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Explore the World of Books



Take a voyage through the Learning Center and choose a book to read anytime, anywhere and anyplace. Begin with poetry and learn about how a robot was built to help two boys clean but went haywire instead.

Next spend some time choosing your favorite fiction book. Explore the world of mysteries, science fiction, historical fiction or fantasies.

Find your dramatic side and read a good play. Entertain your friends by putting on a show with the puppets.

Discover hidden wisdoms that can make you smile and wonder by reading a folktale. Choose your favorite character and let the adventure begin.

Want some facts and details about your favorite topic, stop by and pick a non-fiction book and fascinate your friends with your increased knowledge. Travel to Europe by airplane during your favorite time of year and pick up a newspaper to share.

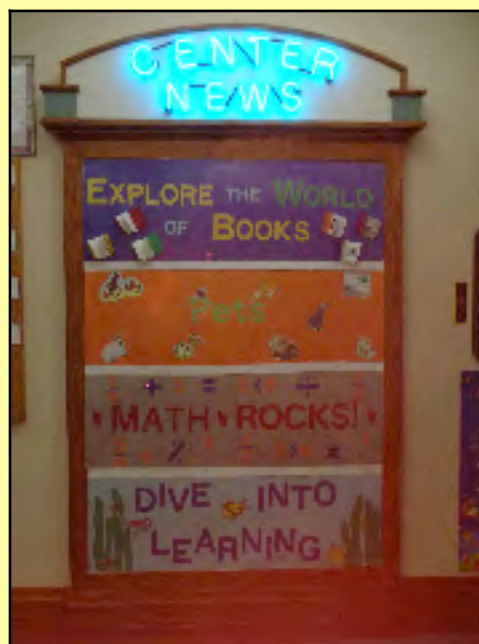


From the Librarian:

Welcome back! We are extremely excited to announce that we will have four new themes this year! The first theme, "Explore the World of Books", contains a variety of genres: Realistic Fiction, Historical Fiction, Mystery, Fairytales/Folktales, Poetry, Plays, Informational Books, and Autobiography/Biography Books. Margi Jo Patton and Carole Aurilio did a wonderful job doing the displays and decorations around the library.

Second theme will start in early November. It will be all about "House Pets" created by Shelley Saive and Pauline Dunbar. "Math Rocks" (Erin McNeil- Mascaro and Erin Bosley) will be our third theme and it will provide a variety of hands-on and thinking activities related to mathematics. Katherine Kolosky and Jessica Watt will help us "Dive into Learning" about the oceans and the animals living in the oceans.

Please find the time to stop by at the Learning Center to "explore the world of books"!



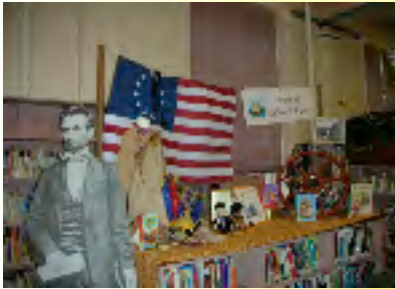
Autobiography/Biography

An autobiography is a book written about a person by that person and a biography is a book about a person but written by someone else. Some of the things we get from these books include information about when and where they were born, their families, and important events in their lives and what kind of impact they have made to our world. Using a biography or autobiography is a great way to find factual information for research papers.



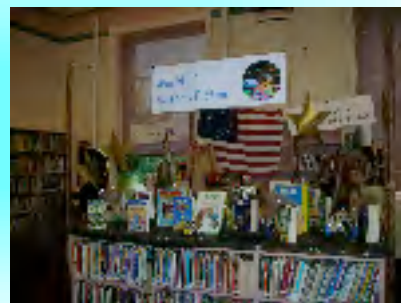
Historical Fiction

Historical fiction is a fictional story set during an important historical time. The events are factual but some characters might be fictional and others are real people who have lived through this historical event. Series books include *Magic Tree House* (Mary Pope Osborne) and *Little House on the Prairie* (Laura Ingalls Wilder).



Science Fiction

Science fiction creates stories that combine scientific knowledge with imagination. Topics involve the future, life on other planets, alien life, and space wars. Books include *Aliens Ate My Homework* (Bruce Coville), *The Giver* (Lois Lowry), *Running Out of Time* (Margaret Peterson Haddix), and *A Wrinkle in Time* (Madeleine L'Engle).

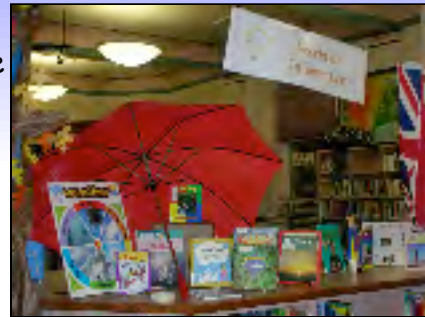


Poetry

Poetry uses rhythm in words, phrases, and lines. These lines can be short or long, beautiful, sad, or funny. They can be expressive and can also share thoughts and feelings.

Informational Books

Informational books are filled with factual information related to a specific topic. These books usually include table of contents, pictures, captions, glossary, index, and bibliography. The Magic School Bus series written by Joanna Cole, are fictional stories with true information.



Fantasy

A fantasy is a story that contains an imaginary world with magic and supernatural happenings that cannot really happen in real life. Stories include *The Wizard of Oz* (L. Frank Baum) and *Harry Potter* series (J. K. Rowling) offer an escape from reality.

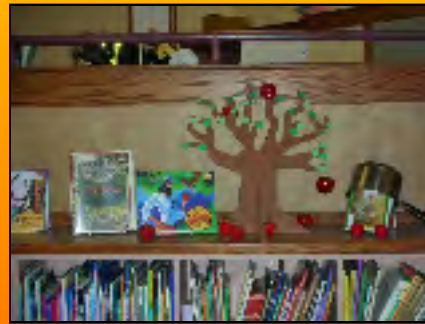


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Fairy Tales and Folktales

Fairy Tales and folktales are stories that begin with the phrases, "Once upon a time" or "Long ago and far away" and then reward good and punish evil with "happily ever after" endings. They are stories with characters that represent either good or evil (the bad wolf, the good prince, the wicked witch). They could feature a main character who is often alone or isolated (Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood). Folktales are made up tales to represent industries like Paul Bunyan (lumberjack), and Pecos Bill (cowboys and cattle ranching) or exaggerated tales of real like people such as Johnny Appleseed (Johnny Chapman).





Accelerated Reader in our Learning Center

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a program that promotes reading in an easy and effective way that motivates students and provides immediate results and recordings of work completed.

Accelerated Reader (AR) gets students excited about books. We have been reading stories to some classes and then providing immediate testing using the AR software and laptop or desktop computers. Older students have been introduced to our large collection of AR books and upon completing their reading, they have been taught how to independently take their tests. Classroom teachers of all grades have been supporting and expanding this program. Students are literally racing to the Learning Center to check out books, read and take tests!

A great feature of AR is that it allows students to participate in several ways. The software provides the option of showing that the book was read to the student, read with the student or read independently.

Help us help WPSD students build a lifelong love of reading and learning through the AR program by encouraging the reading of books brought home from school. You'll know an AR book by the AR blue logo and colored dot sticker on its spine and the sticker inside the back cover. We are committed to challenging students to read and learn.



Students
Taking
AR Quizzes



End of Year
2008-09
AR Party
Celebration

