



Washington Library Monthly Report

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Narrative

First week of school yard duty: Zani (5) asked about the 5th grade Newbery book club and Malik (5) asked about 5th graders checking out Playaways.

Second week: Parisa (5) and Ciana asked about the book club, and Malik was the first to check out a Playaway. Fifth graders have new privileges.

Third week: Django (2) checked out "Galileo's Leaning Tower Experiment". He then told me, "He was a philosopher and a scientist and the pope was mad at him because. . . ." I believe Django knows more about Galileo than most of us.

Fourth week: The first Newbery book club meeting was a great success- almost half of the fifth grade. I finished writing the grant application for more Playaway audio books hours ahead of the deadline. I'd like to thank my husband for being my tech help and proofreader.

I'd like to thank Amanda Sabin, who went from volunteer extraordinaire to coworker and volunteer coordinator extraordinaire. She also subbed when I was sick and when I went out of town. Eric Silverberg and Amanda are part of the 5th grade book club team for three years now. Amanda took an online class on Newbery and made the colorful bulletin board in the library. She's our Newbery expert, and Eric is the teacher/librarian who leads the meetings.

Second through fifth grades had a brief overview of the Dewey Decimal call numbers. Thank you, Eric Silverberg for the slide show on the Dewey for 3rd through 5th. "The Shelf Elf Helps Out" is good for first, second and third. I have made shelf markers with 001 through 900. The shelf elf lists the Dewey categories as we point to the areas. I copy Ms. Bail (4) when I say, "Now point to an area in the non-fiction that you would like to search for a book."



People

Number of class visits : 20 x 4 *Make-ups :* 0 *Cancellations :* two teachers forgot to come

Teacher Consultations : Amanda was asked to booktalk several genres for 5th grades, so we brainstormed science fiction titles, historical fiction, fantasy, upper level graphic, etc.

Kinder classes wanted pumpkin or apple or tree books, or all three.

Parent/Community Volunteers: Shirley is back-- is it year 6? Amanda has around seven volunteers lined up. We will be able to change out the books with more frequency, which means more variety for K-2.

Other Uses : meetings, staff meetings, BUILD tutors

Displays: Newbery winners, with about 20 medal winning books on display on the piano; history of Washington Elementary through paper ephemera in the display case on the 3rd floor. There are books signed by authors or students from 60 years ago and art work dashed off by visiting illustrators such as Thacher Hurd.

Circulation:

Items circulated: 2809



Interesting circulation factoid: there is a correlation between the classes that forget books. That class checks out fewer books. It's also hard for kids to remember their books on Mondays. I looked across one grade level for this analysis. Secret.

Collection Development:

Added: 61

Weeded: 36

Mended: 5

Concerns:

At the beginning of the year, no one has overdue books. Now some students have had a book out for three or four weeks. Overdues mean they can check out fewer books.



Respectfully submitted,



