



Wildwood Library News 2024 - 2025

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June 16, 2025

As our 6th graders wrap-up their time at Wildwood, I wanted to congratulate them for checking out over 1,820 books from the library and share their final library projects with the Wildwood community:

Wildwood Podcasts: 6th Grade Students

Remember their time at Wildwood

Sixth graders explored the importance of storytelling and worked on a storytelling unit, recording their memories of Wildwood before the school moves in 2026. Topics include: Celebrity interviews (Nick!), the woodchuck, their graduating class, memories of Wildwood, the last wooden play structure in Amherst, The library well, and soccer/football at recess. Listen to their fascinating podcasts by clicking on [storytelling](#) @ www.wildwoodlibrary.org



Announcing the Wildwood Cookbook!

From your kitchen all the way into our 6th grade Wildwood Cookbook. This is a way to keep a piece of you and your family here at Wildwood and there is no better way of doing that than through food! Even though Wildwood might be gone in the next few years only to be replaced with another elementary school, It will still be here in our hearts... and now, our kitchens. This is a library project that I have been working on and now it can finally come to life. Check it out here: [Taste of Wildwood](#)

Thank you, **Phineas**, 6th grade student

TASTE OF WILDWOOD

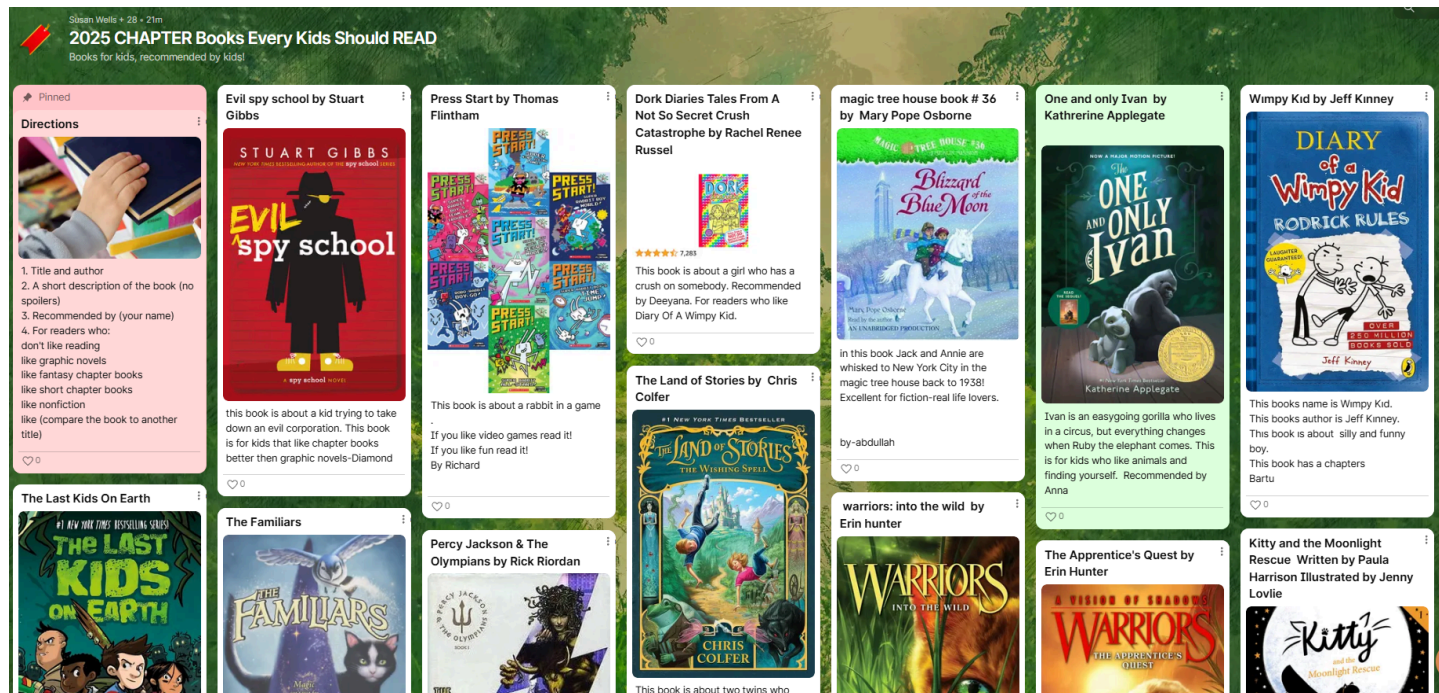
What is the "Taste of Wildwood"?

