

DC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Strahov Library, Prague

Welcome Back!

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New Year

This semester in the DC Library, we will continue our *Under the Sea* exploration with the students of DCES. Last semester, we had discussions about sharks, jellyfish, pufferfish, the levels of the ocean, and creatures that glow as well as reading some Grand Canyon Reader nominated books. For grades 6-8, we will continue with some more author spotlights, another Breakout EDU, and mini-lessons related to ELA. We encourage checking out books every week!

Upcoming Events in Library

National Braille Literacy Month

January 8: First Day Back

January 9: ES PTO Mtg 3:45 pm

January 10: ES Staff Mtg 7:30 am

January 15: MLK Jr Holiday

January 17: District Spelling Bee

January 24: Early Release ES PD

January 25: ES Site Council 3:45 pm

After School Activities



The DC Library is open until 3:30 pm (1:30 on ER days)- DCMS Students are welcome!

Chess Club: Every Friday-2:20-3:20 pm

Reminders

Everyone has personal access to the library catalogue and accounts through SUSD Single Sign On. Be sure to visit the Library page to see the links.

*Please turn in
all overdue
items to the
Library!*



AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT DCMS: RICK RIORDAN



Right before break, DCMS students learned about this famous author of the Percy Jackson series. Students who watch the new Disney+ series and compare/contrast to the first Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief book will get a prize. Due: January 15.

DCES Reader of the Month

First grader Brady Heald is the DCES Reader of the Month for January. He was nominated by his teacher Ms. Tipton who says that he has improved in his reading by leaps and bounds and is so excited with the progress he has made. Way to go, Brady, In his own words, Brady says that, "Reading is really fun and I like it. It gives you something to do when you don't have something." His favorite book is Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."



DCMS Reader of the Month

Sixth grader Charlotte Rogers is the DCMS Reader of the Month for January. Char likes reading because as a reader, you can "transport yourself into a different world which diminishes your own problems." She is currently reading and enjoying Artemis Fowl and anything Percy Jackson. During the Rick Riordan author spotlight, she could discuss with knowledge any of the books and has even read some of his newer titles.



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New Staff

Mike and Lynn Byrnes hail from Massachussetts, and the DC community is lucky to have them. Lynn is now teaching in the LRC classroom full time after subbing and helping out DCES. Mike is now the teacher for the DCMS Mandarin program for the remainder of the year. They moved to Scottsdale two years ago with their two dogs, Sadie and Cass. They have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren whom they love to visit. They enjoy traveling, camping, and skiing. Mike is former military and flew Army helicopters for over 20 years before going into education where he was an administrator and teacher. They have been married for 44 years and have sure made a difference at many schools. We are so glad to have them, and appreciate all they have done to help the DC community.





Millionaire Readers - DCES



Abigail Lally-DOUBLE
MILLIONAIRE 1,296,708
words



Charlotte Andersen Young
522,549 words



Lincoln Chu
1,052,839 words



Taylor Niesz
439,549 words

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Grade Breakdowns for the Millionaire Readers' Club

300,000 words = 2nd grade
400,000 words = 3rd grade
750,000 words = 4th grade
1,000,000 words = 5th grade

Book Orders

Both campuses will be getting new books this spring. There will be an announcement through ParentSquare when they arrive, and the MARC records will be available to view by the public. Stay tuned...

Library Riddle

Riddle #2

Clue #2 I am in a VERY popular series.



Spelling Bee Winner

DCMS held its yearly Spelling Bee in the library on December 4. Congratulations to 6th grader Dhruv Bansal for being our school winner. He will compete at the district level in January.



Third Quarter Genre Spotlight:

Graphic Novels

WHO DO GRAPHIC NOVELS BENEFIT?

Struggling Readers

Prose can feel daunting. Graphic novels provide a sense of accomplishment and motivation.

Reluctant Readers

Keep readers hooked and wanting more.

Readers with Learning Differences

Readers with learning differences can read a page or full graphic novel without feeling too overwhelmed and utilize the added benefit of visual cues.

ELL and ESL Readers

English language learners can easily follow along with the story with the combination of text and pictures.

Visual Learners

We live in a visual society, and children love graphic novels because they can interpret nonverbal gestures, anticipate the plot, and make inferences.

Advanced Readers

Graphic novels require using higher-level thinking and comprehension skills, which allows for nuanced uses of metaphor, symbolism, irony, and point of view.

EVERY Reader should read GRAPHIC NOVELS!

GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE REAL BOOKS!



WHAT SKILL DO GRAPHIC NOVELS DEVELOP?

- Literacy
- An understanding of sequence of events
- Ability to interpret nonverbal gestures
- Visual literacy
- Stronger vocabulary and Independent reading
- Comprehension of relationships between texts and images

FUN FACTS ABOUT GRAPHIC NOVELS!

- ★ Graphic novels boost library circulation! "In our library it's (graphic novels)

3% of the collection and **30%** of our circulation,"

says Esther Keller, a New York school media specialist and blogger for School Library Journal's Good Comics for Kids.

- ★ Comics and graphic novel sales reached **\$1.21 BILLION** in 2019.

- ★ Comic books and graphic novels are slightly different! The latter is longer and are a complete narrative, while comics are serialized narratives.

- ★ Publishers are bringing the format to an even younger audience: early readers, ages four to eight.

- ★ Graphic novels were introduced in the **1960s** and are popular with kids and adults today!

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