

Waite Park Library Update

2nd QUARTER 2025-26

Year-to-Date in the Library

Books checked out: 3,548

Books added to the library: 364

What We've Learned

Star of the North Award

Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade have finished reading all of the Star of the North Book Award nominees. We will be voting for our favorites soon.

Maud Hart Lovelace award

Students in 3rd through 5th grade have the option to participate in the Maud Hart Lovelace Award voting. Any student who reads 3 nominated books may vote in March.

Literary Genres

Our fiction books are organized by genre. Students in grades 2-5 are learning more about genres and how to find books. We will soon be starting a project to organize the Everyone (picture) books by genre. As part of our learning, students will have input into the genres we use for the Everyone books.

ALA Book Awards

Students in 3rd through 5th grade learned about the ALA book award. We looked at this year's winners and discussed which ones we want for our library.

Upcoming Lessons

I Love to Read Month

February is I Love to Read Month! All classes will be camping in the library. There will also be a book bingo and bookmark design contest.

Online Databases

Later this quarter, we will be learning about the [online databases in MPS](#), including Encyclopedia Britannica, PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next, and eLibraryMN.

Useful Links

[Book checkout Schedule](#)

[Schedule for Ms. Hyrkas, Librarian](#)

[Destiny Discover \(Library Catalog\)](#)

Getting ready for Camp Read-a-Lot



We have started getting ready for camping in the library. Students will be reading books by flashlight in tents and around (toy) campfires.