The taste of wildwood is home to many recipes - from breakfasts all the way to desserts! All of the recipes here are from the students' kitchens within their very own homes. That's right! These recipes are one of a kind and special to the students and their families! When you eat these dishes, you are eating a taste of their life. A taste of wildwood!

June 11, 2025

Do you need great summer reading suggestions?

Please visit www.wildwoodlibrary.org and click on [BOOKS EVERY KID SHOULD READ](#) to see great summer reading recommendations for kids by kids!




Login to SORA for IMMEDIATE access to great books all summer.

Wildwood offers Free Access to Books and Resources: Our library offers a diverse collection of books, e-books, audiobooks, and digital resources for school and at-home use. For more information click on our [SORA LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS](#).

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Jun 9, 2025

New Resource: Exploring Diversity in Children's Book Website

All people, from our youngest readers to our oldest, want to see themselves reflected in the stories they read and to gain empathy and understanding through literature. Our school librarians have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this a reality. Over the past nine months, a dedicated working group - including our librarians, special education and multilingual advisory councils, and other staff members - has curated a collection of books that celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity. We hope you'll explore this new website: [Exploring Diversity in Children's Books](#) and discover the wealth of literary resources available to you.

We've reviewed hundreds of titles to create a resource-rich website that offers current book recommendations for students from Pre-K to young adult. You'll find titles that thoughtfully explore:

- Identity
- Race & Class
- Immigrant Experience
- Gender & Sexuality
- Disability Experience/Neurodiversity
- Body Diversity
- Social Change Makers



Our librarians' expertise ensures that these resources are not only engaging but also carefully selected to meet the diverse needs of our students. By investing in full-time librarians, we're investing in the heart of our school's educational mission: providing students with the tools they need to understand themselves and the world around them.

Happy Reading!

Susan Wells, Wildwood Librarian

Ella Stocker, ARHS Librarian

Molly Millay, Fort River Librarian

June 2, 2025

All Wildwood Library Books are due by Friday, June 6th!

Students who return **all their books** by June 6th will be invited to choose some books from our Book Swap. The Book Swap will run from June 5th - June 20th. Students will be invited to choose a few books to keep as a gift from the Wildwood library. Book swap books are titles that have been donated to the library and/or are being retired from the collection. The library is not accepting book donations for this Book Swap as we are preparing to move to the new school building.



Overdue book? Lost book?

Let's work together to find it! If you're searching for an overdue or lost book, please reach out to the library. I'll check the shelves and make sure I didn't make a mistake. If the book is truly lost or damaged, we appreciate your help in making it right. You can:

- Contact me at wellss@arps.org to discuss possible solutions
- Consider purchasing a used replacement copy for the library
- Your student can lend a hand with library tasks, such as shelving books or volunteering, to give back to our community

Your prompt response will help us maintain a wonderful library for all students. Email wellss@arps.org or reply to this Parent Square post if you have any questions or

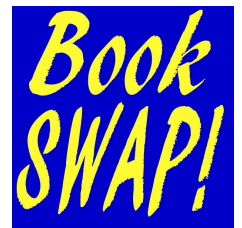


concerns. Thank you!

May 22, 2025

All books are due by Friday, June 6th!

