

# Further Up and Further In

The Newsletter of the WCGS Library Media Center

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## Summer Reading Safari!

It was a wild time in the library on Friday, August 29, when approximately 300 students attended our safari celebration to receive their rewards for completing the WCGS summer reading program. All students received a dog tag, prize bag, and a free book or bookmark. I want to thank the summer reading program chairs, Kelly Greco and Christine Walraven, for all of their work in the planning and facilitation of this event. Thank you also to Jinsun Santi, Jennifer Gaertner, Sheri McCain, and Jennifer Pierson, who volunteered their time to decorate and/or supervise the celebration. We are also grateful to Mr. McAboy and Mr. Burgess who served as our safari guides to escort classes to and from the library.

Take a look at pages 3-4 to see more fun pictures of the event, taken by our resident photographer, Christine Walraven.



## New! Family Nights in the Library!

Do you ever wish you could enjoy our school library as a family? Well, now you can! Mark your calendars for four evenings that our library will be available for you to enjoy together. Students who attend will be able to check out **THREE** additional books beyond their usual limit. **The library will be open from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays:**

**October 2**  
**January 15**  
**March 12**  
**April 23**

Students must be supervised by a parent at all times.

## 100 Club for Grades 6-8

It's not too late for 6th-8th graders to sign up to earn rewards for reading throughout the year! Students have a goal of reading 10 books from a list of 100 recommended titles. They receive rewards at 3, 5, 10, 15, and 20 books and can continue to strive to be the student with the most books read in their grade level. Click [here](#) for details and forms.

## Emma Rose Reads...



### That was then...

This was the picture of my daughter Emma Rose with her favorite book *Where Do Balloons Go?* in my very first newsletter in October of 2010 (20 months old!)

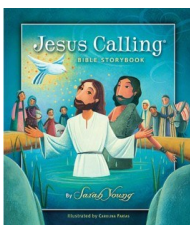
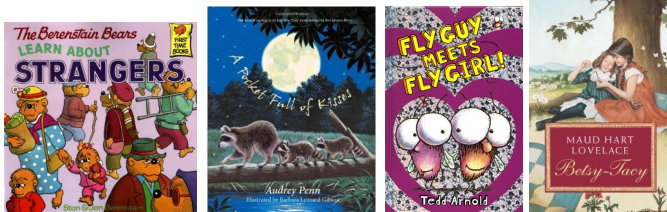


### This is now...

Here she is on her very first trip to the library as an official kindergartener, pictured with one of her current favorites, *A Book of Princesses* by Sally Gardner. We are also currently reading: *The Berenstain Bears Learn about Strangers*, *A Pocketful of Kisses* by Audrey Penn, *Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl* by

Tedd Arnold, and *The Jesus Calling Bible Storybook* by Sarah Young

We also read the first book in the classic *Betsy-Tacy* series by Maud Hart Lovelace over the summer.

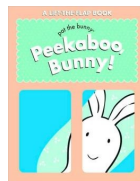
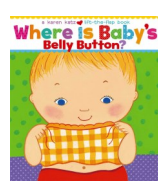
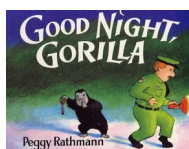


Highly recommended!



## Aubrey Jane Adds...

Not to be left out, our 19-month-old Aubrey is ready for story time with her carpet square and enthusiasm! Her current favorites are: *Goodnight Gorilla* by Peggy Rathman, *Where is Baby's Belly Button?* by Karen Katz, and *Peek-a-Boo Bunny* by Golden Books



## 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: wcfgs

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: lmc



## 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 \(www.arbookfind.com\)](http://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.

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Our safari guides!



Photo-bombers!

