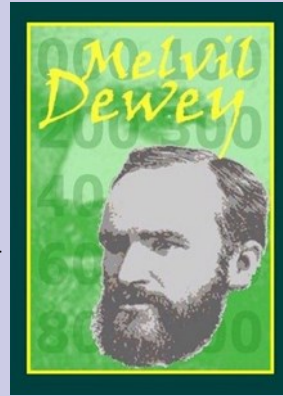
The W.W. Lewis library awarded a top girl and boy in each grade with a gift card during the Recognition Rally. The top overall boy and girl were also given gift cards at the rally. They were presented with their prizes in front of the entire student body.

A Christmas luncheon was held in the library. Each faculty member bought a toy for the Toys for Tots program.

Students enjoyed a book tasting prior to the holiday break. They sampled different foods and different books. They spent 3 minutes with each of 5 books, and gave the books a letter grade as to how they felt about the books

## DOLBY ELEMENTARY—CAROL WOMACK

Dolby is dubiously practicing using various information resources to complete a study on the seven continents. The upper grades enjoyed creating a travel brochure to entice visitors to their chosen continent. Meanwhile, the first graders had fun listening to stories when the Lake Charles Police Department stopped by to read to them. They were full of questions about a police officer's job. Finally, we ended the month by celebrating Dewey's birthday with a library scavenger hunt. The kids loved competing with their peers to win a smelly bookmark!



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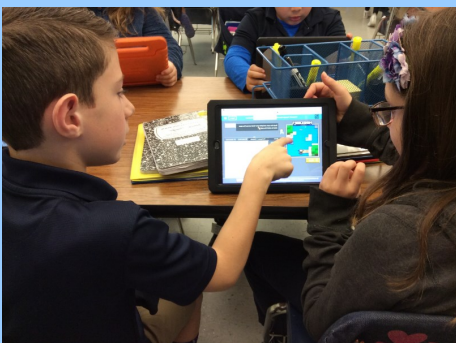
## OAK PARK MIDDLE—MELONY LEMAY



CHRISTMAS DISPLAY AT OPMS LIBRARY

## WESTERN HEIGHTS—MEG ARRANT

Western Heights Elementary students participated in Hour of Code for the 2nd time. Hour of Code is an international movement that is designed to introduce children and adults to the world of computer programming. Our students competed the Minecraft Voyage Aquatic 12 step tutorial on code.org. They also watched the computer programming video on Brainpop to learn new vocabulary like debugging and algorithms.



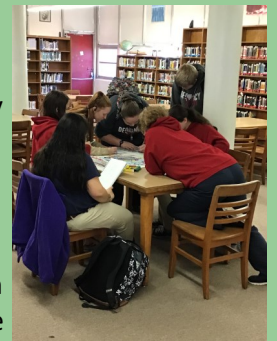
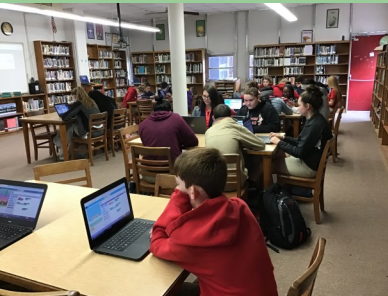
## PRIEN LAKE—SARA WALTERS

December is all about the book fair for Prien Lake. To get ready, we watched book trailers in class and decorated the library for Christmas. Since we have many more students this year, our fair ran for seven days instead of our usual five. The kids used their coins to vote for their favorite book character duos. They collected two hundred dollars for All for Books. We used the money to buy books for some of our needy students. They were so excited to get to pick a book. The fair ran smoothly and was super successful! We earned an additional five thousand dollars this year by hosting a grandparent/family event on a Saturday from 12-3. It was packed! We also had our parent night after school on Wednesday. After the fair was over, we drew raffle tickets for our four big basket winners, as well as some poster winners. The kids can't wait to get all of our new books next month.



