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**Librarian’s Pen …..**

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### **Lowe Library Media Center**

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# **Reading News!**

We are very happy to report many Lowe students spent time over the summer reading! Before summer break we challenged students to read for the World Record as well as compete in a local book war and many Lowe students stepped up to the challenge.

**Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge**

**L**owe students are participating in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge this summer by reading and have logged in 193,008 minutes of reading time so far. By doing so Lowe now ranks 203 out of the schools from around the world participating in the challenge. This challenge ends on September 9, 2016. To enter your minutes visit <http://www.scholastic.com/summer>.

**LFPL Book Wars**

This summer Lowe students challenged students from Hite, Middletown, Bowen and Stopher elementary schools to a challenge to discover which school could read the most books over the summer months. The Book War took place through the Louisville Free Public Library Middletown Branch. Lowe students read approximately 2,663 books collectively. This averages to be 4.4 books per student. Our score was just behind Hite students who scored an average of 4.5 books per student. Lowe placed 2nd in the Book War challenge. Congratulations Lowe students!

**Creative Reader Program**

Lowe students will once again be invited to participate in a creative reader challenge each month. Some months we will offer a small prize, but other months it will be just for fun. This month’s creative reading challenge is for students to create a Literary Discovery Bottle for a book they read this summer. Flyers for the challenge will be sent home shortly. You can also find the Creative Reader Challenges each month at: <http://lowelibrary.weebly.com/creative-reader-program.html>

**Genre Wizards Welcome!**

Students in 2nd to 5th grade are encouraged to earn genre pins this school year by reading books, taking quizzes and completing activities. We will be reviewing requirements for earning pins during library classes in October. Full requirements for earning pins can be found at: <http://lowelibrary.weebly.com/genre-wizard-badge.html>

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| National Kids’ Good Manners Month |  |
| The new 4th-5th grade Lowe Book Olympians Club will begin at the end of September. Flyers will be sent home with students.  |  |
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**Library Hours:**Monday to Friday
9:00-3:30

Dates to Remember:

**Databases for Beginner Researchers**  **Databases for Intermediate Researchers**

Lowe library has purchased a subscription to PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next. These databases are great for reading and research. The PebbleGo databases make learning, improving reading and research skills fun, building on children’s interest. PebbleGo offers four databases: Animals, Science, Biographies and Social Studies.  PebbleGo Databases are simple to navigate and offer key reading supports such as read-along audio and word-by-word highlighting. These databases are also helpful to 4th and 5th grade struggling readers. PebbleGo Next offers more challenging materials in Science, Social Studies and Native American studies. PebbleGo Next is best suited for 3rd-5th grade students.

**More Databases for Intermediate Researchers**

JPCS also has a subscription to Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) as well as Britannica School databases to help 3rd to 12th grade students in their research. KYVL offers journals and encyclopedia articles as well as a database specifically for Kentucky history. Britannica School is a database offering articles at elementary, middle school and High School reading levels. **Databases are a great place to begin research!**

To access these databases, please visit <http://jcpsky.libguides.com/lowelibrary> under the “for Students” tab. The username and password information for each database can be found on a sticker inside of your child’s agenda/take home folder.

**Library eBooks**

The library has eBooks available for students and families. You may read eBooks directly from your laptop or any mobile device. To access the library eBooks, please visit the Lowe Library catalog at: <http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/standard.php> (username: Lowe Elementary; password leave blank) and type the word ebook in the search box. After locating an ebook you wish to read click on the title and scroll to [click here to read this eBook.](http://www.follettebooks.com/shelf/servlet/Control/1?div=2&cust=1600468&ktsID=450) Username: student146 and password: lowe146

**Kindergarten**

Students have been learning how to be library citizens by becoming acquainted with various characters in several books. Through understanding both text and illustrations students are learning about good listening skills, library rules and procedures, and book care. Students have also been learning about the roles of the library, librarian, author and illustrator through songs and activities.

*CCS standards:  SL.K.1.a, RL.K.3, RI.K.6, W.K.3, W.K.6 AASL standards: 1.1.2, 1.1.6, 2.3.1, 3.2.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.5*

**First Grade**

Students have been reviewing what it means to be a good library citizen through reviewing library rules, procedures and book care by asking and answering questions as the read, view and listen to various library resources: fiction books, eBooks, student news, PowerPoints and websites about these topics. Students are also learning and practicing how to find a “good fit” book to help them find books they will personally enjoy when they check out library books.

*CCS Standards: W1.8, SL1a, SL1.1a, SL1.2, SL1.3, RL1.1, RL1.7, RI1.7, W1.8*

*AASL Standards: 1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.1.6, 1.1.7, 2.1.5, 2.3.1, 3.2.2, 4.1.3,*

## **News from the Library Classroom**



**Fifth Grade**

Students will review library rules and book care rules by creating poems to share with younger grades, learn/review library vocabulary through playing a game and then use the text message feature of a fake iPhone template to apply the vocabulary they learned. Students will also learn how to use the advanced feature of the library catalog, and review nonfiction subjects and numbers through a team competition.

SL5.1b, SL5.1c, RI5.2, W5.8

AASL 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.4, 1.1.6, 1.1.9, 1.2.2, 1.3.5, 2.1.2, 3.2.2

## **Second Grade**

Students will discover that using background knowledge and recounting key details from text and illustrations, video and oral presentations will help them to build a foundation for knowing how to use the library media center. Students will review library rules and procedures, proper book care, how to find a “good fit” book and understand their preferences as a reader. Students will also review the parts of the books learned in first grade. Lastly, students will be introduced to the Library catalog.

*CCS Standards: SL2.1, SL2.1a, SL2.2, W2.8*

*AASL Standards: 1.1.6, 1.4.2, 2.4.1, 4.1.3, 4.1.5, 3.2.2, 3.3.2*

Students will begin the year by reviewing library rules and procedures. They will apply what they reviewed to create a story about a library rule or procedure or book care rule. Student will also learn how to use the advance feature on the library catalog, how to navigate the library by understanding the Dewey subjects and call numbers in more detail through activities and hands on application.

SL4.1, SL4.1b, SL4.4, RL4.2, RI4.7, W4.8 AASL 1.1.4, 1.1.6, 1.2.2, 3.3.2, 3.1.3

## **Fourth Grade**

“There will never be too many books, just too little time to read them all.”

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## **Third Grade**

Students will discover by using specific strategies: background knowledge, recounting key ideas and details from video, text and oral presentations in addition to practicing through activities, they will be able to better follow the library rules, locate books needed for learning and personal growth. Students will then review how to use the library catalog as well as the arrangement of books in the library. This semester students will also be introduced to nonfiction subjects, Dewey numbers, and call numbers to help them locate books in the library.

*RL3.1, RI3.7, RI3.4, SL.1b, SL3.2, W3.8 AASL 1.1.4, 1.1.2, 1.1.6, 1.1.7, 4.1.2*