
Check It Out

Increasing Secondary Student Engagement and Circulation



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Kim Liepert

- Library Instructional Technology Lead Pilgrim Park Middle School
 - 4th Year at PPMS
- Battle of the Books Commander
- Advocate: Nerd / Geek / Avid Readers
- Before?
 - Library Volunteer & Sub WHMS
 - Parent
 - IT Background
 - Web & Support
 - Customer Service



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Judy Scaro

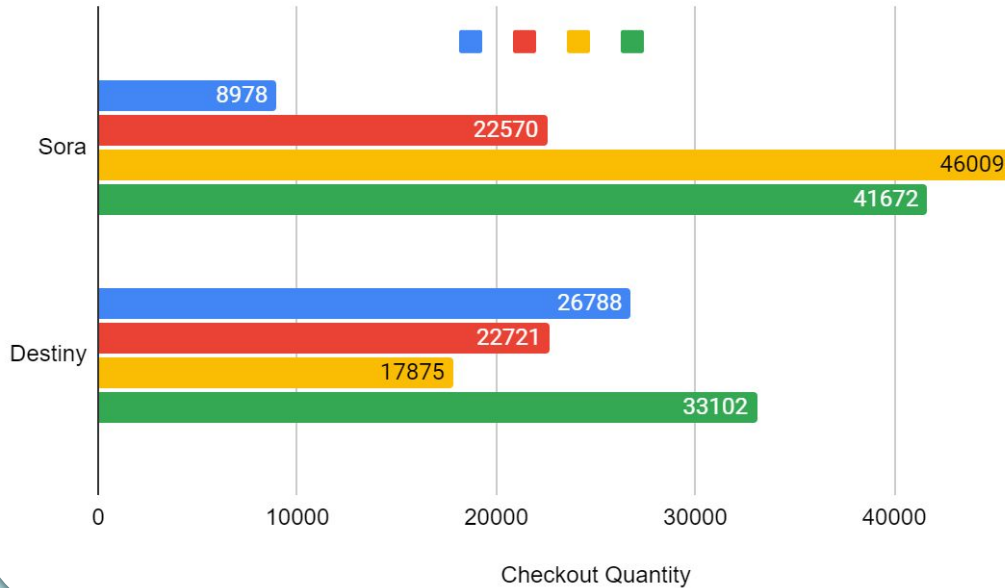
- Library Instructional Technology Lead WHMS
 - 6th year WHMS
- Canvas Instructional Leader
- Advocate for the “Middle student”
- Previously
 - Science and Social Studies Teacher (Covid)
 - Technology Integrator- teacher education
 - IT instructor K-8
 - Customer Service



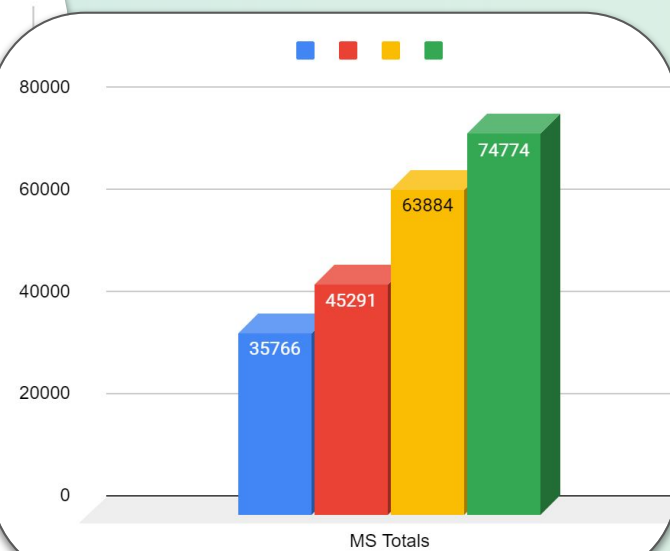
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Statistics - Middle Schools

Blue 18-19; Red 19-20; Yellow 20-21; Green 21-22



Combined



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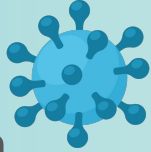
Statistics



1



COVID



- Sora
- Quarantine Reading



2

Sora

- Easy Order
- Test Titles
- Instant Access for readers

3

Manga Series



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**I'd like to give a
shout out to all
the librarians...**

Oh, I'm sorry.