Students who return **all their books** the week of June 2nd will be invited to choose some books from our Book Swap. The Book Swap will run from June 2nd - June 20th. Students will be invited to choose a few books to keep as a gift from the Wildwood library. Book Swap books are titles that have been donated to the library and/or are being retired from the collection. The library is not accepting book donations for this Book Swap as we are preparing to move to the new school building.



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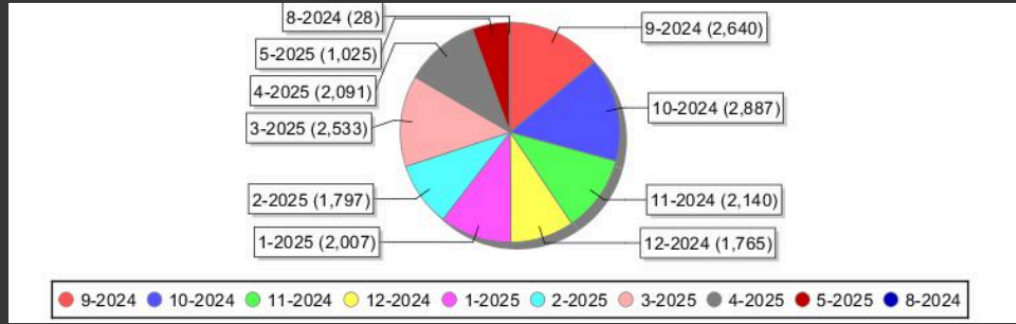
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- Consider purchasing a used replacement copy for the library
- Your student can lend a hand with library tasks, such as shelving books or volunteering, to give back to our community

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May 13, 2025

In which month did our community check out the most books?

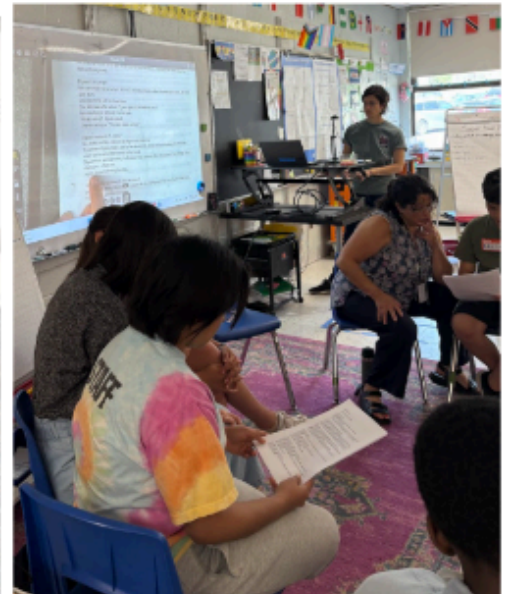
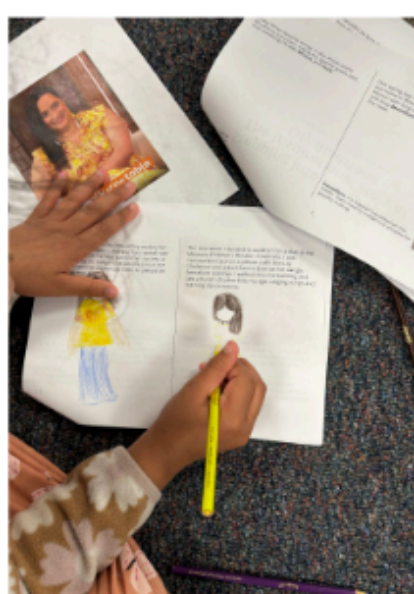
Wildwood Library Book Checkouts by Month



May 9, 2025

Thank you Amherst College and UMASS Women's Soccer for our Continuing Collaborations!

Our fourth grade students just celebrated the conclusion of their work with the students in course: *Indigenous Narratives: Creating Children's Stories about Native American History*. With the help of Zoë Jacob Feinstein and the Center for Community Engagement alongside two Amherst College Teaching Assistants, Dr. Ellen Boucher, Dr. Kiara Vigil and I continued our work together to make this project a reality for our students. In the course, Amherst College students created picture books for children that highlight erased or omitted Native American narratives. Our 4th-grade students were excellent writing partners, offering feedback and editing advice, with one group even contributing illustrations to the final book!



