Ready for Spring!

It’s been another busy month, with over 6,000 student visits, 22 scheduled classes and book-talks, and 35 new Spanish titles in Overdrive. Rebecca facilitated a local poet working with 6th graders, continued with 6th grade booktalks, planned a meeting about maker carts, ran Hoot meetings, the Book Spine Poetry Contest, Bookface, and facilitated (but was out sick during) a bookclub meeting to discuss Cinder by Marissa Meyer; many thanks to Kerri Hunt and Andrea for stepping in! Ann is working with 9th Grade on English film crit research, 12th AP English on copyright aspects of their multi-media research project, 11th grade on historical comparison using primary source databases, and 8th grade with amendment debates. Andrea set up a fabulous set of brackets for March Library Madness, pitting literary characters against each other. We provided space for the US Writers’ Symposium, mounted displays on Magical Realism, Time Travel, and Poetry, and continued to bring books and booktalks to the 6th grade. Coming next week: Battle of the Books at St. Thomas!

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Just For Fun...

Harry Potter: A History of Magic
As the British Library closes its amazing exhibit on Harry Potter, featuring artifacts and more from Rowling’s Wizarding World, Google Arts and Culture brings it to life online. Mischief managed!

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