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Recognize Elementary Leads

Our Foundation

- Thanks to them
 - Develop love of reading and knowledge
 - Relationship Building
 - Library Science - know how libraries work
 - Libraries = FUN



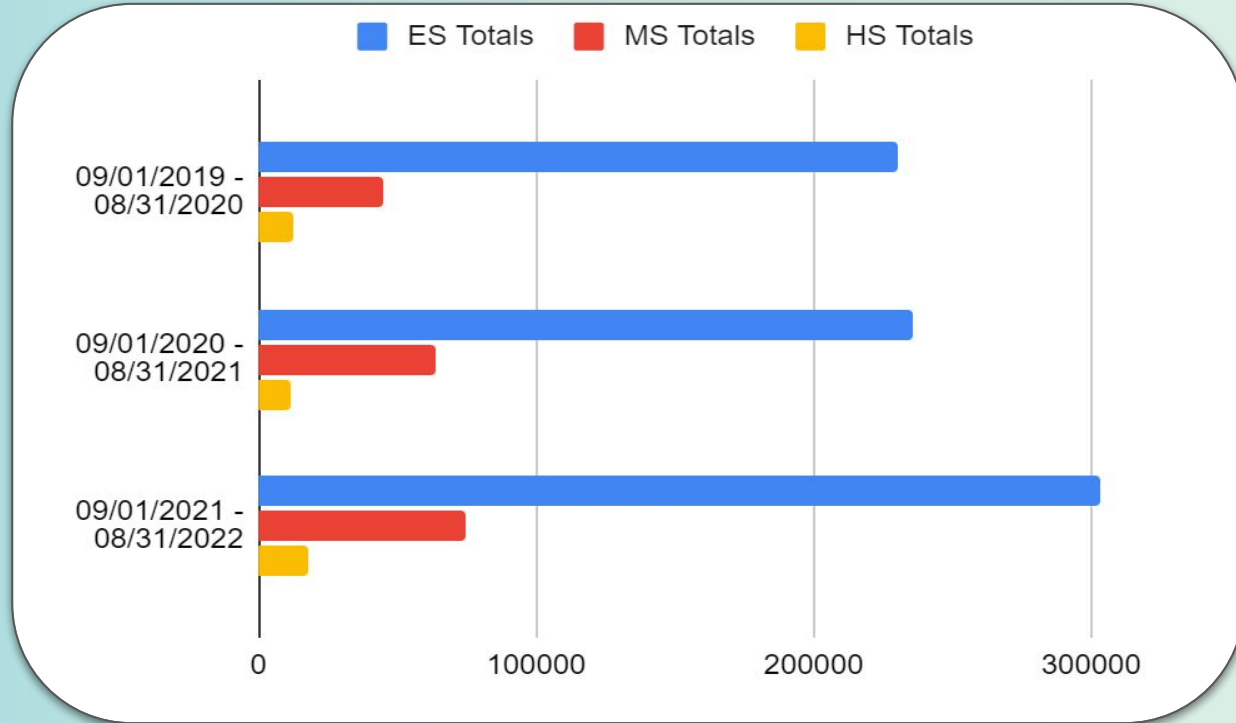
Bottom line: Their success is our success!!



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Support Elementary Leads

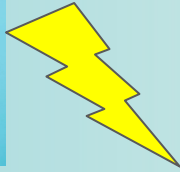
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Our job is to continue to strengthen and build upon their foundation

But...How?



