

TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



March 2026



Echoes of Italy with Mrs. Collins

Mrs. Micol Collins, brought Italian culture to our students in her immersive presentation. Students were engaged in the awesome experience that included linguistic backgrounds, geographic locations, food, dance, medieval castles, traditions, and much more!

Thank you, Mrs. Collins!



Library Leprechaun Leaves an Adventure Letter

Welcome to the library! Your adventure begins right now. This is a quest designed to help you uncover hidden treasures and navigate the different lands within this magical place. Follow the clues, and you will find your prize!

The Land of "Everyone": Your journey starts in a land where stories are for everyone, big and small. These books have easy-to-read spines and live in an area filled with colorful covers and friendly characters. Follow the path until you discover the section dedicated to **picture books** or "Everyone" books, as we call them here.

The Chapter Kingdom: Once you've explored the first land, venture deeper into the library to a kingdom where stories grow longer, and words become more important than pictures. Seek the shelves that house the **chapter books**, a place for emerging readers ready for bigger adventures.

The Non-Fiction Frontier: Next, you must cross into a frontier of facts, figures, and true stories. This is the **non-fiction** wilderness. Look for books about animals, space, history, and how things work.

The Dewey Decal: The final clue on your expedition requires you to find the map to all these lands. As you make your way towards the exit, keep your eyes peeled for a small poster that explains the secret code of the library—the **Dewey Decimal System** chart.

That is the end of your quest!

Congratulations, brave adventurer! You have successfully navigated the library and completed your scavenger hunt.



TRAVEL ACROSS AMERICA

Dear Family & Friends,

We're doing a fun project to learn about the United States (or world)! We're trying to collect postcards from as many different states (**or places**) as possible to put on our library map.

We would be so grateful if you could help us, and make the request from your extended out of area family to send us a postcard on behalf of your student.

Here's what we'd love on the postcard:
Family Members Name **and** Students Name
The city and state where they live
A fun fact about their area!

Please send it to:
Troy Elementary Library
ATTN: Kim Malm
103 Trojan Drive
Troy ID 83871



Thank you so much for helping our library with our adventure! We can't wait to see where our postcards come from!



Nash Nelson
1-16-26
Library Competition
Library Essay

I Love the Library

I really love going to the library. It's one of my favorite places at school. The library is full of books about all kinds of things. You can read about adventures, mysteries, or even funny stories. Every time I go there, I feel excited because I never know what book I might find.

The best part about the library is Mrs. Malm. She is the librarian, and she is really nice. She always helps me find the books I like. Sometimes I ask her for a book about pirates, and she knows exactly which one I will like. She also reads stories to us, and she makes the characters sound funny, scary, or silly. I think she is really smart and really kind, and she always makes me feel welcome.

I love going to the library because it is quiet, but also fun. I can learn new things and use my imagination. Mrs. Malm makes it even better because she cares about all of us and loves books too. I hope I can visit the library every day because it is my favorite place, and Mrs. Malm is the best librarian ever.

Mrs. Malm also teaches us new things about books. She tells us about authors, new series, and even fun activities like reading challenges. She makes the library a special place because she always has good ideas and loves sharing them with us.

Chloe Fowier
6th grade
Essay

My library

I love my library because of the books in it. I can go to many places in my library. I can go to a castle in the middle ages. I can go to a war site, or a cozy cottage in the forest. I go to lots of places, but stay in one place.

I can be many people in the library. I could be a princess fleeing from her castle. I can be a warrior or a survivor. I can be someone with superpowers. I can be someone who fights a beast or someone who has to save their family from something. I can be lots of things in the library.

I also like my librarian who is sweet and kind. I love my library because of the places I can go. The people that I can be. The things I get to imagine. This is why I love my library.

Bethany Cruz
1-16-26
Library Contest
Library Essay

Why I love our Library

My school library is one of my favorite places to be. It is full of stories, facts, and ideas that help me learn new things and imagine new worlds. Every time I go to the library, I know I will find a book that makes me curious or excited to read more. When I go inside, I feel calm and happy. I feel like when I open a book from the library, I always go on an amazing adventure.