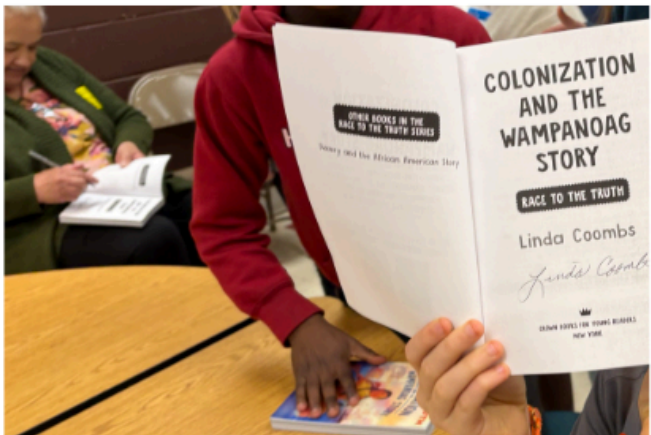
During our collaboration, our students:

- Read and evaluated picture books by acclaimed Native Indigenous authors ([see our guiding website here](#)).
- Analyzed the Dewey library system for exclusionary biases and helped develop more inclusive practices for Social Studies (300s) and Sports (793) call numbers.
- Developed relationships with Amherst College students to provide effective peer editing.
- Served as experts/docents at the Eric Carle Museum, teaching Amherst College students about the Raúl Colón exhibit, [Created in Color: The Picture Book Art of Raúl Colón](#).
- Provided feedback on stories that taught underrepresented histories from Native American culture.

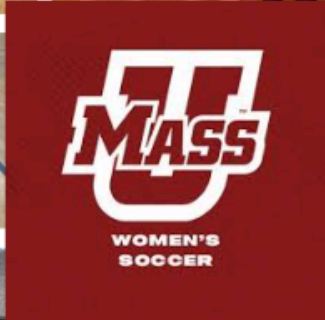
To conclude our partnership, Amherst College arranged an author visit with renowned author Linda Coombs. Every 4th grader received a gift copy of her book ***Race to the Truth: Colonization and the Wampanoag***.



Linda Coombs Author Visit



Our second graders enjoyed an afternoon of soccer and reading with some very special UMASS Women's soccer student-athletes. Thank you to MR. B and UMASS for a continuing collaboration that focuses on fun, good sportsmanship and reading! Fun fact: one student athlete came to Wildwood to read for the first time when we hosted all sports teams for buddy reading to celebrate Read Across America. They were a first-year college student. This spring they finished their third year at UMASS.



April 16, 2025

It's Spring in the Wildwood Library and that means NONFICTION, POETRY and FOLK TALES - Oh My!

























In grades K-4, students are learning to navigate the library and find books they'll love. My goal is to help them become independent in their book selections, while fostering a sense of community where students feel comfortable recommending books to their peers.

Here's what's happening in each grade:

