



## Washington Library Monthly Report

October 2018

### Our library story this month:

Ms. Wash's kindergarten knows they check out only one book. "But I need an amphibian book," said a boy trying to check out a second book. He had a persuasive argument, but no. October is always our busiest month, as you can see by the number of checkouts, over 3100. There are Halloween and Day of the Dead books to distribute to teachers, and more for display for students. I put out most of the Dewey 001 and 131 Supernatural books, many 398 scary folktales and 810 scary short story collections. It can't hurt to pepper my book talks with Dewey numbers. (I once had a teacher ask if the books were in any order. Kidding?)

The pinata pumpkin was at Washington when I got here in 2003. This year's Fall Fair was a good time to bid it adieu. I heard at the end it was carted off to someone's car. I hope it was going to another pumpkin patch. Just to add to the fun and activity this month, Ann Whaling of Mrs. Dalloway's Bookstore offered to set up an author visit for first and second grades. All the children heard "I Don't Want To Be A Frog" and signed a green paper plate frog mouth for the Thank You posters. Thanks, Amanda, for seeing the frog idea on Pinterest and buying 120 plates and eyes. You have vision.

### People

*Number of class visits* : 22x20 *Make-ups* : 1 scheduled, but class farmed out *Cancellations* : 2 for Halloween

*Teacher Consultations* : Ms. Bail's 4th graders choose 20 plus buddy books to read to their reading buddies each week. Two 5th grade teachers have started this practice this month.

Ms. Hedgecock asked Ms. Sabin to give a presentation on genres in September. The second part was a presentation by Mr. Silverberg about searching for genre on the library website.

The third week of Oct. Ms. Bail requested 60 non-fiction books, and all the fourth grade teachers are requiring non-fiction checkouts. I am the enforcer and persuader.

Ms. Sanchez' kids liked that she read Dare to Be Scared and Double Dare to be Scared. It took me 3 days to find Triple Dare to Be Scared for the class. Eerie?

Ms. Mitchell has asked Ms. Sabin to find high interest, low difficulty books for a couple of her third graders before her class comes in each week. Then you have to interest the child in those books.

*Parent/Community Volunteers*: Amanda has organized a team of parent volunteers, including one 3 year old, Levi. Shirley the community volunteer comes every Friday.

*Other Uses* : On Halloween the library was designated as the place for children who did not want to participate in the Halloween parade. I had six show up! Four of them, 5th grade girls, were happy to cut cupcake papers to make water lilies for frog posters. See photo to the right.



Displays: frogs-- 125 of them, Halloween and Fall

Circulation:

*Items circulated:* over 3100

*Interesting circulation factoid:* teachers are checking out a lot. We are all so glad Ms. Bail is back.

Collection Development:

*Added:* to be rolled into Nov.

*Weeded:* 17

*Mended:* 3

Concerns: Will we be in the library next year, on be going room to room with a cart? Will I have any book budget with budgeting cuts?

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Suzy Mead*

*See below, Maya wrote that the author was special, and Eli our youngest volunteer reads.*

