



# The Learning Center at WPSD

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## EVERYDAY HEROES

Do you know any heroes? They are the people whom we see everyday. Our local policemen and policewomen protect our community everyday. Firefighters help when an emergency happens in our neighborhoods. First responders ensure that people get help as soon as possible in any crisis. You can come to the Learning Center and explore the exciting careers of emergency personnel, including firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, doctors and nurses. Check out a book about one of these jobs, or you can literally try on the hats for each job and even act out emergency situations!



This year is especially important as it is the tenth anniversary of 9/11. We want to honor those who put their lives at risk on that fateful day and everyday. In front of the Learning Center is a



display dedicated to the heroism that occurred on 9/11, in New York, Washington D.C, and in our home state of Pennsylvania. We will be making patriotic pins in remembrance of this significant anniversary.

Another important aspect of our theme is how we can help others. Through organizations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army and United Way, we all can be heroes. Each one of us can do something special by donating money, giving blood or simply by volunteering our time. Students at the school are already involved in community service and the Learning Center wants to foster their generosity by sharing information about these important organizations.



In addition, all students have the opportunity to be involved in a service project right here in the Learning Center!



Students are asked to bring in their extra pennies during the month of October. We will be donating the money that is collected to the Red Cross. By helping organizations like this, we can all make a difference!

## WORLD BOOK



We have an annual subscription to World Book Online.. They are wonderful online tools for our students to use for their research papers or assignments.

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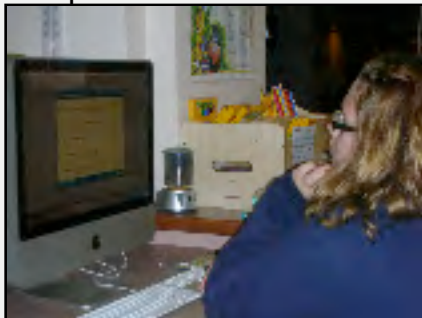
Accelerated Reader (AR) is a program that promotes reading in an easy and effective way that motivates students and provides immediate feedback and recording of work completed.

AR program is becoming so popular in our school! We subscribe annually to access over 127,000 quizzes. Students can use the books from their public library and bookstores to take an AR quiz.

To check to see if we have a quiz for a specific book, go online to **[www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)**. It will also tell you the interest and reading levels. Many students enjoy picking out books from the library and take AR quizzes.

Help us help our students build a lifelong love of reading and learning through AR program by encouraging the reading of books brought home from school.

A high school student takes an AR quiz.



A middle school student is searching for a book to add on his wish list.

## The Red Cross

The Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton and a number of acquaintances after she visited Europe during World War I. The purpose of the organization is to provide national and international disaster relief and mitigation. After World War II the Red Cross started a nationwide blood program which now supplies approximately 50% of the country's blood and blood products.

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)



## The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is a Christian organization founded by Englishman William Booth in 1878. He was an evangelical minister who converted people to Christianity by preaching hope and salvation. The first meeting of the Salvation Army in America happened in 1879 in Philadelphia. The goal of this organization is "serving the most people, meeting the most needs, doing the most good."

[www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)



## United Way

The United Way was formed in 1887 when a Catholic priest, two Protestant ministers and a rabbi came together to lead the first fundraising campaign in Denver, Colorado. The first modern United Way organization was established in 1913 in Cleveland, Ohio, originally known as Community Chest. It allocated money to agencies through an annual fundraising effort held with local businesses. The term United Way was adopted in 1963.



[liveunited.org](http://liveunited.org)

# New Books @ your library

## **Math Smarts!**



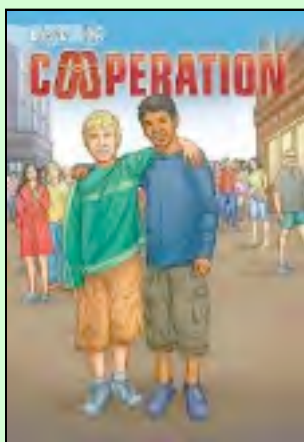
- Addition and Subtraction Smarts!*.....Lucille Caron
- Algebra I and Algebra II Smarts!*.....Rebecca Wingard-Nelson
- Data, Graphing, and Statistics Smarts!*.....Rebecca Wingard-Nelson
- Fraction and Decimal Smarts!*.....Lucille Caron
- Geometry Smarts!*.....Lucille Caron
- Multiplication and Division Smarts!*.....Lucille Caron
- Percent and Ratio Smarts!*.....Lucille Caron
- Pre-Algebra and Algebra Smarts!*.....Lucille Caron
- Problem Solving and Word Problem Smarts!*.....Rebecca Wingard-Nelson
- Trigonometry Smarts!*.....Lucille Caron

## **“How to Tell”**

- How to Tell a Fable*.....Suri Rosen
- How to Tell a Folktale*.....Carol Alexander
- How to Tell a Legend*.....Janet Stone
- How to Tell a Myth*.....Robert Walker

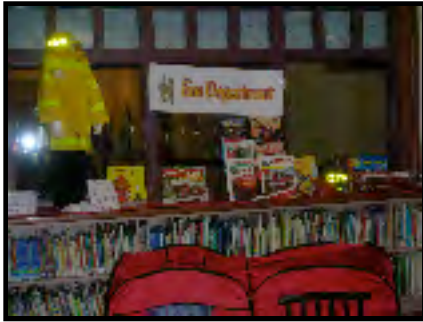


## **Character Traits**

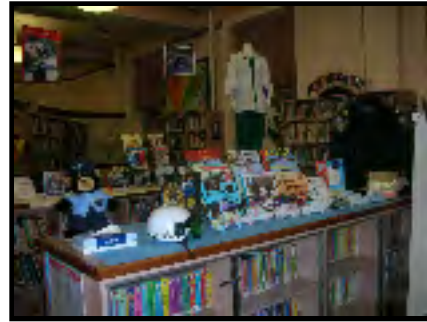


- Live It: Cooperation*.....Marina Cohen
- Live It: Courage*.....Natalie Hyde
- Live It: Empathy*.....Martha Martin
- Live It: Fairness*.....Natalie Hyde
- Live It: Honesty*.....Molly Aloian
- Live It: Inclusiveness*.....Marina Cohen
- Live It: Initiative*.....Robert Walker
- Live It: Integrity*.....Robert Walker
- Live It: Optimism*.....Robert Walker
- Live It: Perseverance*.....Kylie Burns
- Live It: Respect*.....Molly Aloian
- Live It: Responsibility*.....Molly Aloian

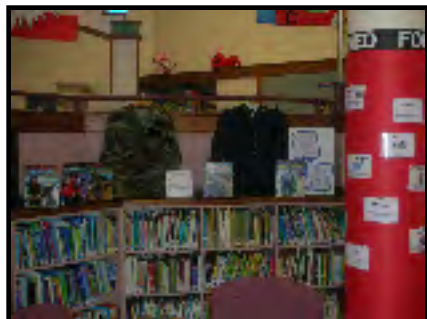
# Snapshots @ your library



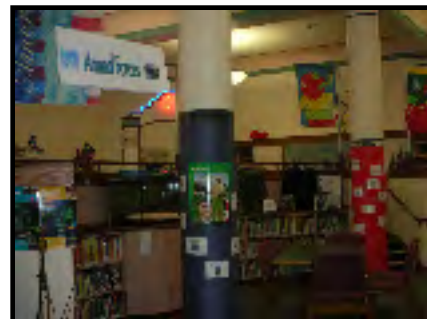
Fire Department



Police Forces



Armed Forces



Medical Team