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Focus Areas

1

Marketing

2

Maintenance

3

FUN!!!!!!!



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Student Volunteers

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What:

Students come in during their recess or Resource to Volunteer as “Library Assistants”.

Why:

- Powerful tool to give students a sense of belonging and ownership
- Internalizes the intrinsic value of curating content for other’s consumption
- Develops a sense of goodwill by being of service to peers
- Allows less assertive students to develop confidence
- NJHS & other organizations Volunteer Hours
- Bottom Line “A Library for Kids by Kids”



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Student Volunteers cont...

Duties

- Shelf books
- Assist other students
- Peer to Peer Book Recommendations
- Process Books
- Book Room organization
- Inventory
- Book Check-In/out
- Teach students how to use self checkout

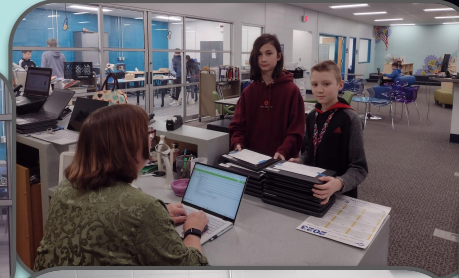
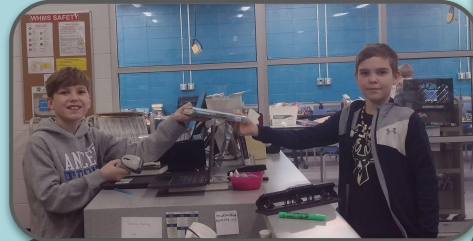
Develops

- Library Comfort - sense of belonging
- Sense of Student Ownership by entire student body
- Knowledge and excitement about books as they help manage collection
- Library Knowledge - know content and where to find it



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Volunteer Stars!



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Turn & Talk

Do you utilize Student Volunteers?

Why or Why not?



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Student Feedback

Library Volunteers

"It helps me be productive with my strong suits!"

-Avery

"I love the library because I can have a break from school and have fun with my friends"

-Henry

"Being a library helper is such a wonderful opportunity to talk with my fellow friends about all things books while getting to know the wonderful librarian Mrs. Scaro every day."

"I love the library because it a place where imagination and peoples past present, and future take place"

-Aanya

"I love being in the library because it is a wonderful place to be along with the fact that I get to help Mrs. Scaro."

-Malin

"Helps to further your love of literature and help fellow students in the library. Responsibility and the feeling that you accomplished something when you look at the bookshelves."

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Teacher Partners

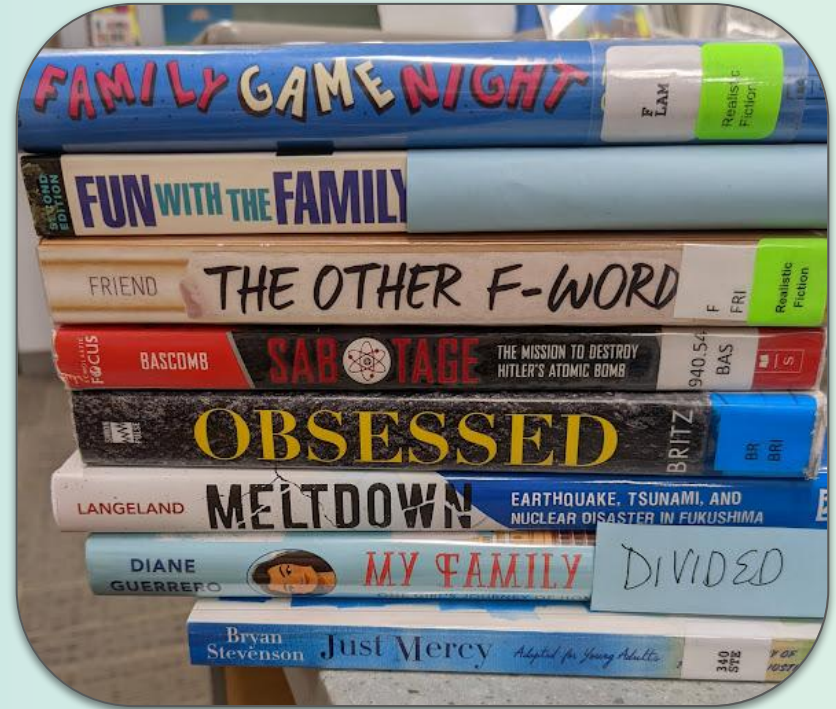
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- Bookroom Classroom Sets
- Research Databases
- Marketing to teachers
 - ELA (of course!)
 - Book Spine Poetry
 - First Chapter Friday
 - Book Talks
 - Science: Experiments; Sharks
 - Social Studies - HISTORY!
 - Culture Days (or Daze?)
- Electives
 - Foreign language (ELL and classes)
 - Medical Detectives
 - Master Chef Jr.
- Math - Algebra
- Scavenger Hunt (move around & learn library)
- Book Wishlist



