

# Library Services Newsletter

April 2019



## April is National School Library Month!

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.](#)

The 2019 theme is **Everyone Belongs @ Your School Library** and the 2019 spokesperson is [Dav Pilkey](#).

Visit <http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm> for more information

### April Events & Deadlines

4/1-4/30: National School Library Month

4/9: National Library Workers Day

4/12: Drop Everything & Read Day

4/19-29: Spring Break

## Happy Easter!





## Beth Ferguson, Consultant

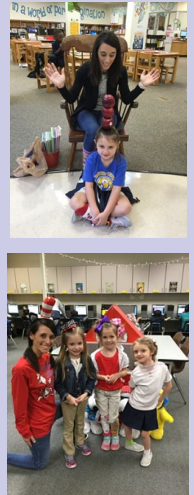
Exciting times! That's how I would explain my view of what's to come. Things are hopping at your schools, I know, and you are testing or assisting others who are testing this month. Spring break is coming soon, and summer will be right behind. I am planning for next year as I prepare the budget requests and can see so many exciting opportunities for CPSB libraries, schools, and students right around the bend. I want to pass along my optimism for all that I see from my perspective here at Library Services. I have learned a tremendous amount this year in this position with the help of the staff here and from contributions from all of you. The student surveys were very enlightening and will help us all as we lay out our plans for the 2019-2020 school year. Please remember that we are here to support you as you are reaching your students and faculty. Let us know how we can help you close out one year up and begin to prepare for the one ahead. Enjoy the warm days of spring.

## RW VINCENT—JENNIE DELINO

Our students had so much fun celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday! Each day we coordinated our attire with a book written by Dr. Seuss to remind us of just how much fun reading can be. We also have lots of fun during our library time enjoying books written by Dr. Seuss and activities to go along with them.



Kindergarten read *Ten Apples Up On Top* and tried their luck at balancing apples on top of their heads. Mrs. Lydia Crochet, author, and Jeanie, the star of the show, visited our library during Read Across America Week. Pictured are our 3rd graders with them and our Wacky Wednesday !



## BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

The main attraction in March was the AR pARTy for the 13 students who met their goals. Each student was encouraged to bring 5 or more of their classmates to the next party by encouraging them to read for understanding and test for AR. Each student received 2 books, 2 posters, a goody bag, and a Jo's Party House Cupcake. We are so grateful to Jo's Party House for supporting AR every 9 weeks with cupcakes for students! DCA testing is complete. Kids for Christ continues to meet in the library on Thursday mornings. The students love it! On to end of year testing! Have another wonderful month!



## ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER

This month in the library we played a World Book Jenga game. (Special thanks to Hope Myers for sharing this fun activity.)

AR rewards were given out to the 165 students who met their AR goal for the third nine weeks.

The library also began sponsoring the Word of the Day on our daily news broadcast.

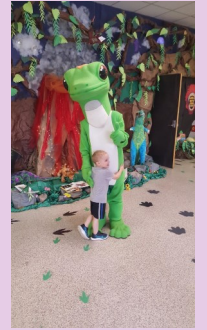
Students can earn 50 PBIS points if they turn in their Word of the Day sheets to me for scoring.

And we hosted a middle school principals' meeting.



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

Our annual spring Book Fair (March 11<sup>th</sup>-March 15<sup>th</sup>) was a “Dino-Mite” success! Students enjoyed the week of dinosaur themed décor, activities, and shopping at our fair. We had two parent/ grandparent evening shopping nights which were also well attended and even featured a visit by Bobby the Geico Gecko (one of our PIE) to showcase his dinosaur/lizard ancestry!



**LEBLEU SETTLEMENT—RENEE LELEUX**

LeBleu students have been very busy this month. The library club read Dr. Seuss books to the younger students, in celebration of Read Across America Day. Almost 200 students met their AR goal and had a special lunch treat. I also got to attend LLA and met a lot of great authors.



**IOWA MIDDLE—ADRIENNE OAKLEY**

Students earning at least 100 AR points with at least 85% comprehension were recognized with bowling and lunch at Petro Bowl. There were thirty-two students who qualified for the trip, and they had a wonderful time!



**COMBRE-FONDEL—CHRISTY MCCANN**

Combre library has been VERY busy! Mrs. Felicia from Epps Library visited us to tell our students about the PrimeTime Family Nights at Epps Library. We had our second Book Fair, and we had our BIGGEST AR party so far with 39 students!! Several students have ALREADY met their goal for the LAST 9 weeks! We are ROCKIN it here at the Bre!

