



THE OPEN BOOK

Forrest Public Library
Semi-Annual Newsletter



DONATIONS MADE TO THE LIBRARY

This fall our library was very blessed to receive several donations. These memorials are always appreciated and a joy to have in memory to those in our community.

New memorial books added to our collection include:

-Chick Days in memory of Wayne Anliker donated by the Class of 1955

-Strange Academy: Bright Side in memory of Marilyn Luttrrel donated by the Class of 1955

-Cottage by the Sea in memory of Marilyn Luttrrel donated by the Sun Beam Euchre Club

-Final Season in memory of Bruce Fidler donated by Sam Stephens

-Little Engines in memory of Bruce Fidler donated by Sam Stephens

-1800 Mechanical Movements, Devices and Appliances in memory of Al Kupferschmidt donated by the Class of 1966

-Radiant Farm Animals Up Close and Personal in memory of Wayne Anliker donated by Michael and Melanie Masching

Shelving for the new historical room was donated in memory of Irene and Lewis Eignus Hodgson. This gift was given by the Hodgson Family.

A special thank you to all those who donated. Please be sure to stop by the library to see these newest additions to our collection.



Forrest Public Library
Imagine. Discover. Connect.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN AND 500 BOOKS BEFORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Reading is the foundation of our children's education. In fact children learn 4,000-12,000 words each year through reading! Both our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and 500 Books Before Middle School promote reading. All books count towards their goal! Books read at school as part of AR count as well. Come check it out, we can't wait to see the results! Each 100 books read gets a name plate in your child's favorite book. When they complete the program a special prize basket will be given to each child.

These kids are on their way to 1000 Books

Jacie Schroen 200 Books

Charlie Rea Beck 200 Books

Avery Brown 200 Books

Lincoln Kerber 400 Books

Sophie Wenger 400 Books

Lane Wenger 200 Books

Kambria Steidinger 700 Books

Joanna Zimmerman 100 Books

Myra Zimmerman 100 Books

Andrew Zimmerman 100 Books

Lyndon Steidinger, Kenton Steidinger, Carolyn Schmidgall, Henry Schmidgall and Elaine Schmidgall are all busy reading for the 500 Books Before Middle School.



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

In October we had a Family Fall Festival at the library. Kids were invited to wear costumes if they chose to do so. It was a lot of fun seeing them dressed up. We had the Man with the Yellow Hat from Curious George, a fireman, skeletons and much more. We had a story time and played several different games.

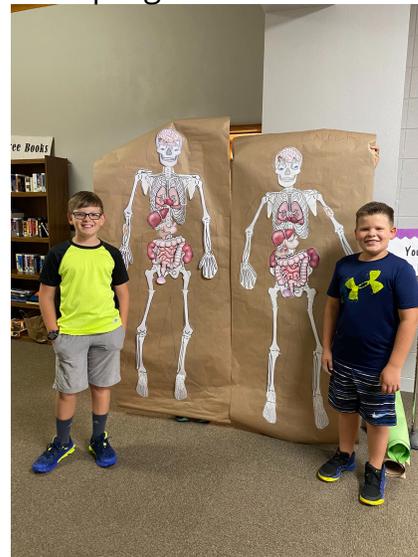
The kids used broccoli florets to dip in paint and make fall trees. While at the festival everyone had the chance to see all the decorated pumpkins. This year we had 17 different pumpkins! We voted for the winners. Kenton Steidinger won first place with his porcupine and Ayden Mueller won second place with his turtle.



THE HUMAN BODY

In September we had a 2 part program on the human body. This was such a fun program!

During part 1 kids learned about their skeletons and major organs. We made life size bodies and taped them all together while discussing each part. During part 2 of the program we studied our lungs, blood and digestive tract. The kids each made a set of lungs, watching them learn and experiment is such a joy! They then did an experiment on the digestive tract using oatmeal and a digestion enzyme capsule to visually see how our body breaks our food down. Together as a group we made a bottle of blood using corn syrup for plasma, rice for white blood cells, candy red hots for red blood cells and white jelly beans for platelets. It was a huge learning experience and a program we will be sure to repeat!



RISE AND SHINE WITH STORYTIME

Storytime is each Wednesday at 10 a.m. We read a few stories and then do a craft or play games.

Please consider bringing your child. We have a lot of fun during our time together.



LADY WITH THE ALLIGATOR PURSE

Storyteller Paula Lopatic visited the library for a fun storytelling event. The kids sang songs, heard stories and laughed and laughed! It was a great time.



AMERICAN GIRL BOOK CLUB

This fall we were finally able to have our American Girl Book Club. We met four times and read four different books. With each meeting we had a good book discussion and activity.

Our first book was Meet Kirsten. Kirsten is an immigrant from Sweden and a pioneer girl. After discussing what it was like for families to immigrate and travel west we made a recipe from her cookbook. Each girl made swedish meatballs and took them home to bake and share with their families.

Our second book was Happy Birthday Samantha. Samantha's stories take place in 1904. The girls enjoyed learning about the end of the Victorian Era and making hand fans. They learned the "language" of the fan and the way that women would use them to communicate with each other. Lots of laughing at this event!

Our third book was Changes for Molly. Molly's stories take place towards the end of WWII. During this particular story Molly was at camp. The girls really enjoyed the craft and got to make sleeping bags for their dolls.

Our final book was Felicity Learns a Lesson. Felicity's stories take place in 1774. With this story the girls learned about the Boston Tea Party and life in the colonies. They learned about the division between patriots and loyalists. We celebrated with a tea party and watching Felicity's movie.



TRAIN NIGHT

Train Night brought out a big crowd to the library!

We had 134 visit us in 2 hours. We were not prepared for such a good turn out! The kids had a great time. We read 2 stories and talked about the different libraries available to kids in the our school district. The kids played a few games and enjoyed running on our train track. We plan on leaving our track up through the holidays.



CLASSROOM VISITS

This fall has been full with classroom visits.

Reading to the schools is one of the best events we have at our library. Recently students at PCPE and the second graders at PCE were read a train book in preparation of Train Night. Each Monday we are excited to host a class from the Upper Elementary. There are 6 children in the class. We alternate between checking out books and reading stories and doing craft. On Tuesday before Thanksgiving the entire 5th Grade visited the library. They rotated between three stations. We read a story and talked about being thankful for things we often take for granted. Non-material things such as the change of seasons, sunshine, and access to clean water. They drank hot chocolate and made a pumpkin craft. We look forward to another visit soon.



**Mark your calendars--Special Christmas
Storyhour on December 22nd at 10am. Hot
Chocolate, stories and a craft.**

Don't forget the Food Pantry is the 2nd Saturday of each month. Volunteers are
welcome, please contact them if interested.

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