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Book Spine Poetry



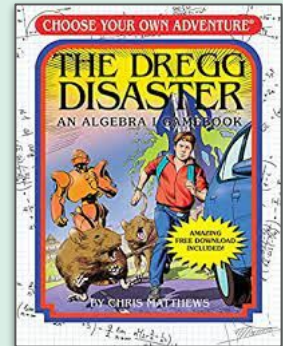
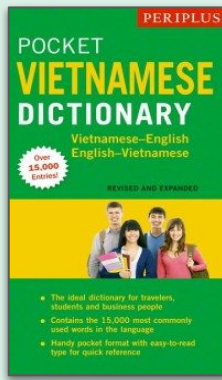
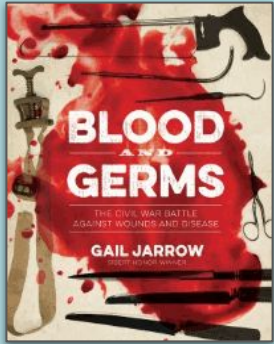
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Let's explore relationships with teachers.

How do you interact?

Think Laterally!



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Book Review Videos

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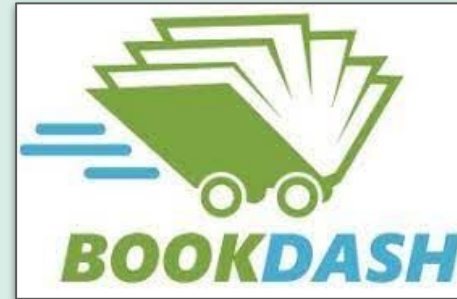
Advertisement of sorts:

- Slideshow running in the Library
- Embedded on ELA Canvas Front page
 - Read Summary - Watch Book Trailer
- Keep it Fresh!
 - Highlights new books as they come in.
 - Change beginning slides once a week.
 - Student Volunteers help choose books & trailers!
- Book Hold Link Provided
- Directly Delivered to Student