## PRIEN LAKE—SARA WALTERS

Prizes went out for the third nine weeks! Top AR students for each grade level were given a special Star Reader cup, and they chose a soda from the teacher's lounge. Other top students were given brownies and erasers from the book fair, free books, and toys from ZimCares. Students who have read one million words in AR were given their medals and their photos were posted on our instagram page. All students who met their AR goals were rewarded with an Airhead and were allowed to take their shoes off in the library. This month we studied St. Patrick's Day, and fifth grade enjoyed making an origami "pot of gold". Since then, our origami books have flown off of the shelves. Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade have been learning how to access free chapter books through TumblePremium, while the younger grades are learning about important authors like Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, and Kevin Henkes. Easter books are on display and we've been processing some of our new French books for our French Immersion shelves.



## BARBE HIGH—KIM CHOLLEY & KAYLA LITTLE

BHS Library Reaching Out to Classrooms: Mrs. Portie's English classes are conducting research in the classroom with the help of BHS Library's "Books on Wheels" and Opposing Viewpoints in Context database. Students are researching 'Hot Topic' Controversial Issues.

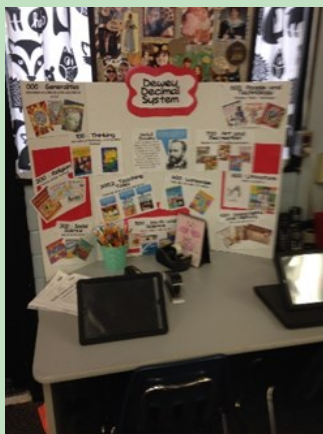


New Automated Student Sign-In: Thanks to Ms. Griggs, BHS Teacher, students visiting the library now sign-in by scanning their school ID. Our library patrons are pleased the pen and paper sign-in has been replaced with the quicker process of scanning their ID to document their activity on campus. The Librarians are not only excited about the elimination of paper documentation but how patron usage trends are easily seen.



## DOLBY—CAROL WOMACK

What a treat to have volunteer readers! Mrs. Barbara LaBove and Mrs. Jo Adams both came to share with the students And give us a fresh new voice to hear. All were attentive and excited to have visitors. We have also been reviewing the Dewey decimal system and using a scavenger hunt to practice finding books and shelving them in the correct section of our library. A giant leap of growth was made this 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks with AR goals. 50% more readers met their goal this time around and pizza was had by all who were successful. Way to go Dolby!

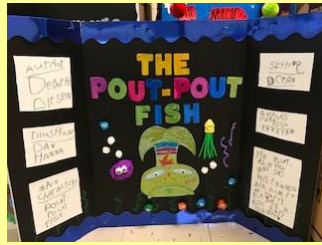
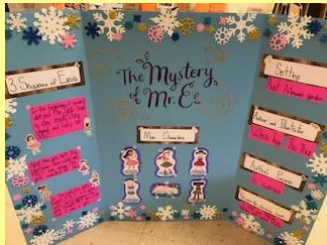


## KAUFMAN—STACY LAVOI

The author, Michael Finklea, visited our school on March 12th. He spoke about how he became an author and his determination to not give up, despite being rejected many times by publishers. He shared the belief that anyone can write a story by using your imagination. His books were available to purchase and he personally autographed each book. Students were excited to experience that an author is a real person. There were 175 students who met their reading goal for the 3rd nine weeks. They received a special snack. The top AR student in the class was named the Reader Leader and went on a field trip to Sam's Club and had a free dress day. Posters of famous/influential women were displayed in the library. Students enjoyed reading about them and checking out biographies to learn more. One second grader recognized Susan B. Anthony's poster, and asked if his teacher could borrow it because they were learning about her in the classroom.

## WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY—KAREN ASHWORTH

Westwood Elementary has been celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday all month. Students participated in a Dr. Seuss reading challenge and were able to get a prize for returning their challenge sheet signed by their parent. Students also enjoyed listening to Dr. Seuss CDs and watching a Dr. Seuss DVD. Our students can also participate in a Reading Circus event on the evening of March 28. Students selected a book and had to create a project on a 3-sided project board stating the setting, characters, problem, and solution. The projects turned in so far are so creative. I can't wait to see all of them. Last month my 2nd grade RTI students submitted poems to the American Digest Poetry contest. Four of these students received letters letting them know their poems have been selected for the book.



## LEBLANC MIDDLE—TISH MARTINEZ

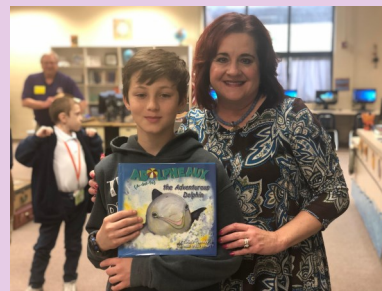
During the month of March, the students at LeBlanc focused on research. We did research on Mardi Gras and famous women for Women's History Month. We had some fun with Breakout boxes and participated in a Gallery Walk. Also students have been working extra hard to earn AR rewards!



