

Library Services Newsletter

2018-2019 school year has end. WOW! That went by very quickly. The last 9-week period seemed to drag on forever, though, because most of you were so busy testing that I did not get to come visit you. That made for a long span of time for me because I love being with you in the schools, with the students, watching you perform your magic in your library. I know you have been busy helping your school to be successful in testing just the way you always make sure that you are right there whenever your administration needs you. Thank you for being an integral part of the fabric of the community at your school.

Now, please take time to relax, renew, and refresh your mind because I want you all to come back next year ready to take on the world and accomplish more than ever. Happy Summer to you all.

—Beth



Librarian In-Service

August 6-7th

**At Sam Houston High
School Library**

8:00-3:30

ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER

Testing is over!

Begging for books to be returned is in full swing.

The library also presented AR point awards, Million Word Club, and Library Club awards to students at Awards Day.

First Place award (\$50 gift card to BAM) for most AR point in the school was awarded to John Paul Istre.

Second Place (\$25 BAM card) was awarded to Jayce Cooley and Third Place (\$10 BAM card) was awarded to Juniper Aucoin.

We also did a special segment on our SPA News program during Teacher Appreciation Week. Each day we interviewed students about our faculty/staff until each faculty/staff member had a special message from a student.



JI WATSON—AMBER SMITH

Lots of things have been happening at JI Watson. First, Jeanie the Three-Legged Therapy Dog visited our school on two occasions. First with our 5th grade students and then with our 1st and 2nd Grade students. Two of our students are now featured in a video on Jeanie's social media accounts. These two students, who have always been deathly afraid of dogs, experienced the kind of work Jeanie does with students like them. They overcame their fear and were able to pet and love on Jeanie by the time she left.



Also, our students who have made their AR goals all nine weeks celebrated with a party this week- Nachos and Popsicles with some outdoor fun. We are so proud of these students who all of their accomplishments.

BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

As we say good-bye to another year, we are reminded of how much students enjoyed the year! We ended the year closing out Kids for Christ and hosting an AR Party and Library Awards. Mrs. Kathy DeJean presided over the library and AR awards in my absence. We had one AR bike and medal winner, Brandon H., who made his goal each of the four 9 weeks. Hooray, Brandon! We are so proud of him and his second grade teacher, Mrs. Christiane Aguillard, who spent part of every day with her class focused on AR! Our student of the year, Elaine B., along with another wonderful fifth grade student, Gianna J., read shelves in the library.



Our McNeese Practicum Student, Hannah Beard, completed her work. She was a real joy to have in our library! I must also thank our two faithful volunteers, Cindy Landry and Rosemary Ottenweller, for their hard work throughout the years. Inventory is only one job made so much easier when the work is shared! I am very grateful to all of my colleagues here at Barbe Elementary, Oak Park Elementary, and Oak Park Middle School who have made my work as a librarian so much richer! This is my final newsletter as I will be pursuing other activities very soon! I am blessed by the years I have been able to work here and am looking forward to being re-cataloged! Have a wonderful summer and enjoy a good book or two.



VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER

We have had a great year in the library at Vinton Elementary this year. We have tried new things this year. We had DARE in the library and it was a lot of fun. We had a fantastic reading picnic with parents and grandparents. I dressed up in costumes for the students. I want to thank my volunteers for the book fair. They handled everything beautifully. I do not know what I would have done without them. First grade dressed up as book characters and visited the library, it was great fun. Can't wait until next year!



MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE—HOPE MYERS

Lacey Blocker and Hope Myers were recognized at the CPSB meeting that was held on May 14th. Mrs. Blocker, an ELA teacher at Maplewood Middle, was named the CPSB Parish Teacher of the Year. Hope Myers was recognized as the Parish Librarian of the Year. Each year AR awards are given to the student in each grade who has earned the most points with the highest accuracy. Pictured is this year's winners: 6th grade is Gabriel W. who earned 500.2 points with 94.4% accuracy, 7th grade is Ariel I. who earned 557.8 points with 98.2% accuracy, and 8th grade is Ryken L. who earned 446.9 points with 95.4% accuracy. Hope Myers was awarded an iTECH Grant this school year. As a result she received 5 ipads, a laptop, a printer, and an Apple Pen.



FRASCH ELEMENTARY—JENI ANDERSON

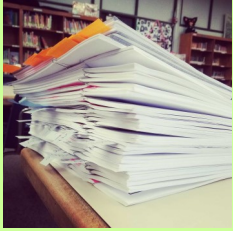
Frasch students have been busy reading! Over 36,000 books have been read and more than 24,000 Accelerated Reader points have been earned this year! Congratulations to all of the Accelerated Reader medal winners and Top 25 readers in each grade. The following students each read over 1 million words in AR books this year: Kaidyn G., Ben D., Kori G., Bode D., Breahna L., Cash S., Seth G., Andrea G., Diana N., Chase R., Riley L., Jesse G., Elle R., and Conner D. Jillian L. read over 2 million words! Way to go!