Increased Circulation

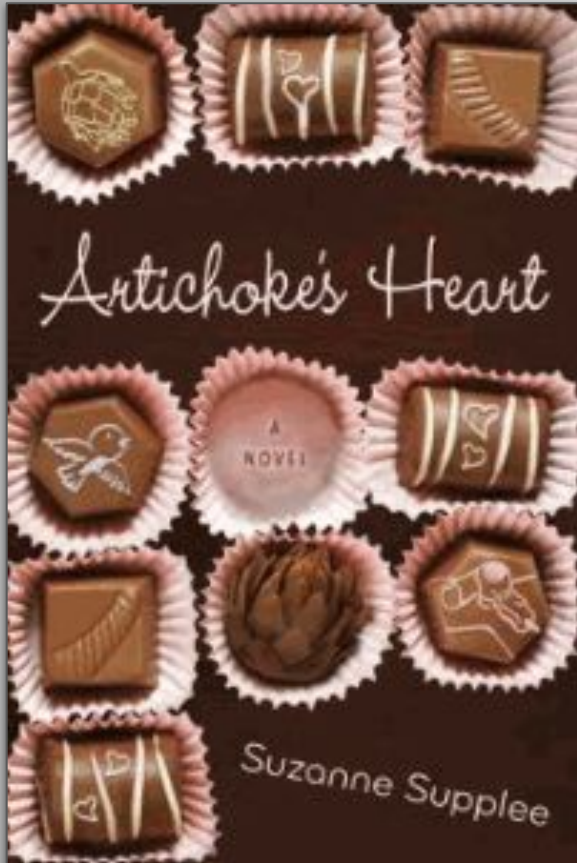


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Santa Clara Library Logo

An Example slide...



When she is almost sixteen years old, Rosemary decides she is sick of being overweight, mocked at school and at Heavenly Hair--her mother's beauty salon--and feeling out of control, and as she slowly loses weight, she realizes that she is able to cope with her mother's cancer, having a boyfriend for the first time, and discovering that other people's lives are not as perfect as they seem from the outside.

[Trailer](#)

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Library Room Use

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PPMS: Host up to 3 classes at a time



PPMS: 6th Grade Science Fair



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Room Flexibility - From Science Fair to Music Festival In Under



1 Hour

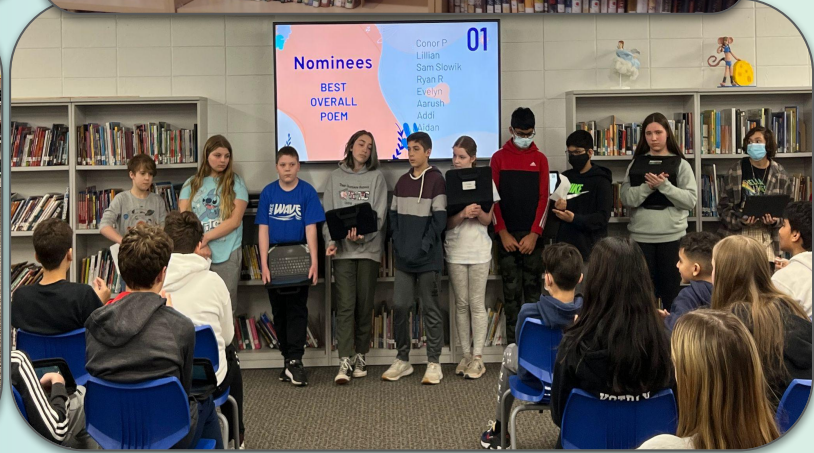


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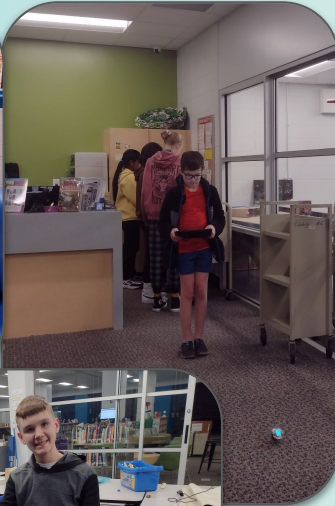
PPMS: Birds of Prey



WHMS Co-Teaching

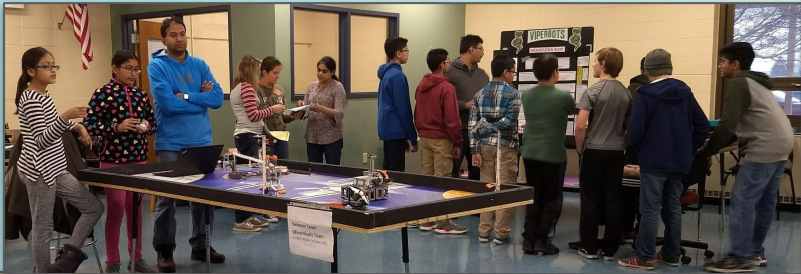


SPED Partnerships - everyone belongs



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Lego League



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Makerspace

Community and In-House Projects-

- Mats for the homeless
- Book drive for underprivileged school
- Origami
- Puzzles/Coloring Sheets/Chess
- Jenga/Uno
- Sphero all kinds of fun



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WHMS Makerspace



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Turn & Talk

How do you utilize your library space?