## DEQUINCY HIGH—LAURA MANUEL

It's been a busy month here at DHS, but I wanted to share my two favorite activities. First, one of my Algebra teachers worked with me on Hour of Code. Hour of Code is a program created by Code.org to help students learn computer science. We were able to hand out a 'Certificate of Completion' to 87 students. The students had a blast (and so did we.) Second, I used Canva and my Promethean Board to create a collaborative table sized coloring page. Whether it's during lunch or on a break between classes, students and teachers come into the library to work on the stress-reducing project. I can't wait for it to be finished so that I can display it.



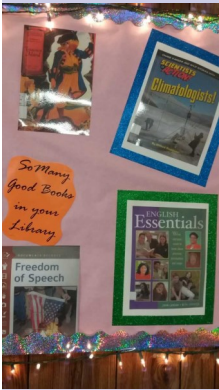
## JOHNSON ELEMENTARY—ROXANNE RAVEY

Santa's Secret Shop stopped by Johnson Elementary from Dec. 10-14. Students were able to get some of their Christmas shopping done.



## LAGRANGE HS—DONNA FRANKLIN & REKHA SHARMA

LaGrange High School Library has been busy letting students know the importance of reading. No matter how old you are **READING** is very important in one's life. Congratulations to Ms. Jodi Grindol's students that made it to the **MILLION WORD CLUB**. Also Ms. Amber Lewis' class has been working on their essays, Ms. Dawson's class has been completing their power points on building their own city. Our Miss Homecoming has been completing applications for college. Congratulations to all the students that are using the digital media resources. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## JI WATSON—AMBER SMITH

Our Stinger library has been very busy over the past several weeks. Gov. John Bel Edwards made a visit to our school at the end of November. He was able to read a book to our November Students of the Month in the library. We were honored that he was able to make time in his schedule for us. Also, our Fall Book Fair was a huge success. Not only were our students able to purchase books and other items for themselves, but they were also able to help others in our community. Along with the Book Fair, students and staff were asked to donate non-perishable food items to be donated to a local church. We were able to fill 6 large boxes with food items. We are so thankful for all who contributed to our cause.



## WESTWOOD—KAREN ASHWORTH

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students have been enjoying listening to various versions of **The Gingerbread Man** and completing gingerbread activities.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade students created a story map after listening to the **Elves and the Shoemaker**. They were also amazed to hear about the crazy things the **Herdman children** do in **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**.



Max the Elf has visited the library during the past few weeks too.

## ST. JOHN—PENNY PENTECOST

St. John Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had a guest reader, retired teacher / grandmother, Elizabeth Van Metre. She read several Christmas stories to our students, including: Pig the Elf, A Southern Night Before Christmas, and Saw Santa in Louisiana! Our St. John Eagles loved having our guest! Thanks, Ms. Elizabeth!



St. John Elementary students have had ANOTHER visitor throughout December! Elliott, our scout elf, visited the library! He left us a message that he likes to meet his AR goals and his favorite book is The Elf on the Shelf! Go figure! We are working hard to meet our AR goals, also!

## FRASCH—JENI ANDERSON

December was a busy month in the library. Fourth and fifth graders learned about the Christmas truce of 1914 while studying primary and secondary sources of information. Second and third grade students enjoyed Jan Brett's stories and illustrations while reviewing story elements. Kindergarten and first grade students enjoyed comparing several versions of the gingerbread man story while learning about folk tales. We also enjoyed viewing the White House Christmas decorations and the arrival of the White House Christmas tree after reading *A Christmas Tree in the White House* by Gary Hines.



New centers were a big hit this month. Keva planks were added to our building center. More Osmo activities were introduced. Our Teamwork activity continued to progress as students met library expectations each week. Watch for the reveal in January!

## ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER

The library hosted Arnett's Social Studies Fair this month. Students cycled through to look at projects.

