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CHECK IT OUT!

News from the JMS Library & Literacy Corner

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Cool Beans

Reading Café Information

1. How can I earn a drink?

Complete two book reviews

2. Where can I get forms?

ELA teachers or the library

3. Who do I give reviews to?

Your ELA teacher

3. When is the café open?

Fridays, 7:30 — 8:10 and during both lunch breaks

4. What drinks are served?

Hot chocolate, cappuccino, iced coffee, regular coffee



Fear Factor Fun

Sixth graders celebrated Halloween with a Fear Factor activity in the library. Mrs. Dennis challenged her students with Halloween vocabulary task cards. Students earned the opportunity to play fear factor by correctly defining vocabulary words using the context clues. Shout-out to Coastal students K'Yona Mack and Kiera Collier for assisting and making our students think!



Newsletter Scramble

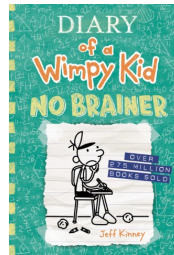
The October library newsletter came with a challenge. Students received the newsletter in puzzle format and had to match headings with the appropriate text for each section. Students worked together to meet the challenge and were reminded that nonfiction text features can help readers locate information quickly.



Author Spotlight Jeff Kinney



Diary of a
Wimpy Kid
#18 →



Quick Facts — Personal

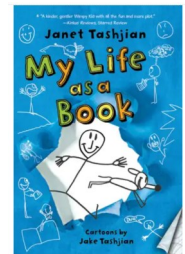
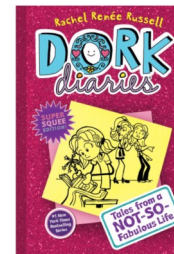
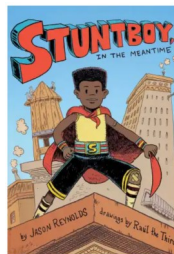
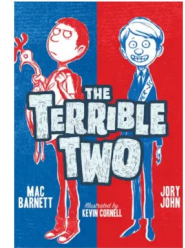
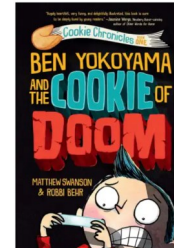
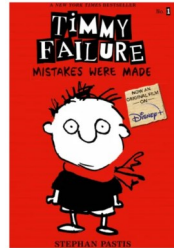
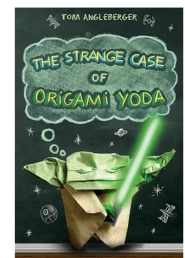
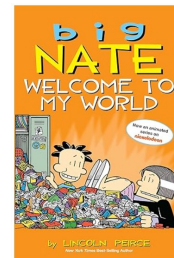
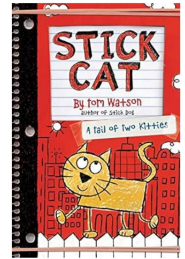
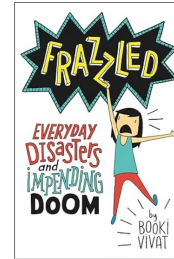
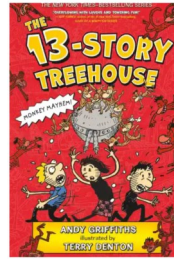
- ♦ Born on February 19, 1971, in Maryland
- ♦ Graduated from the University of Maryland where he ran a comic strip called “Igdoof” in the campus newspaper
- ♦ Dreamed of becoming a cartoonist
- ♦ Founded Poptropica.com in 2007
- ♦ Lives in Plainville, Massachusetts with his wife, Julie, and two sons, Will and Grant
- ♦ Owns a bookstore, called An Unlikely Story, where he has a studio on the top floor

Quick Facts — Writing

- ♦ Jeff signed his first book deal in 2006, after eight years of active writing.
- ♦ He has written 24 books. It takes him about nine months to create a new book.
- ♦ The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series has sold over 275 million copies worldwide.
- ♦ Jeff says the first book in the series is most special. However, he thinks *Big Shot* is the best book because of the plot, structure, and narrative perspective.
- ♦ The main character, Greg Heffley, is loosely based on Jeff’s life experiences.
- ♦ Jeff can often be found writing in a cemetery while eating Oreos and Skittles.
- ♦ Jeff’s advice for aspiring writers: “Think of an original idea and nurture it.”

Source: <https://wimpykid.com/>

Books Like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*



Super Readers

Congratulations to our Super Readers for October: Nolan Thompson, Anna Margaret Dumm, Bryson Cantey, Zoie Eaddy, Logan Conrad, and Trinity Breeland-Melvin. Read more about them on the board across from the office.

