

Further Up and Further In

The Newsletter of the WCGS Library Media Center

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Students Read for the Win!

Over 280 students came through the library on Friday, August 25, to claim their rewards for completing the WCGS summer reading program. Mr. Painter and Mr. Burgess escorted students to the library where they received a dog tag, free book, and gift bag.



This is always a great way to kick off the year in the library and encourage our great readers at WCGS as they enter the new school year. We are so thankful for all of the parent help we received from volunteers who made this event happen:

Carrie Cunningham, Anna Brak, Amy Collins, Shelley Kelly, Debbie Palmer, Karen Ernest, Noelle Castle, Pam Gilbert, Jennifer Pierson, and Kelly Peacock. **(More pictures on Page 3!)**



Upcoming Author Visit with School Dad

Mr. Andrew Brumbach will return to WCGS on September 28 to talk to students in grades 4-6 about his book *The Eye of Midnight*, his journey to becoming an author, and the writing process. He will have a book signing in the morning from 8:20-8:45, and students in grades 4-6 will receive a pre-order form in their class.



New Reading Program for Grades 6-8

This year the 100 Club has been replaced with the new WCGS Book Award Program. This program combines the Illinois Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award list with our own WCGS titles and free choice reading, too. Students can earn small prizes and gift cards as they read books from the list and then move on to free choice reading. Click [here](#) for full details and click the links below for the forms needed to get credit for books the student has read. [WCGS book](#) [Non WCGS book](#)

Upcoming Events

September 28

Author visit with Andy Brumbach, Grades 4-6

November 16-21

Scholastic Book Fair

November 16

Family Reading Night

February 13

Author visit with Kevin Luthardt, Grades K-3

February 20

Deadline 1
Junior High Reading Program

March 5-15

Monarch Award Voting
Grades K-2

April 16

Deadline 2
Junior High Reading Program

May 2

Junior High Reading Program Open House

Library Policies

Students may check out books according to the chart below:

Grade	Loan Period	Overdue Fines?	# of books
K	1 week	No	1
1	2 weeks	No	2
2	2 weeks	No	3
3	2 weeks	Yes	3
4-8	2 weeks	Yes	4
6-8 Reading	2 weeks	Yes	5

Students in grades 1 & 2 usually return their books every week, but they have the option to keep them for two weeks if they need to.

Students who have more than \$1 in fines or a book that is more than a week overdue may not check out more books until the fine is paid and/or book is returned.

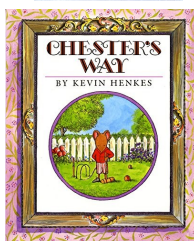
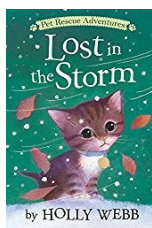
Lost or damaged books must be paid for. If a lost book is found within a reasonable amount of time and a new copy has not already been purchased, the cost will be refunded.

Students have 1 grace day (the day after the book is due) to return it with no fine.

The BRAINPOP password has changed! Please make a note of it!

Emma Rose Reads...and Aubrey Jane Adds...

My daughters Emma Rose (3L) and Aubrey (WBC preschool) are continuing to enjoy books, both together and on their own. Aubrey's current favorite is Kevin Henkes' book *Chester's Way*, and Emma Rose is enjoying animal fiction books by Holly Webb.



Resource Corner

Mrs. Brown's Blog

Finding books that are both engaging and appropriate for our children can be a challenge in today's culture. If you are looking for resources to help you do this, visit the [Parent Resources](#) page on my blog to access several helpful sites where you will find book recommendations and discussions of current children's literature—both Christian and secular.



Library Webpage

Find any library-related information you might need.

PebbleGo

This is a digital reference tool for children in grades K-2.

Username: wcgs

Password: pebgo



World Book Online

This is an online encyclopedia resource for students in all age groups. World Book Kids is for grades 1-4, and World Book Student is for grades 5-8.

Username: wcgshome

Password: spartans



Brainpop or Brainpop Jr.

A fun and interactive site that provides videos, information, games, and activities on hundreds of curricular topics. **Download the app on your phone, too!**

Username: wcgslmc

Password: wcgslmc



Accelerated Reader Information

There are **THREE** ways to access information for Accelerated Reader. The first two are linked under the AR page of the library website:

1. Renaissance Home Connect:

This allows you to view your child's AR records and bookshelf using the same password your child uses for AR at school.

2. AR Book Finder (www.arbookfind.com)

This site allows you to search for information on every AR book available. We don't have all of them, but this is a great place to check the info for books from the public library, home, or Amazon.

No password needed.

3. [Search our WCGS library catalog](#)—this link is on the main library webpage. AR info for each book is given in the catalog. You can even search within a certain reading level range by clicking the arrow next to *Reading Programs* and choosing *Accelerated Reader*. No password needed.

Read for the Win! Summer Reading Celebration



