

CHECK IT OUT!

WMS Library Newsletter



CHROMEBOOKS

...were checked out to students in the library for the first time this fall. All students have a Chromebook to use for their daily assignments rather than using one from a classroom case.

Students carry their Chromebooks from class to class and have proven to be responsible users of their devices.

BOOKFAIR RESULTS!

Thank you to all who supported the WMS Scholastic Book Fair. \$5,404.11 worth of books and other merchandise were purchased over the course of the week. From that, the library received \$335.70 worth of books from the profits. Students generously donated a total of 38 books to their classroom teachers. Our amazing volunteers helped set-up, sell, and take down the fair. A big shout-out goes to Co-Chairs Jennifer Philbrook and Kristen Stewart. It's great to see so many students walking around the school with new books in their hands!





LIBRARY AWARDED GRANT FOR LARGE PRINT BOOKS

by Mary Mathis

When I first decided to apply for a grant for Large Print books, I was excited for our students whose vision prevents them from easily reading standard print books. We had a shelf of Large Print book when I arrived in 1991, but these titles were old and outdated. In September, the WMS library received 28 Large Print books, valued around \$400 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Our two identified vision-impaired students were thrilled. Reading for these two girls just became less of a strain and more enjoyable.

The LP collection included a number of titles we didn't currently have plus many beloved titles that are always in demand. I decided to create a display with the new LP books. These titles began flying off the shelves.

Regular-sighted students were benefiting from these books, too. Why? Research shows the LP books help all readers feel more successful as they improve their reading speed and comprehension. Readers report the words "seem easier in a larger font" and they feel satisfaction from turning the pages at a faster pace.

Come take a look for yourself!

In increasing numbers, WMS students are reading eBooks or listening to Audiobooks from the Timberland Regional Library!

BOOK TRAILERS COMING YOUR WAY

For the second year in a row, Mr. Coyner's video production classes have paired with Mrs. Mathis to create book trailers on books from the WMS Library.

Under the direction of the two teachers, students help books come to life in the form of videos to help promote new books and sometimes forgotten great reads. Production is currently underway. Thanks to a grant from OSDEF, two 50" Smart LED TVs were mounted in the library to display these book trailers. Users can access the book trailers via the designated Chromebook by going to the WMS Book Trailer website. Noise-cancelling headphones are available for use to help maintain a quiet library atmosphere.

