

Library Media Newsletter

August 2011

Forging Ahead

Welcome to a new frontier not experienced by many of us during the last 25 years. This summer, a vendor shared with me a new book that he had read in his daughter's second grade class that came to his mind as we discussed the situation in Polk County Schools and schools throughout our nation. The book he read is entitled The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. Please take a quick five minute read and remember that the little that we have to offer might produce big results and inspire others in ways we can't imagine. Hold Your Heads High, we are going to make it!

Welcome !

Catherine Plum (Elbert) is returning after being off a year and Veita Stephens (Snively), is beginning her first year as library media specialists.

Changes!

The following changes have been made:
Stacy Davis (from Highland City to Lake Alfred),
Carmen Croy (Gibbons Street to Kingsford), and
Robin Ferguson (from Dixieland to Kathleen Elem),
Ellen Huey (from Auburndale HS to Lakeland HS)

New Experiences

We have a total of 14 Media II para-educators in centers without a library media specialist. We had five media specialists to go back to the classroom, Leigh Moore (Lake Region), Annette True (Frostproof M/S), Elvira Randall (Lake Gibson HS), Moire Love (Polk City) and Karen Parrish (Bethune Academy).

Our high school and middle school media specialists are without para educators and in some cases are the only one manning the ninth grade center libraries.

The Media II Para Educators manning our elementary media center without a media specialist are:

Debra Greenhow (Cleveland Court), Melissa Spindler (Crystal Lake), Carol Coker (Gibbons Street), Rosemary Grubbs (Highland City), Darlene Denton (Oscar Pope), Barbara Choquette (Polk City), Christine Powell (Southwest Elem), Kim Drane (Bill Duncan), Debbie Von Leue (Rochelle), Lori Crowley (Lincoln), and two unnamed paras for Dixieland and Jean O'Dell Learning Center are the new Media II paras.

The Media II Para Educators manning our middle school media centers without a media specialist are: Jackie Barnes and Brianna Jozwick (Bartow Middle) and Amanda Albritton (Kathleen Middle),

They each have been assigned mentors to help them with questions. Many of them already have media experience and are ready to serve. Everyone, please make them feel welcomed.

Forecast of Events

District Activities for School

September 2, 2011	Library Media Specialists Meeting
September 7, 2011	Polk Men Read Luncheon Jim Miles PDC/Live Oaks Room 12:00 – 1:00
September 26, 2011	Shining Star Awards Jim Miles PDC, 6:00 PM
December 1 & 2, 2011	All Kids Read: Reading Comes Alive for Second Graders Harrison SOA Times TBA (You must let Jackie know if you want to participate.)
December 9, 2011	Library Media Specialists Meeting
February 14, 2012	Library Media Specialists Meeting
April 10, 2012	Library Media Specialists Meeting
May 22 & 23 2012	Middle School - Sunshine State Book Festival – Jim Miles PDC 9:30-2:30 Elementary School – Sunshine State Book Festival – Jim Miles PDC 9:00 – 2:00
June 11-14, 2012	Summer Training Jim Miles PDC times to be announced

Things to Do

Make sure your orders are in for magazines – August 22

Make sure you have completed the Survey Monkey form for AR Accounts – August 17

Make sure you have set up Access levels in Destiny – August 18

Sign up for SSYRA Book Festival by December 3

Sign up for Reading Comes Alive with Harrison (Second Graders) by October 17

Make sure you have set up your nine week periods in Accelerated Reader before you begin

Send out Home Connect Letter on golden rod paper with community centers on back side

Make sure that your library page on the school's webpage talks about your reading initiative

Excite students about reading!

Have a great year!

Sunshine State Book Festival

Category I - Visual Book Advertisement

Description: An artistic representation of a SSYRA book. It should illustrate a chapter, scene, character, theme, etc. Points will be given for the creativity of interpretation, aesthetic appeal and artistic execution of the piece, and craftsmanship. Visual must be student created.

Number of participants: (unlimited) - only one entry per school.

Format: Can be book jacket, mobile, diorama, poster, etc. that illustrates the book. The product can be made from any type of materials. It must not be any larger than 3'x3'

Points: A possible 100 points will be awarded. (Rubric to be posted on website).

All visual advertisements will be displayed on the morning of the festival. Products will be displayed in the lobby of Jim Miles. If a stand is needed, please bring one. Table tops will be provided. On the back of product please label with school name and the students who created the project.

Category II - Performance Book Trailer

Description: Creativity and originality are the keys. Students must effectively use their five minutes to portray an aspect of the assigned book. Performance should communicate a scene, character, or memorable event from the story. This can be presented through reader's theater, song, poetry, monologues, music, dance, or drama. Costumes, make-up and props should enhance the overall performance. Performance must be student created.

