Chugging Along!

It’s been another busy month in the Library, with over 9,000 student visits and 40 scheduled classes and booktalks. Rebecca continued working with three 7th grade research projects and their NoodleTools bibliographies, as well as executing 5th & 6th grade booktalks and starting research on a maker cart for the library. Ann has been hard at work with 11th-12th grade lit-crit paper bibliographies and 10th grade Life Skills, teaching about copyright and fake news (with Laura Triebold and Jay Heath). We also added 47 new items to the collection, mounted displays on Black History Month, Transgender titles, Ursula LeGuin, the Olympics, and new award winners, and continued to bring books to the 6th grade DEAR period. Rebecca ran Hoot meetings, the 5th grade Battle of the Books, the Photo Finish contest, helped with the MS Spelling Bee (along with Mike Davidson, Neal Iezzi, and the Green/Gold captains), and gathered titles for the upcoming Faculty Picks 2018: Books I Have Loved.

Battle of the Books

The 5th graders enjoyed a pitched Battle in TLC, as they competed to answer questions from a list of ten books (half chosen by them). Gold Team One was victorious: Mahi, Grayson, Ved, Aiden, and Joshua.

Photo Finish

This contest challenges students to choose three random magazine photos and write a story that incorporates them. It makes for a wildly colorful and creative display in the Library!

Green Screen

Just a reminder that the Library has a green screen and an iPad with green screen software. Think of all the wonderful things your classes could do! To help you along, we now have a detailed guide on how to use the green screen to create videos.

Opposing Viewpoints in Context (Gale)

“Covers current hot-topic social issues, and helps students research, analyze and organize a broad variety of data for conducting research, completing writing assignments, preparing for debates, creating presentations and more.” Other issues databases: Issues (ABC-Clio), Points of View Reference Center (Ebsco).

February Book Recommendations

- Cinder, by Marissa Meyer
- I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter, by Erika Sanchez
- Last Hope Island: Britain, Occupied Europe, and the Brotherhood That Helped Turn the Tide of War, by Lynne Olson