One of the best parts of the library is our librarian, Mrs. Malm. Mrs. Malm takes her job very seriously, and that is one of the reasons our library works so well. She makes sure everyone follows the rules so the library stays quiet, organized, and fair for all students. She is very caring and always wants students to do their best. When Mrs. Malm helps you find a book, you can tell she really wants you to enjoy reading and succeed in school.

Fishy Bookmarks for 2026 Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (ICAFS) Meeting

Jen Bruns, Regional Communications Manager for the Clearwater Region Idaho Fish and Game invited our students to design 'fish themed' bookmarks to hand out to participants of the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (ICAFS) at their annual meeting in Eastern Idaho this March. For the last 14 years classrooms throughout Idaho have created fish bookmarks that have become prized mementos for AFS members. This project provides a chance to remind fisheries professionals about the next generation who are ready to support fish and a healthy environment.

Special thanks to our TES family member for sharing this outstanding opportunity with our school! Learning about trout, fish hatcheries, and conservation officers proved to be an outstanding library lesson!



Illustrator: Matthew Trout



Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout

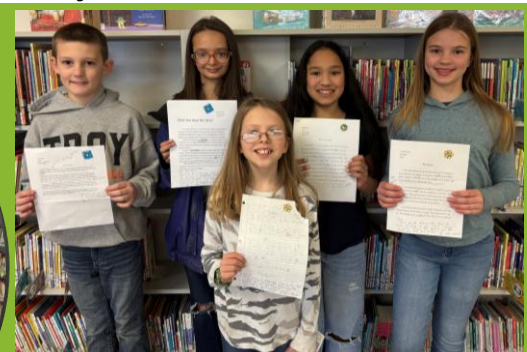


Illustrator: Lily Sweeney

Voices of Tomorrow: The Winning Essays

(Essay Features at top of this page)

Congratulations to the essay contest participants, and a special thank you too! All of these students did an excellent job, and should be very proud of themselves and their writing abilities!



Fun with Folktales!

Fairy tales, fables, myths and legends are all exaggerated stories that our students love to read! Learning the differences between these genres can seem confusing as they are often interchangeable. Hence, we focused on one word using “magic” for fairytales, “lesson” for fables, “world” for myths, and “hero” for legends.

Throwing in “Readers Theatre” and having fun with *The Hare and the Tortoise* was an added bonus!

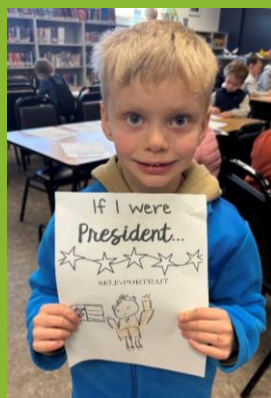
Book Project with 3D Perspective!

Fifth and sixth grade students showcase their book projects in the library, and their creative works captivate our students throughout the school.



Fairy Tales	Fables	Myths	Legends	TALL TALES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once upon a time *Loyalty (King, Queen, etc.) *Animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very short stories *Animals acting like people *3 or less 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gods and Goddesses Nothing specific Explains something that happens in nature by using gods and/or goddesses *Good = rewarded *Bad = punished 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Everyday people *Animals are often main characters Nothing specific Explains how or why something in nature came to be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the life of a real person *Everyday people with superhuman abilities Linked to a real historical time period Problem solved in a humorous way
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Castle *Forest Good vs Evil *Magic *Repeat of 3 and 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally outside somewhere Only one problem using trickery Ends with a lesson (Moral) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Unusual creatures *Can teach a lesson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Magic *Sometimes it teaches a lesson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Exaggerated details *Tells about a person's accomplishments

We love having these extraordinary projects that transform the library, and engage our students’ imaginations and interests.



“School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside.”
LON WATTERS