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Personal Shopping

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Fun Survey:

Help - I need a book to read over Winter Holiday Break! Really, I'd rather be on my phone but at Thanksgiving, it was taken away after I posted a video of Great Aunt Fanny trying to Gritty, Floss, and twerk. I'll have to teach her this break if I don't have a reason to hang in my room. My only other escape is chores in the kitchen or shovelling snow. Chores! On Break? Really? Please get me something to read!!

Where are we starting from? *

- My parents are forcing me to read.
- I'm so, so bored.
- I want to escape into a different world
- I've already read everything.



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Student Feedback

Personal Shopping

"Everything that I asked for I got!!!"

"Winter break just flew by, thanks to YOU!"

"It is better than I picked.... the books you have picked are good."

"It motivated me to read more over break and it gave me lots of great book ideas."

"I really enjoyed being surprised and I sometimes have a hard time picking out books so I like how you guys picked it out for us!"

"...once I picked up one of those books I could not stop until I finished them! I have never done this before..."



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Book Tasting / Speed Dating

- Menu vs Random Books
- Themed by event or genre
- Create Ambiance through music, costumes & lighting
- Is this a good fit test?
- Students investigate a book for 2 to 3 minutes (timer). Rotate. Repeat
- Evaluation/Choice sheet to grade/rank book; can be kept for a "To Be Read" List.



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Appetizer

Main Course

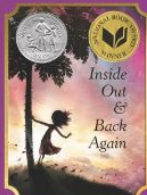
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LOVE
THAT
DOG



HOUSE
ARREST

K.A. HOLT



Thanhà Lai



Dessert

A New York Times Bestseller

brown girl dreaming

"A LIGHthearted BUT CHALLENGING READER WITH GREAT HEART, HUMOR, AND REAL-LIFE PUNCH!"

—KIRKUS REVIEWS

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Amazing Displays



PERIODIC TABLE OF BLACK HISTORY

BB (Black Business)

GF (Global Finance)

FD (Financial Development) | **MA** (Market Analysis)

ME (Market Expansion) | **MC** (Market Control)

FLH (Financial Leadership) | **MJ** (Market Justice)

TA (Trade Administration) | **KA** (Knowledge Acquisition) | **MA** (Market Analysis) | **JB** (Job Creation) | **OB** (Organizational Behavior) | **LC** (Leadership Communication) | **Ta-NC** (Trade Network) | **RE** (Resource Efficiency) | **RG** (Resource Growth)

HB (Human Behavior) | **LC** (Leadership Communication) | **BJ** (Business Justice) | **JL** (Job Leadership) | **GWC** (Global Work Culture) | **BWG** (Business Work Growth) | **ATM** (Advanced Trade Market)

MLK (Martin Luther King) | **RLJ** (Robert L. Johnson)

LH (Leadership History) | **ZNH** (Zimbabwe National History) | **NL** (National Leadership) | **AL** (Advanced Leadership) | **TM** (Trade Market) | **JR** (Job Resource) | **AW** (Advanced Work) | **PW** (Professional Work) | **CW** (Creative Work) | **MF** (Market Finance) | **WG** (Work Growth) | **JEJ** (Job Education Justice) | **CM** (Creative Market) | **BO** (Business Organization) | **RAY** (Robert A. Young) | **CJW** (Creative Job Work)