## HENRY HEIGHTS—JENNIFER FONTENOT

This month has been a very busy month at Henry Heights! We had our third AR party last Friday. Kiwanis members helped us have a BINGO for all the students who met their goal. The students LOVED it!

Tommie Townsley, a local author, and publisher, presented a "How to Write a Book" to our fifth graders.



**TS COOLEY—MARY LANIER**

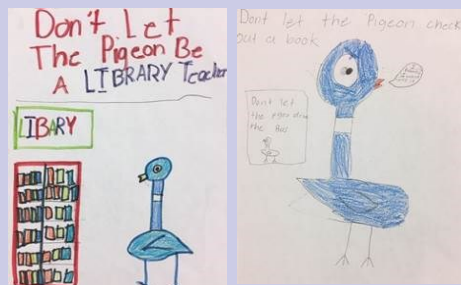
The T.S. Cooley library and students have been busy with AR Mardi Gras Mania celebrations, a Black History Month program and Dr. Seuss's birthday lunch time reading extravaganza! The annual AR Mardi Gras Mania Reading Celebration and parade took place on March 1 including 42 1st - 5th grade students who reigned as queens, kings, royal court members, and parade marshals over the bingo, beads, and royalty reading celebration in the morning and then enjoyed throwing out beads, trinkets, and candy to the Cooley parade goers in the afternoon. The cafeteria turned into a special reading spot during Dr. Seuss's Birthday celebration when fourth graders read various Dr. Seuss books to the kindergarten through 3rd grade classes including *Oh The Places You'll Go!* and *There's a Wocket in My Pocket*. Fifth graders partnered together to research a famous African American using World Book Online. They created and presented to the fourth and second graders and their invited guests their PowerPoint slideshows during a special Black History Month Program on March 8. A reception was held after the program to honor the famous African American who were highlighted during the program and the fifth graders. Four fourth graders were the Masters and Mistresses of Ceremony for the program. Ethel Lois Payne, a journalist who was the first African American woman to work as a news commentator for a national television network; Charlie Siford, the first African American to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame; Faith Ringgold, author, painter and sculptor; and Dennis Archer, the first African American to be chosen as president of the American Bar Association were among the honored subjects.



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**COLLEGE OAKS—BRANDI PICKETT**

March has been an exciting and busy month! Kindergarten students learned about using pictures in a book to tell the story. They took turns partner reading picture books without words. It was so fun listening to the them.

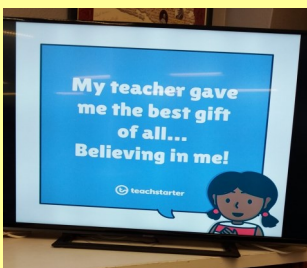


The library club did an author study on Mo Willems and learned how to draw Pigeon. After drawing Pigeon, some of them came up with new Pigeon book titles/covers they would like to see. These are just a few of the fabulous designs they came up with.



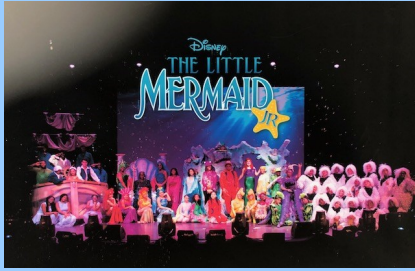
**LAGRANGE HIGH—DONNA FRANKLIN & REKHA SHARMA**

LaGrange's Library celebrated Women's History Month by honoring our female teachers. Our teachers are awesome and the library displayed their pictures on the library's monitor. Pictured are one of our English teachers and one of our Special Education teachers.



## OAK PARK MIDDLE—MELONY LEMAY

OPMS Library Club Field Trip LaGrange Theatre “Little Mermaid, Jr”



The OPMS Library collected Mardi Gras beads for The Autism Society.

Oak Park Middle School received certification for Spanish Emersion. A Spanish Fiesta by the Spanish Teachers was held in the library to celebrate!



## OAK PARK ELEMENTARY—RENEE ARCHINARD

Oak Park Elementary had a very successful Dino-Mite Book Fair it was jam packed with family events. Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> was **Muffins with Mommasaurus**, Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> was our **Dino-Mite Donation Dollar\$** (we raised money so that we could connect every child with a book), Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> was **Dino-Mite Donuts with Dads** and last but not least on March 21<sup>st</sup> we had **Dino-Mite Breakfast with Grandparents**. It was a very busy week.



## MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE—HOPE MYERS

Maplewood Elementary and Middle team up for the Spring Book Fair!

Students in grades Pre-K – 8 enjoyed visiting the book fair. There was a Family Read Night where parents and students in all grades were treated to fantastic presentations by two local authors, Beth Fontenot and Mickey Smith, Jr. Students enjoyed the presentations and the opportunity to shop with their parents.

