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# SLCSD Library Newsletter

## What's Happening in our Libraries?

March 2024



### Top Check Outs/St By Class:

Mrs. Young 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Ms. Hunt 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Ms. Bendall 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Nelson 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Mrs. Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### Top Check Outs by Student:

Ruth M 3<sup>rd</sup> ; Nolan 4<sup>th</sup> ;  
Oliver 5<sup>th</sup> ; Lila 3<sup>rd</sup> ; Logan 5<sup>th</sup>



### *Tara and the Towering Wave:* *An Indian Ocean Tsunami Survival Story*

By Christina Oxta

#### Book Review by Diana Bell

Fans of the *I Survived* series will love this fast-paced story of a girl's survival thousands of miles from home. Tara and her mother take a girls' trip to Thailand, the country her grandparents emigrated from, just days before the infamous tsunami of 2004. As Tara battles feelings of isolation from her estranged father and grapples with the idea of "belonging" in a strange land, she is suddenly plunged into a fight for survival. Separated from her mother in a Phuket marketplace, Tara must navigate the aftermath of the worst natural disaster in modern history. This book would appeal to students in 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades. If students enjoy this book, there are nine other titles in the *Girls Survive* series.

### *The Witness Trees:*

*Historic Moments and the Trees*  
*Who Watched Them Happen*

By Ryan G. Van Cleave

#### Book Review by Beth Tanner

is a beautifully illustrated lyrical book that recounts the stories of trees and the histories they have "seen". From familiar legends to Isaac Newton's apple tree, onward to the tree gifted to Jesse Owens after his triumph at the Berlin Olympics and the Callery pear that survived near decimation on 9/11, this book is a wonderful look at world-changing historical events. This book is a captivating read-aloud and a great companion to a history/social studies unit. What better way to look at our history than through the "eyes" of the trees who have witnessed so much. As a follow-up, students will love reading, *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate and *This Very Tree* by Sean Rubin.



### Daylight Saving Time: Love It or Hate It?

By Dr. Tiffany Hall

Daylight Saving Time (DST), when clocks adjust forward by one hour, has been a subject of debate and controversy since it started. Some people argue that it saves energy and promotes outdoor activities, but other people wonder if it does more harm than good.

DST was proposed during World War I as a means to conserve energy. The idea was to make better use of daylight and reduce the need for artificial lighting. The practice was later abandoned and reintroduced several times, leading to a mixed bag of implementation around the world.

Proponents of DST argue that adjusting the clocks forward in the spring and backward in the fall helps conserve energy. With more daylight in the evenings, people are less reliant on artificial lighting, resulting in reduced energy consumption. However, DST may also increase the amount of air conditioning used—so it's unclear if it saves energy at all.

Critics of DST point out potential health and safety concerns associated with the abrupt change in time. Studies suggest that the disruption to circadian rhythms during the transition periods can lead to sleep disturbances and impact your overall well-being. Additionally, the shift in time has been linked to an increase in accidents and workplace injuries (So BE CAREFUL!).

Public opinion on DST remains divided. Some people appreciate the extended daylight hours for outside evening activities, while others find the time changes disruptive to their daily routines. Whether it's time to bid farewell to this century-old tradition or find a more universally accepted solution, the discussion surrounding Daylight Saving Time continues.

*This news is brought to you by your Library Technology Teacher, Mrs. Park, who eagerly awaits the opportunity to discuss these exciting topics, help support your curriculum and collaborate on lessons with you!*

Check SORA for a list of ebooks about Daylight Saving Time, telling time, and why we have time zones to share with your students. Ask them what they think about the change on March 10: love it or hate it?