Library News
Alamo Heights Junior School

December 2018

Library Mission
At the Alamo Heights Junior School, our mission is to work collaboratively to support the academic and recreational needs of our students and staff. We encourage and support the love of reading by building and maintaining a collection of resources that appeal to a wide range of interests.

New Books
So far this year we have added nearly 1000 NEW BOOKS to the collection! You’ll definitely want to check them out! Don't see a book you are looking for? Let the library staff know and we might be able to order it for our collection.

Finals
The library was a very busy place during finals! There was definitely an increase of library visitors before school and during lunch. Students were busy reading, working on the computers and studying their notes!

Library Aides
Our wonderful Junior School PTO Library Committee brought these delicious and beautifully designed cookies for our Library Aides. We are fortunate to have 18 student Library Aides throughout the day who assist students and teachers. Their efforts help keep the library running smoothly.

Library Book Club
Over 40 students have signed up for Book Club. We meet once a month during lunch to discuss an assigned book. During our first meeting, students shared a book of their choice. We all walked away with some great ideas for our next read! In December, we discussed the book Resistance by Jennifer Nielsen. The book is about Chaya, a teenager living in Nazi-
occupied Poland, who is determined to make a difference. She becomes a courier and travels between the Jewish ghettos, smuggling food, papers, and even people. Our next meeting is January 25th and we will discuss the Newbery Award winning book Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli.

**Scholastic Spring Book Fair**

Get ready for mammoth-sized fun-it’s the Stone Age Book Fair: Reading Rocks! It’s totally prehistoric and packed with reading adventure! Shopping starts on Monday, February 25th and ends on Friday, March 1st. Students may shop before school, at lunch and during the school day with their teacher’s permission. Book Fair hours are 8:00-4:15 pm each day.

We are pleased to bring you this Book Fair, because it gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products at affordable prices. All proceeds from the Book Fair will benefit our Library programs.

Be on the lookout for more information in February!

**The Junior School Library Top 10**

**Top 10 Books Checked Out in December**

1. **Thunderhead** by Neal Shusterman
2. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown** by Jeff Kinney
3. **Scythe** by Neal Shusterman
4. **Smile** by Raina Telgemeier
5. **The Baby-sitter’s Club 2, The Truth About Stacey** by Raina Telgemeier
6. **Ghosts** by Raina Telgemeier
7. **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
8. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel** by Jeff Kinney
9. **Everything, Everything** by Nicola Soon
10. **Fake Blood** by Whitney Gardner

**Top 10 Students with the Most Check Outs**

1. Keelin B.
2. Nicola D.
3. Phoebe F.
4. Gavin H.
5. Lindsay L.
6. Kelvin S.
7. Elijah T.
8. Leo Z.
9. Jared M.
10. James H.
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