Number of Participants: unlimited

Format: Live performance

Time: Five minutes

Location: JMPDC Conference room on stage. The book's jacket will be projected on stage as a backdrop.

Rubric: Points: A possible 100 points will be awarded. (Rubric to be posted on website)

Category III - Video Book Trailer

Description: An unlimited number of students will create an original digital book trailer promoting their assigned book. No copyrighted material (music or pictures) should be used. Video Book Trailer must be student created.

You can choose to create a promotion for reading the SSYRA books or advertise your assigned title. It must be original using copyright free materials.

Number of Participants: (unlimited)

Format: QuickTime or .mov or .wma

Time: 1 minute

Points: A possible 100 points will be awarded. (Rubric to be posted on website)

Category IV - Creative Game

Description: Create an original game or activity using any type of medium i.e. board game, card game, electronic game, activity game, etc. that will be made available to participants to play during the lunch period. At the end of the lunch period, each school will award points per game they played based on the rubric. Awards will be presented based on the points received. Games are to be packaged as if they are marketing the item and ready for repeat use. If special equipment is required to play game, you must notify at time of submission.

It must be original using copyright free materials. Creative game must be student created.

Number of Participants: (unlimited)

Format: Any

Time: N/A

Points: A possible 100 points will be awarded. (Rubric to be posted on website)



Blue Ribbon Winners

General Procedures

The categories are: SSYRA Quiz Bowl, Visual Book Advertisement, Performance Book Trailer, Video Book Trailer, and Creative Game. Each category must use a different title. All Book Festival entrants must participate in the Quiz Bowl and a minimum of two additional categories.

SSYRA Quiz Bowl - All schools must participate in the Quiz Bowl

Description: Teams of three or four students will work together to answer the questions. Team captains will enter the answer using a Senteo student response system clicker. This will keep track of correct answers rather than first response. Rating will be based on performance rather than first, second or third place. The questions will be multiple choice questions with possible author/title questions.

Number of Participants: The group should be limited to no more than four participants.

Format: Participants will receive 75 - 100 questions. A minimum of five questions will be taken from each book.

Time: Questions will be placed on the projection screen. All students will be given the same amount of time to take the quiz. Questions will not be repeated and must be answered in the time frame given. Team members may discuss their answers but the team captain will hold the buzzer and will be the one to buzz in with the answer.

Location: All students must communicate answers quietly to captain because they will all be in a big room.



Call Jacqueline Rose with the title and categories you would like to participate in. Let her know by December 3 if you intend to participate.

Entries must be turned in by May 2, 2012

Beginning of the Year Start Up

Back Office Steps	Steps to take for Textbook Manager	Path to follow to take steps
Textbook due dates	<p>The District has already set the Due Dates for all Textbooks to June 8, 2012. If you wish your books to be due at a semester end then follow the steps to make the change of date you need. Make sure to change the next due date for the end of the year to match the district's due date of June 8, 2012.</p>	<p>Back Office - Textbook Polices - Loan Periods - Click on notepad and pencil and set dates based on School year calendar.</p>
Textbook Policies for Check out	<p>Set check out limits and set Conditioning</p>	<p>Back Office - Textbook Polices - Loan Policies - Click on notepad and pencil to edit policies if needed.</p>

Back Office Steps	Steps to take for Library Manager	Path to follow to take steps
Calendar	<p>The District has closed all sites for student holidays based on the School Year Calendar, if you need to close for other days follow these steps.</p>	<p>Back office - Calendar/Hours - click on dates that need to be closed</p>
Site Configuration	<p>Check each of the 5 tabs on the top right side of the screen; each area needs to be looked at and any changes made. Remember that the district uses 1-3 under User Defined Patron Fields; 1=Should say Information (latest FCAT reading score), 2=AUP and 3=Reading Teacher.</p>	<p>Back office - Site Configuration - Click each tab on top right of page</p>
Library Policies	<p>Students May 24, 2012 and Faculty June 7, 2012 are the dates the county has set, if you have other patron types please set their due dates accordingly. The recommendation is to set both Fixed and Ceiling dates the same.</p>	<p>Back office - Library Policies - Patron Type/Circulation Type</p>
Access levels	<p>When it is time to make these changes remember all teachers must be changed from the default of Patron to Teacher, your AP needs to be given Textbook Administrator. We have a new access for school secretaries so they can collect fines. Make this change if your administration would like them to collect library as well as textbook fines.</p>	<p>Back Office - Find Patron - Type in name - Scroll to bottom of screen - Access Level - Make selection - Click on Save</p>
Home Page	<p>Look over your home page of Destiny. If you have links to the on line services, some of them may need to be deleted. You may want to make other changes to give correct and current information to your patrons.</p>	<p>Home page - Edit Page - then you can delete links, add links and make other changes. Make sure to Save changes.</p>