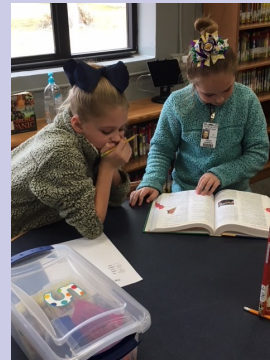
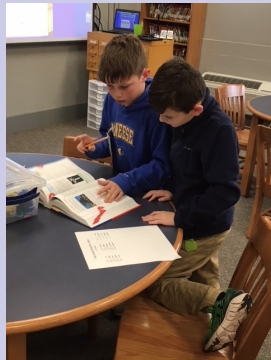
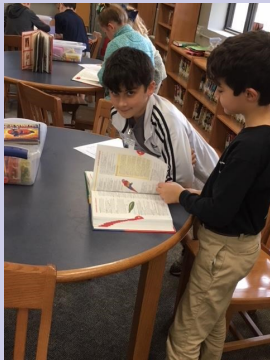
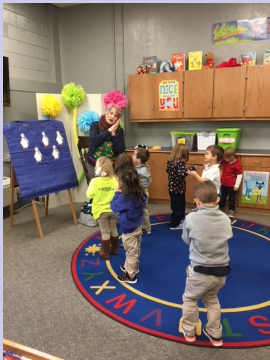
December also brought a collaboration with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade literacy class for research and writing a research argumentative essay. We had a lesson on using Gale's Research in Context to access information and cite sources along with saving resources to our OneDrive.

Our Library Club was busy, too. We volunteered with the Westlake Rotary Club at Breakfast for Santa and collected gift cards to donate to Brennan's Blessings, a local charity that helps families impacted with childhood cancer. Library Club had a Christmas party after school one day and played a white elephant



## VINCENT SETTLEMENT—KATIE STONE

Library lessons have been full of activity this past month. Second and Third grades just completed a dictionary unit where we used guide words to locate words, labeled dictionary entries, and completed “Dictionary Dudes” as a final assessment. Fourth grade has been conducting research during library about the American Revolution and Colonial America. A display of books has been created to supplement instruction that is happening in the ELA and Social Studies classrooms. Fifth grade has been busy reading and discussing LA Young Reader’s Choice Award nominated books. We even did some research into the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay after reading “Ada’s Violin”. Lower grades have been enjoying story time as they learn about various story elements. We always add to our read-alouds with text dependent discussion. Pre-K has enjoyed their visits with Mrs. Elaine Hebert from the Sulphur Branch of the Public Library. Mrs. Hebert comes once a month to read to Pre-K during library time.



## FK WHITE—TIFFANY BOSS

Students at FK White enjoyed exploring the non-fiction section of the library as they scoured through each section to discover specific topic in each section. This was followed by a Jeopardy style game on the Dewey Decimal System.

We have been working hard to earn Box Tops for Education and Community Coffee labels. We held competition for teachers with homerooms as well as a separate one for staff members without homeroom or classes. With our first half of the year competition ending we have earned over \$900. We collected 8,817 labels during the competition period. This will be used for additional books, furniture, games, and MakerSpace items in the library. Everyone is excited to start the new competition.



## WESTLAKE HS—KRYSTAL FONTENOT

It’s snowing in the Ram library! Mrs. Conrad’s class came to the library and we read the book, *The Snowy Day* by Jack Ezra Keats. Then the students made fake snow.



### MOSS BLUFF ELEMENTARY—JESSICA DWIGHT & MARGARET PARIS

Between the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas break, MBE students participated in “Hour of Code” lessons in the library. Students used BeeBot playmats and

coded BeeBots to get to designated objects, letters, places, etc. as noted on task cards.

Students also utilized Ipad coding games to challenge themselves to get to new levels

and new coding challenges on games such as Kodable, Code Spark, Box Island and several other coding apps.



### KENNEDY ELEMENTARY—MATILDA TOLBERT

John F. Kennedy library welcomes the faculty, staff, and students with beautiful decorations bringing in the holiday season. Officers Kena Clymer and John Saunier visited

our PreK students to talk with them. Officer Clymer read books

titled, "Bad Kitty Christmas" by Nick Bruel and "Merry Christmas, Dear Dragon" by Margaret Hillert. The stu-

dents enjoyed them. Happy Holidays from John F. Kennedy library!



### BARBE HIGH—KIM CHOLLEY & KAYLA LITTLE

The BHS Library teamed with the French Club to host a special Christmas party in honor of the Barbe SPED department. Attendees were treated to Christmas music, crafts, refreshments, and of course story time. The VIPs (SPED students) received a Christmas gift as a memento of their experience. It was a good time for all and sure to be an annual event!

