

Washington Library Monthly Report

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Our library story this month: 10-8 The internet was down long enough for this first grader to write her name for the book she wanted. Carina added love to her note. I read "Ten Little Mummies". Jamel (1) told Ms. Thomaes, "I thought from the cover that it was going to be boring, but it wasn't!"

Arjun (5th) ran up to me in the yard before school. "I just finished the playaway of The Giver and it made me cry." Thanks, Berkeley Schools Fund, for audiobook grants two years in a row.

The fifth grade started this year's Mock Newbery bookclub Oct. 4th with 29 eager readers. And then they were on an overnight the next week. Amanda Sabin and I bake, and Eric Silverberg leads the meetings. More students are joining us each week. With the PTA stipend and Mrs. Dalloway's discount, I was able to buy seven more book club books for \$104.

For a week I demonstrated Tales2Go in the 4th and 5th grade classes. I discussed differences in Sora and Tales2Go. "I use Libby, which is like Sora," I said. "But for girls?" guessed one boy.

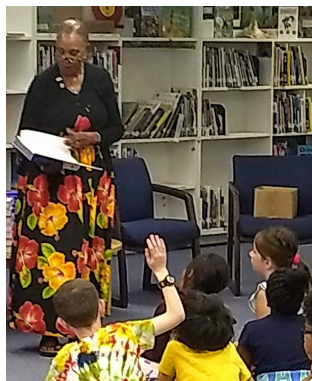
10-23 I told Lev (4) when he checked out "The Night Gardener" that I thought it was a scary (Victorian) novel. "Nah," he said. "He's wearing a top hat."

10-24 Washington 3rd graders came in two classes at a time to receive large dictionaries from the Rotary Club.

Ms. C-R made the schedule work for everyone on the only morning that the library is free. See the photo of Joanne the Rotarian explaining how a dictionary is used.

10-29 Sudden collaboration-- Meridith Irby from the high school emailed at 8:00 that the high school students would need 30 books for buddy reading with the third grades. I wasn't sure who was reading to whom, but 30 books got pulled and checked out. Afterward Meridith shelved and chatted for 45 minutes. Win-- win!

10-31 I was wearing a gray shalwar camise when Davion asked me what I was going to be for Halloween. "Oh, you are dressed up as a librarian, I get it."



People

Number of class visits : 20 classes each week, on Mondays Amanda sees four classes by 11:30-- intense.

Teacher Consultations : Emily looked at new books on refugees. I forwarded the Tales2Go leveled list to 4th and 5th grade teachers and reading teachers. Kinder

teachers ask for Apples, the Pumpkins, and Leaves (Wash). Day of the Dead books are limited to one per teacher. Our diwali collection was inadequate, so 5 were added to the Fall book order.

Parent/Community Volunteers: Shirley, Matt, Anne and the team of Becca and Levi (4) who sat and listened to a scary folktale this week.

Other Uses : Rotary dictionary giveaway, BUILD tutors, kindergarten afterschool storytime, staff meetings, PTA evening meetings

Displays: Monsters were added here and there. Fall leaves and skulls were added to the Hogwarts display.

Circulation:

Items circulated: almost 2800, more than last month

Interesting circulation factoid: there were 35 books overdue for 10 days or more in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. That's why the teachers got a choice of paper or email overdue notices for their conferences.

Collection Development:

Added: 97

Weeded: 60 Jenn Gordon was lamenting her collection average date. I said we could discard books for a more updated average age, but some non-fiction is expensive to replace and rarely used. Thirty year old books about other countries still need to go.

Mended: 5

Concerns: The report for Berkeley Schools Fund is still hanging over me like a term paper. I postponed it last spring because it took so long to get the audiobooks.



Respectfully submitted,

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