



March 3, 2023

Book Fair details

Book Fairs are scheduled for March 6-10. You can browse and purchase books at the school buildings during designated times or online by visiting your building's link below.

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[Gates Elementary](#)

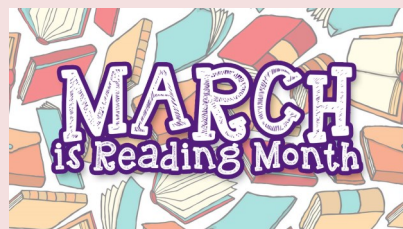
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Davison Community Schools Building Beat It's Reading Month!

March isn't just for shamrocks and four-leaf clovers; it is also the month we celebrate reading!

Our school buildings have a litany of adventures and special days planned for the month, including Book Fairs, Family Reading Nights and themed days. You can find the calendars attached to this special edition of the Building Beat.

Family Reading Nights

Free books, reading-themed activities and refreshments are planned for Family Reading Nights at several school buildings this month.

- **Thomson Elementary:** 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7.
- **Siple Elementary:** 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7. Theme is "March Madness/"sports.
- **Gates Elementary:** 5-7 p.m. March 8. Theme is "One School, One Book."
- **Hahn Intermediate,** 5:30-7 p.m. March 9. Theme is "Learning Under the Stars" and will offer a night of games, popcorn and books.

Getting a "read" on DCS staff

Here's what some of our staff members have to say about the importance of reading, favorite authors and what books they have their noses into right now.

"I am currently reading 'Chevy in the Hole' by Kelsey Ronan. It is a historical fiction story, set in Flint and Detroit, about several generations of two families. I enjoy reading and it is what I prefer to do with my 'me time.' It can be a great escape. My favorite quote about reading is that we learn to read so we can read to learn - that is why reading is important."

Tammi Brandes, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent

"My favorite author is Harlan Coben. His books are like a puzzle. They are always making me guess and second guess. The endings are always a surprise and full of suspense."

Laura Ferguson, Davison High School Teacher



"My favorite author is Davis McCullough. He wrote non-fiction books about important people and events in American history. Before his death he won two Pulitzer prizes and has had books made into movies and miniseries like HBO's Truman and John Adams. His storytelling was rich in detail and first hand accounts and he had a way of making you feel like you were there and experiencing history with the people who lived it. Right now I am reading 'A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 by G. J. Meyer. This is a complete history of the first world war.

Regardless of what you are reading; fiction, non-fiction, a magazine or an internet article; reading allows us to see and be a part of a world that is different from our own. It allows us the opportunity to escape our reality and to participate in someone else's - real or imagined. Reading helps everyone to develop their imagination as they try and create a mental image of the story that they are participating in. Reading lets us connect with others through a shared experience with people and places that we can experience together, just look at the community that was created through the Harry Potter series!

I grew up in Davison and I remember as a child going to Courtland Center and my mom taking me to the bookstore (The Little Professor, I think) and buying me my own book. It was the Calvin & Hobbes collection 'Something Under the Bed is Drooling.' Even today, decades later I am a huge fan of Calvin & Hobbes and passed my love along to my children, so much so that my daughters' cats are named for these beloved characters!"

Michael Hull

Davison High School Teacher

"I remember when I was in school I used to read "Indigo" by Alice Hoffman, I read that book over seven times, it took me a while to finally put it down. Of course, I LOVE to read the Harry Potter series. It transfers you to a whole new world."

Taylor Brooks

Davison Alternative Education Lab Coordinator

"I have a hard time picking a favorite book. I love so many different ones. One of my favorites is Jane Eyre, which is so much better than the movie adaptation. Very intense and ahead of its time. I absolutely love the Bronte Sisters! Right now I am reading 'The Forbidden Series' by Ted Dekker. I started reading a lot in middle school. I know that reading has helped me learn about the world around me, discover new ideas, and inspire me. It also increased my vocabulary and shaped me into the adult I am today. I would also use books as a way to destress by having them transport me to another world where everything will work out by the end of the book or series and where the impossible is possible. The smell of books can't be beat."

Lauren Jones

Davison High School Teacher

"My favorite author is Roald Dahl because his imagination gave us some of the best stories! Now reading 'Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine,' by Michele Borba. Twenty minutes before bed gets your child ahead! A motto instilled in me as a child and a motto I live by as a parent! My 6th grade son reads at a high school level and has learned to love all genres of reading. He loves to share random facts with anyone at any time and I know it all comes back to his daily reading habits.

Jacqueline Addison

Secretary to the High School Principal

"I have two all-time favorite books! 'As The Crow Flies' by Jeffrey Archer and 'The Alchemist' by Paulo Coelho. Both novels transport you to a different time and place. One takes you to London at the turn of the century, pre-WWI and ends with the cultural excitement of the '60s. The other takes you from the Andalusian Mountains to an oasis in the Sahara Desert. I fell in love with As The Crow Flies when I was 18 years old and backpacking across Europe. I happened to be in London when I was reading it and it brought the book to life in so many ways. I think The Alchemist should be required reading for every high school senior. It is a very parable-like novel about a young man's journey in search of the meaning of life and the cost and reward of following his dreams. The simplicity of it is what makes it so powerful and I read at a time in my life when I needed to make some important life-altering decisions. Reading is so much more than imagination. Whether you're reading something light and funny or heavy and thought provoking, reading is the gateway to all things. It educates you in different cultures and societies. You learn empathy and how better to relate to people in your life. Reading is invaluable!"

Patty Galea

Support Secretary, Superintendent's Office



Celebrating reading

Left, Davison Middle School staff and students are ready for March is Reading Month! The ELA department has planned several different reading activities, lessons and incentives to encourage our students to become avid readers who LOVE reading! Below, students in Mrs. Brenda Smith's classroom at Central Elementary celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

