

TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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Student Book Review Shows the Power of Peer Recommendation!

Summary of the Amulet Book Series by Kazu Kibuishi
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I first read an Amulet book when I was a kid in second grade, and I've loved it ever since. The art is amazing, the story is good, and it's a long gripping series (the ninth one is still being made after 4 years).

The book series is about a girl named Emily, whose family had a tragedy (the dad sadly, was in a car accident). So, she is left with her younger brother (Navin), and her mother.

The family moves to the mother's grandfather's house, where they try to forget all their problems and start a new life. But in the house, Emily finds a mysterious stone necklace (the Amulet). She puts it on and then things get weird, and by weird, I mean *really* weird! A monster takes Emily and Navin's mom. The two kids then stumble... into a world unknown called Alladia. The stone (Amulet) plays a really important role in the whole series. It has a mind of its own and is controlled by the "voice."

This book series also makes you wonder if it's old, futuristic, or both! It has magical talking trees, war mech suits, space stations, and even more!

If, by any chance you read this book, definitely take time to read it because *trust me...* you will not regret it.

*Special thanks to Caden for taking the time to write this outstanding book review! There is no doubt that many more students will consider reading this series after Caden's riveting reflection!

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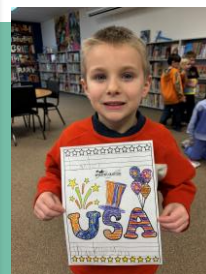
There's more to library activities than story time, book finding, and learning library facts.

The goal with library activities is to not only make them memorable, but also valuable, and that's exactly what *Operation Gratitude* is all about!

The volunteers of this group assemble care packages for our service men and women, *and handwritten letters from children are especially appreciated.*

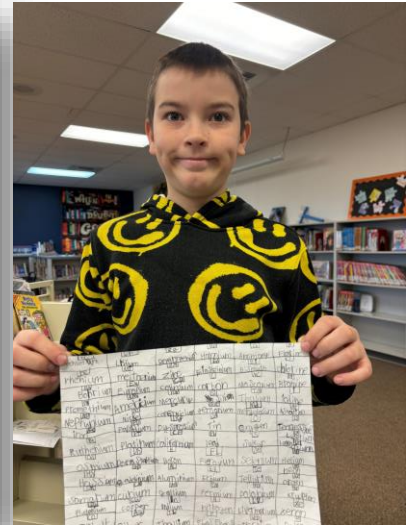
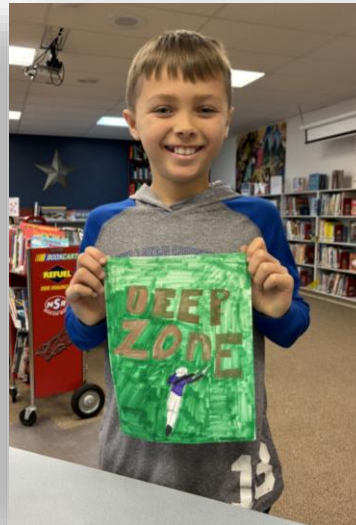
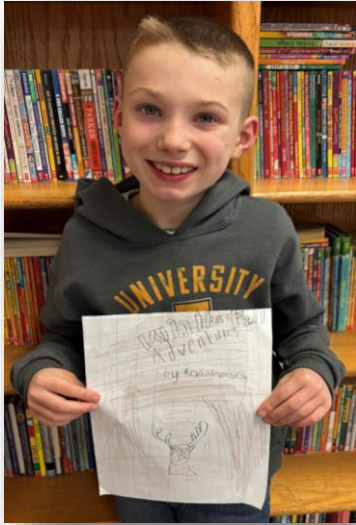
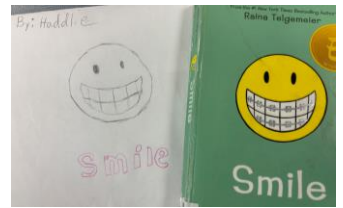
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A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Students love the illustrations that are in books, and there is nothing better than finding a picture book whose illustrator has been awarded the *Caldecott Medal*. This award is given to the artist of the most distinguished American Picture Book for Children published in the United States during the preceding year.



Bookmark Art Contest

The library bookmark contest proved to be very popular with nearly 70 entries.

Students grades K-6th were able to enter their own original bookmark design, and one artist was chosen out of each class for their creativity and originality.

Congratulations to the contest winners below, and special thanks to a very special art teacher for her expertise, time, and love that she gave to this process!

- Kindergarten – Mae Webb
- 1st Grade – Levi Bass
- 2nd Grade- McKinley Johanson
- 3rd Grade – Finley Haarr
- 4th Grade – Evelyn Mackey
- 5th Grade – Branson Walker
- 6th Grade – Sam Ulschmid

