



## Washington Library Monthly Report

January 2020

*Image: Lassen recreated "Julian is A Mermaid"*

### **Narrative/ Tell your library story this month:**

1-7 The month started with so much collaboration by email: Kessel had to change her library time this semester, two classes have field trips and needed rescheduling, 3rd graders are looking for animal books on their level. With two Mondays off, classes got one make-up day, not two. We have to allocate our time.

1-8 Always a little extra-- Ms. Hedgecock makes me excited to work a little harder. The students get a quick challenge in the library before they can check out. Today it was "Find another book about the same country or era as your historical fiction character you will be presenting." We spent a fair amount of time looking in the history section, but librarians love to help in the search.

1-22 Ms. Hedgecock had me talk briefly about realistic fiction books and her students checked them out. The other two 5th grade classes started checking out realistic fiction, and will do a project in February.

1-29 Arafat (5th) asked me if his book "Last Kids On Earth and the Midnight Blade" was realistic fiction. Not in this universe.

1-29 Syncere (5) read the Newbery (best novel of the year) winner "New Kid". Someone told him she might go to private school next year. "I would never go to private school!" said Syncere. Amanda thinks "New Kid" should be required reading for teachers, because we all prejudge people.

1-29 3rd through 5th are playing an alphabetizing Fiction Books game. When they alphabetized "Dog Man" a couple were checked out. In came London (K!) to check out the one she hadn't read. Update, two more of Ms. Kessel's kinders came in for "Dog Man" books.

1-29 A group from China came in and observed a 4th grade class before leading Jokela's class in a lunar new year craft.

1-30 Alyse (K) was talking to an invisible Pikachu dragon as she was checking out. ? Well, I asked.

1-31 Ms. Hancock and I agreed to have a no Dav Pilkey book check out. "Dog Man" was too popular in 2nd grade, and students did check out other transitional novels (chapter books).

1-31 2nd grade girls were looking at the animals of the lunar new year. Safaa (2) asked me which animal was my birth year. "Were you born in 2012?" "No, but thanks," I said.

1-31 The Mock Newbery Club party was a bit raucous. It might have been too fun, and it might have been the last. See photos on the last page.

### **People**

*Number of class visits : 20x4      Make-ups : 3      Cancellations : 1*

*Teacher Consultations :* I wrote so many emails back and forth. We found out that Rafael's grandfather is Thacher Hurd, who is a favorite author of picture books. Ms. Thomaes checked out his books, and we are hoping for a class visit in February. Units! Teachers asked for books on their weather unit (4), animal reports (1st and 3rd). Mr. Krasnor moved his library time from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. We displayed and checked out books on Martin Luther King, lunar new year and change makers.

*Parent/Community Volunteers: we lost a volunteer this month, but Shirley (10 years!), Anne, and the duo Becca and Levi continue to help shelve*

*Other Uses :* PTA meetings, night meetings, staff meetings, A Saturday special guest speaker on the topic of child anxiety, etc.

**Displays:** Julian Is A Mermaid

Photos: Evan and Jovani vote, 5th graders write farewells to the tree, the piano was taken away, and we had the Mock Newbery Book Club party and the winners were announced.

### Circulation

*Items circulated:* more than 2,200 the third highest month in this school year!

*Interesting circulation factoid:* Mabel, who transferred from Oxford, has checked out the most books of any other student. She knows where the boxes of the yet to be processed books are, too.

### Collection Development

*Added:* 97

*Weeded:* 77

*Mended:* 5

**Concerns:** I am budgeting our last book money. Amanda has agreed to order new books on different counties. That section is quickly outdated. The 25 year old books need to go.



*Respectfully submitted,  
Suzy and Amanda*