MMB (Market Management Business) | **SM** (Service Market)

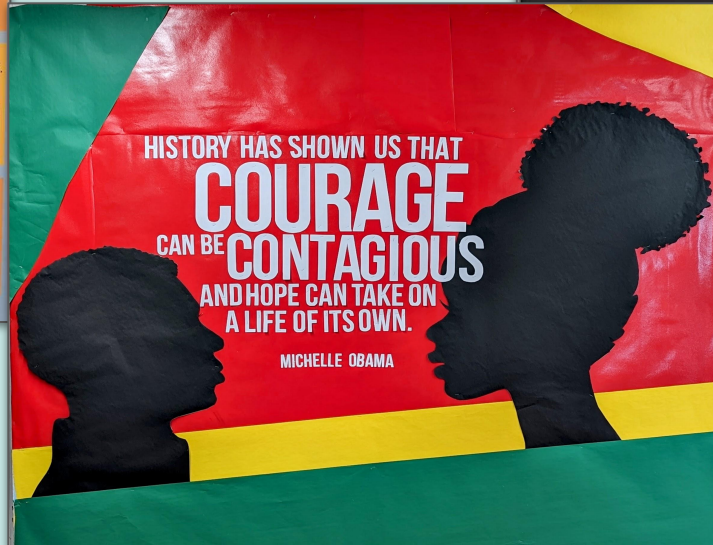
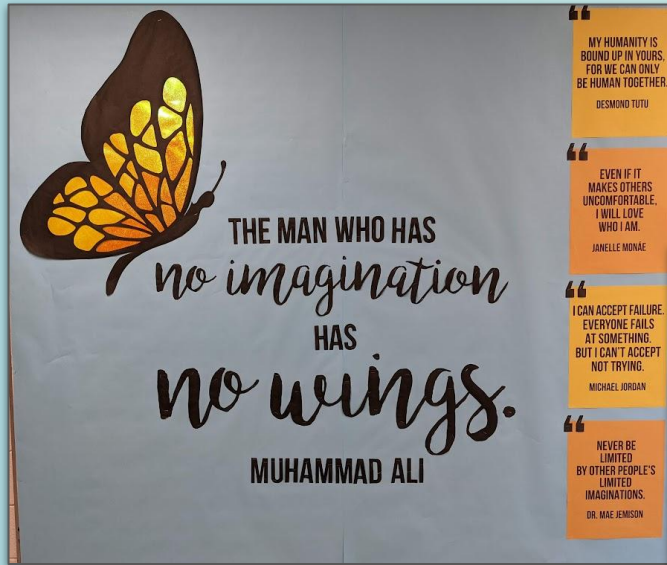
MA (Market Analysis) | **SB** (Service Business) | **LeBJ** (Leadership Business Justice) | **MJ** (Market Justice) | **JO** (Job Organization) | **JR** (Job Resource) | **Will** (Work Leadership) | **JW** (Job Work) | **RW** (Resource Work) | **NN** (National Network) | **SP** (Service Professional) | **IR** (International Resource) | **WS** (Work Service) | **DW** (Diverse Work) | **FW** (Future Work) | **OW** (Organizational Work)

RP (Resource Professional) | **TM** (Trade Market)

LA (Leadership Analysis) | **CB** (Creative Business) | **Bey** (Beyoncé) | **AF** (Advanced Finance) | **DG** (Diverse Growth) | **Pr** (Professional Resource) | **ES** (Economic Service) | **AA** (Advanced Analysis) | **J-MB** (Job-Market Business) | **JL** (Job Leadership) | **AM** (Advanced Market) | **AS** (Advanced Service) | **AWT** (Advanced Work Trade) | **JVDZ** (Job-Volunteer Development) | **KW** (Knowledge Work) | **KW** (Knowledge Work)

Amazing Displays Parent Volunteer

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Turn & Talk

How do you have fun in your space?



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Headline

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