



Dilworth Library

December 2023



1. **New books from the Book Fair are continuing to emerge from the processing phase and be on display on your right as you walk into the Dilworth Library.**
2. **Several grades are involved with a Mini-Research project to review the steps of Research and learn something new about our world.**
3. **Nonfiction books are the focus for December & January, as well as, winter holiday books.**
4. **December usually includes Hour of Code; however, those lessons are being pushed back until later in the year, along with Digital Citizenship lessons.**
5. **Mrs. Park is spending hours & hours reading Book Reviews on hundreds of books, preparing for this year's book purchases with her budgets.**

Stuntboy, In-Between Time

By Jason Reynolds, Illustrated by Raul the Third

Book Review by Bryant Baird

In the clever and sporadic “*Stuntboy*”, we follow Portico Reeves through his adjustments to a new way of life and the “frets” that come along with them. With the support of his friends, Portico finds a place that he belongs in—which happens to be an empty room in their apartment building. Coloring in an idea for a new normal, Portico, Zola, and Herbert the “Okay” escape bullies, create a safe space with one another, and come to terms with their mistakes. Together, Reynolds and Raul the Third combine to bring us another edition of Portico finding his place. Every kid can relate to him in some way, whether it’s his frets, his feeling of displacement, or his eccentric expression. This is an enticing read that will have you laugh, sympathize, and celebrate with Portico as he learns more about the world through his point of view.



Talking About Social Media

By Louise Spilsbury

Book Review by Dana Savage

This is a great book that can be a great add on for Digital Citizenship lessons. It goes over five different scenarios students might go through with social media including body image issues, meeting people online, and limiting the amount of time spent on devices. The stories are short and have illustrations. They go over the initial problem, someone approaching the person with a problem, and the resolution. I feel the scenarios are realistic and don't downplay what could happen. For example, in one of the scenarios someone gets an online boyfriend who wants explicit photos. It turns out the boyfriend is not who they say they are and is dangerous. It is on Sora and has unlimited copies. It is from a series called *A Problem Shared*.



24 in 24!

Tiffany Hall, Library Supervisor

It's hard to believe it's December already, and harder to believe that 2024 is right around the corner. But what a fun year to do a two-book-a-month challenge! Why not embark on the goal of reading 24 books in 2024? This is an exciting journey through diverse worlds and perspectives. A commitment to literary exploration nurtures the mind and cultivates a habit of continuous learning. Whether delving into fiction for imaginative escapes, non-fiction for expanding knowledge, or a mix of genres for a well-rounded experience, each book is a stepping stone toward personal growth. Setting the goal to read 24 books in a year allows for intentional and structured learning, fosters intellectual curiosity, and creates a deeper understanding of the world. Ultimately, this isn't just about completing a numerical challenge; it's about embracing the transformative power of literature and savoring the magic that unfolds with each turn of the page throughout the entirety of 2024. Happy New Year!

*This news is brought to you by your **Library Technology Teacher!** Mrs. Park is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to discuss these exciting topics, help support your curriculum, and collaborate on lessons. Come visit me in the library!*