

DESERT CANYON LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2023 DATES

National Book Month

October 2-6 - Freedom to Read Week*

October 6 - End of First Quarter

October 9-13 - Fall Break

October 20 - Birthday Book Club

October 23-27 - Scholastic Books Fair

October 25-27 Early Release (K-8)

DCMS SAEBRS Testing

*6-8 graders will have a brief presentation in ELA class about Freedom to Read week.



NEW STAFF

Mr. Audie Wyatt is the new 8th grade math teacher for DCMS. Before he was a teacher, he was a professional pole vaulter in Texas where he grew up. He loves other outdoor sports like rock climbing and camping. He has two mini Aussiedoodles named Nate and Tori. His favorite book is *Dune*. We are glad you are here, Mr. Wyatt!



Mrs. Marlo Kaminsky is the new permanent sub for DCES. She and her husband have lived in Arizona for 22 years and have two daughters who were students in SUSD. She has been a teacher for 18 years and is a lover of sports. Her favorite books are motivational books for women. Welcome Mrs. Kaminsky!





READERS OF THE MONTH

Matthew Larson is the DCES Reader of the Month. In his own words, he says that with reading, “possibilities are endless.” His favorite books are the Amulet series right now. His teacher, Mrs. Slon, says that she has to sometimes tell him to stop reading when class starts. We think that is a good problem to have!



Charlotte (Charlie) Kolb is the Reader of the Month for DCMS. She says that, “Reading is an escape for me.” She loves the Percy Jackson stories because the books have “everything in a package: humor, action, and romance.” The Lightning Thief is a “go to book” for her. She was nominated by her ELA teacher Mrs. DeSarno. Keep reading, Charlie!



AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT DCMS

All Middle School students had an author spotlight presentation in the library during their ELA classes. An author of over 100 books in his career, Gordon Korman is a writer of books for the middle grade reader. Some popular titles are Ungifted and Restart. He also contributes to the 39 clues series which is a collaborative project involving many well-known authors. Ask your student which Korman book they are going to read next.



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The first Millionaire Reader for the 2023-24 school year is second grader Olivia Kosak in Mr. Rhodes class with 468,636 words. Way to go, Olivia!



LITERACY TIPS

There are three types of reading disabilities in young readers:

1. **Phonological deficit**, indicates a core problem in the process of letter sound and sound patterns in words.
2. **Processing speed/orthographic processing deficit** is a delay in speed and accuracy of printed word recognition
3. **Comprehension deficit** often occurs with the first two types of problems, but specifically found in children with social-linguistic disabilities (e.g., autism spectrum), vocabulary weaknesses, generalized language learning disorders, and learning difficulties that affect abstract reasoning and logical thinking.

Visit this site for more information and ways to overcome these challenges: readingrockets.org



Current checkouts for this year:
3, 016
Can we get to 500,000 by May?

Overdue books: 239!

Library Riddle
Clue # 3
This book has 3 words in its title and is #6 chronologically in the series.

DIGITAL SPOTLIGHT

Breakout Edu is a digital escape room centered around various topics. The library will be featuring one later this semester. These can be done with or without kits. See breakoutedu.com for more information on this great digital teaching tool.