We enjoyed a very successful Spring Book Fair in May. Many thanks to our students, faculty, and parents for your support. Classes returning all books on time were rewarded with books from our fair for their classroom libraries.

Enjoy your summer and keep reading. Visit the Calcasieu Parish Public Library and participate in one of their great summer programs. See you in the fall!

PRIEN LAKE ELEMENTARY—SARA WALTERS

We wrapped up a great year at Prien Lake Elementary. Our students earned 43,045.2 AR points with a 87.6% comprehension. 42,711 books were read and tested on this year. Our top readers at Prien Lake were Lucy Ogea in Kindergarten with 67.3 points; Ethan Fernandez in first grade with 151.6 points; Ethan Kwende in second grade with 162.6 points; Parker Hoffman in third grade with 622.5 points; Hoon Kang in fourth grade with 744.4 points; and Sam Chung in fifth grade with 588.1 points. 250 of our students met their AR goals every nine week period. They were rewarded with a soda and chips. AR millionaire medals went out to all students who read one million words in AR, and over 800 awards were printed for students from the library. There will be some great changes happening in the PLE library next fall, but for now, we are ready for SUMMER!



TS COOLEY ELEMENTARY—MARY LANIER

T.S. Cooley 5th grader, Matthew R., earned 1212.1 points, the most AR points in the entire parish! He was honored at the May 14 Calcasieu Parish School Board meeting for this outstanding accomplishment.



Sixty-five 2nd - 5th grade students earned their invitation to the AR Bingo Blackout Blowout Bash by blacking out their AR bingo cards during the year. The event which included playing regular bingo for Cinemark movie passes, popcorn, cold drinks, and boxes of movie candy was held on May 8.

Carnegie Public Library librarian, Lakendra Rouse, visited T.S. Cooley to share book talks with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes about the 2019-2020 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award books. The Cooley students will participate in this program sponsored by the Louisiana State Public Library again during the 2019-2020 school year. This will be the ninth year that Cooley students have participated in this enriching program. T.S. Cooley librarian, Mary Lanier, is on the LYRC state committee which selects the list of 15 books for students all over the state to read and vote on for their favorite book.



MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY—MELISSA TARASIEWICZ

We ended a great year with AR trophies for the top class in each grade. Also, one student from each grade with the most AR points received a trophy.



IOWA MIDDLE—ADRIENNE OAKLEY

The student in each grade with the highest number of AR points and at least 85% comprehension received a trophy on honors night. The overall highpoint winner received a plaque and a \$25 gift card to Books-a-Million.

6th Grade - Harlie H. with 570 points @ 97% comprehension

7th Grade - Jenajia C. with 844 points @ 92% comprehension

8th Grade - Aiden B. with 1,001 points @ 94% comprehension



LAGRANGE HIGH—DONNA FRANKLIN & REKHA SHARMA

LaGrange's library was closed most of May for EOC testing. There were 3 small labs set up for small numbers of students testing at a time. However, even though the library was closed for testing, as soon as the bell would ring that indicated testing was over for the day, students would come to the library to finish assignments, use the computers for digital media resources, return books. We've had a good year. HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!

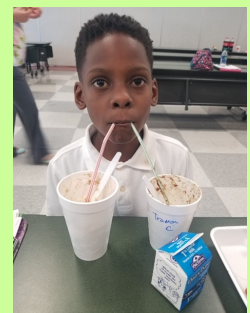
TH WATKINS ELEMENTARY—CAROLYN RIGMAIDEN

We wrapped up a very exciting school year with our Awards Day program. We had many friends and parents in attendance. Top readers in each grade were announced and received a certificate. On May 14, we celebrated "Red Nose Day" & we had a special end of the year AR celebration. One 3rd grade student passed over 100 AR tests. He had more than any other student at our school. On May 16, Pre-K had their graduation ceremony.



COMBRE-FONDEL ELEMENTARY—CHRISTY MCCANN

FABULOUS end at Combre! From coke float sales to THREE separate AR parties due to SO many meeting their AR goal! WOW, I am so proud of the progress my students have made! Cant wait until next year!



DOLBY ELEMENTARY—CAROL WOMACK

What a fantastic year it has been! The kids earned trophies for highest comprehension and points in AR as well as free time and treats to the other participants who made their goals. Our 100-point club earners got to go bowling. What fun! In the library, we enjoyed some paired reading activities and creative theatre time. Looking forward to another great year at Dolby Elementary.