Speech I classes researched Christmas terms to rewrite their favorite Christmas song lyrics. The students paired their original carols with an instrumental or acapella background. Various classrooms throughout the school were treated to the Speech I groups performing their original versions. Our teachers and students enjoyed the carolers and the feeling of Christmas cheer.





## MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE—HOPE MYERS

Mickey Smith, Maplewood Middle band director, Grammy finalist, and author of “The Adventures of Little Mickey” is pictured donating a signed copy of his book to the Maplewood Middle library. We are so blessed to be a part of his school family and look forward to cheering him on in February when the Grammy winner will be announced!



Maplewood Middle 6<sup>th</sup> graders used their skills and knowledge of the novel Hatchet to “Breakout” and retrieve the transmitter to call for help and get rescued! Students worked collaboratively within their groups to complete tasks and unveil codes that helped them breakout! We had a lot of engaging fun!



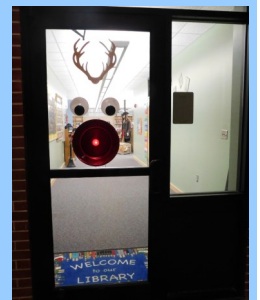
## SULPHUR HIGH—SUSAN GARDEBLD & KRISTI TYREE

We enjoyed decorating for Christmas with our tree and our festive bulletin board. Our display of new books proved popular with students, as did some of the new board games we allowed our seniors to “test” for us in the afternoons. We plan to add more games in the future. We started the month with college recruiters presenting to the English classes in the library. Our speech classes used the library to write, print, and bind their original children's Christmas books. The psychology classes researched dreams and made and presented Powerpoints in the library this month.



## VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER

We have had a great month at Vinton Elementary . In the library we have been very busy working on our research projects, presidents and countries. We even had some time to enjoy the festivities. In 1st grade the students got dressed up as fairy tale book characters. I was the Grinch while we watched The Grinch. Rudolph welcomed everyone into the library. The Spanish Club came to the library and sang Christmas Carols .



## SAM HOUSTON HIGH—SARA JOLIE & VICKIE BARTO

As 2018 draws to a close, we are reflecting on ways the Bronco Library should evolve to better meet the needs of our patrons in 2019; and what we need to continue doing to remain the hub of our Bronco community.



**NEW:** We implemented a “Graphic Novel” area within the library, which includes fiction and non-fiction titles. It’s been fun to observe our patrons RUN to this new area several times each day to check which titles have been shelved since their last visit. We expect our circulations to increase with this new addition.



**NEW:** A new library celebration, “Top 10 Bronco Readers”, was planned for late December to celebrate our readers with the most book check outs. These patrons were treated to hot chocolate & cookies with the gift of a personalized bookmark stating the number of books each have read. These 10 patrons have read an astonishing **719** library books August-December!!! Tis’ the Season for Reading! (see pic of TOP 10 Readers)



Mrs. Wamsley’s Gifted English II students visited the Bronco Library for their “Genius Hour”. Students were instructed how to explore online Destiny to locate a book that they would be passionate about reading. We hope that they will return on their own to continue exploring the Bronco Library

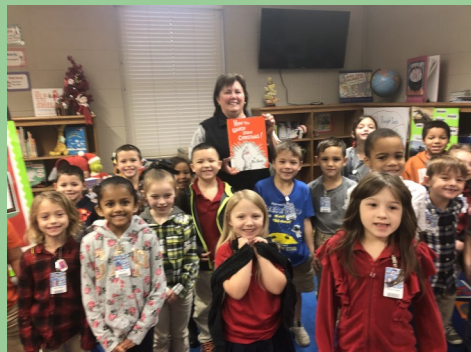


Our “Staying Alive @ 25” party is a mainstay in the Bronco Library. This 9 weeks, we celebrated with the readers who have met their goal of reading 14 library books. A movie, pizza and cookies were on the menu

## MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY—MELISSA TARASIEWICZ

Maplewood Elementary welcomes MAX, our ELF ON THE SHELF. Max has been visiting MES every December for the last 7 years. Max is our “Christmas tradition” at Maplewood library.

Maplewood Elementary also had a dear friend drop by and read the Christmas classic How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Coach Cunningham is newly retired PE teacher. She has been in CPSB for over 40 years. The students were very excited to see her.



## BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

December has been the most awesome month for me so far in the Barbe Elementary Library! I think it has been a wonderful experience for all of our students, faculty, and staff too! Having been out for a period of time, the "welcome home" has been very busy and fun!

Our Reading Night was held with the following stations: Inner Poet, Book Bingo, Movie, Pizza donated by Mr. Gatti's, and Door Prizes. Masiyah and Montrel won the bicycles. One was donated by Mr. and Mrs. De-Jean, her mother and brother. The other was donated by a partner, Philips 66. Emily won a pair of earrings donated by Navarra's Jewelry, and Elaine a \$50.00 gift card that Mrs. Aguillard's mother, Meredith Perkins, donated! Mrs. DeJean did a wonderful job coordinating everything! She wrote, "Thanks to everyone who made our Reading Night a big success! Our parents and students seemed to enjoy the event."



Our former librarian and friend, Debbie Starkovich, told one of our library volunteers about a huge estate sale featuring books of all kinds. Volunteers Rosemary, Cindy, and I went and selected a huge number of books that the Ottenweller foundation donated along with crayons and notebooks. Students came to the library on party day and selected a book and received a box of crayons with a notebook to keep. It is a tremendous gift to our school and library!

In addition to scheduled classes, we have finished cataloging a large number of Guidebooks, 78 books donated by a local sorority, and 61 of the donated



books that were not needed for the student gifts. In addition, our students and I are so happy to have a "normal" library again!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We're looking forward to a stellar new year beginning in January!



## COLLEGE OAKS—BRANDI PICKETT

December was an exciting month in the library at College Oaks. It began with some visitors when we returned from Thanksgiving break. Our library Elf on the Shelf, Reed Moore, was joined by 3 friends – Nita Book, Paige Turner, and Dewey Reed. The students were eager to find out what the elves were up to each day. There was also a lot of learning going on. Students worked in groups to complete a holiday web quest. They used iPads to research holiday traditions around the world. Each week they chose a new country to learn about. Upon completing the web quest, students colored holiday pictures and masks and used the Quiver app to bring them life.



## TH WATKINS—CAROLYN RIGMAIDEN

T.H. Watkins Elementary has been busy reading and trying to meet our AR goal. Ms. Jones' third grade class has passed over 300 AR tests this 9 weeks. K-2 students wrote letters to Santa. 3-5 students made Christmas cards for 8 year old Drake who lives in Vinton and is terminally ill. Some of our new books have arrived. We can't wait to start checking them out. Our Family Reading night was well attended. We read AR books and took tests.

## TS COOLEY—MARY LANIER

First grade students at T.S. Cooley studied the author and illustrator Jan Brett during the month of December. They learned about how she illustrates "border" pictures around her main illustration to tell her reader more information about the story as it is happening on the page or to tell the reader what will happen next. Librarian, Mary Lanier, read the students several of her books including *The Mitten*, a Ukrainian folktale Jan Brett adapted and illustrated. The students completed the author study by creating their own mittens showing the sequence of the animals that crawled into the mitten during the story.



Second grade students created a Christmas gift for their parents during library class time by writing a paragraph about their family's favorite Christmas tradition. Many of the traditions the second graders wrote about included decorating their Christmas tree, drinking hot cocoa, getting presents, visiting family, and sharing meals. The second graders were very excited to make their very own Christmas present for their parents!

Fifth grade students presented their Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award PowerPoint slideshows to their classmates to encourage them to read and AR test on at least 3 of these special books so they can vote using voting machines on January 23 to choose our school's winner. The fourth and fifth grade T.S. Cooley votes will be sent to the Louisiana State Public Library and added to all the other Louisiana students' votes who participated in this program. This is the seventh year T.S. Cooley's fourth and fifth graders have participated in this state-wide program. They can't wait to see which book will be the school and state winner!



## CYPRESS COVE—KRISTI FONTENOT

Library club members are diligently working on their adopted shelves and promoting books to their friends.

The Kindergarten students are getting prepared to start AR testing after Christmas.

Library students are practicing their research skills and utilizing Destiny Quest to fulfill their love of reading.