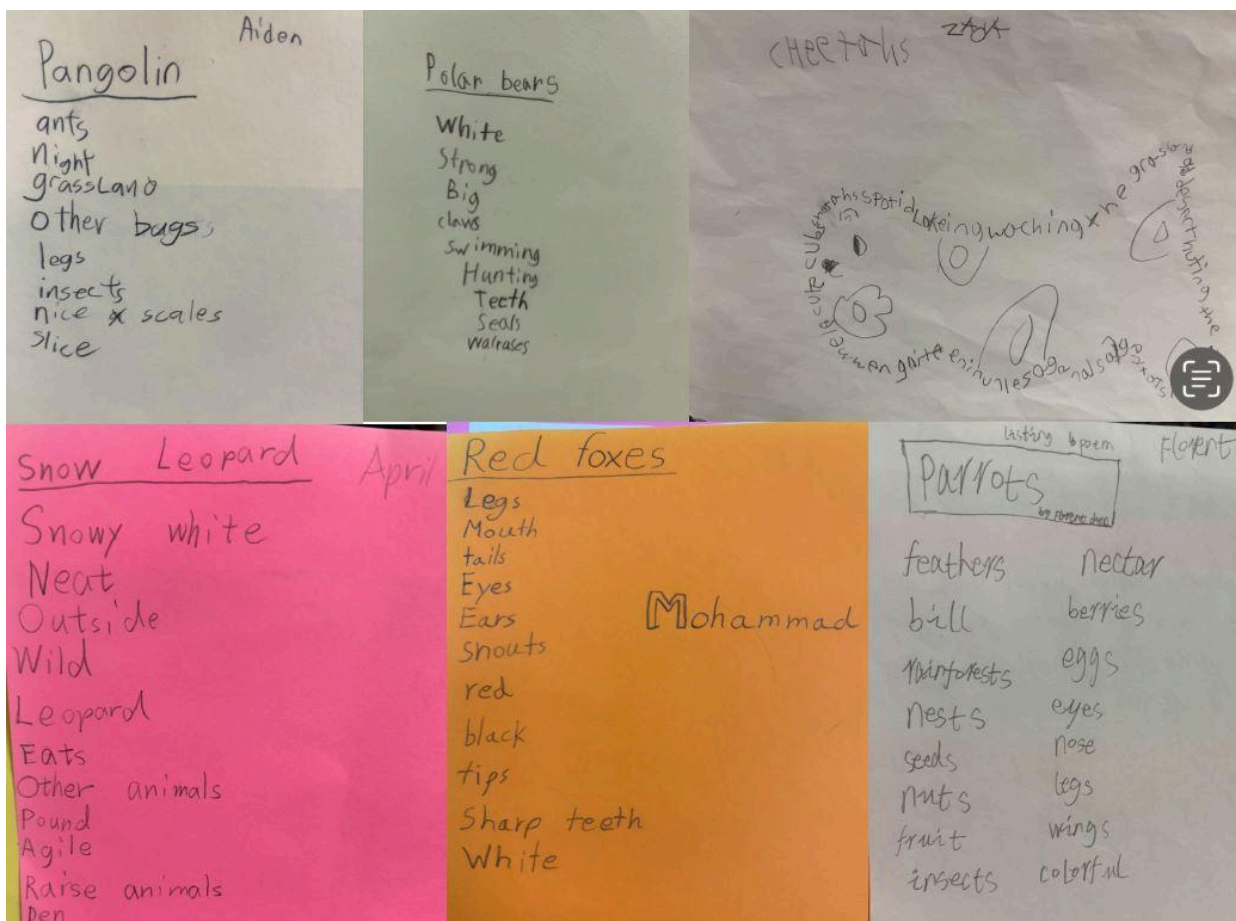
- **Kindergarten** is doing an author study about Jon Klassen. After wrapping up their nonfiction exploration.
- **First graders** are exploring folktales from around the world, learning to ask questions like "Where did that story come from?"

- **Second graders** completed a nonfiction bingo challenge, discovering new areas of the library and reading about topics that interest them.

2nd Grade NONFICTION BINGO Name: _____

Vehicles/Transportation  629	Folk tale  398.2	SCARY  398.24	World Language  400s	History  900s
Dog Book  636.7	Fairy tale  398.3	Weather  551	Cooking Book  641.5	Mythology or Religion  292
Community  300	SPORTS  796-799	Reader's Choice	Cat Book  636.8	Earth/Landforms  550-555
Insects  595	Feelings  100s	Inventions  600 - 620	811 Poetry 	Wild Animals  590 - 599
Geography or Countries of the World  900s	Pets  636	ARTS/HOBBIES  100s	solar system or space  520 - 529, 629	Farm Animals  636

- **Third graders** are working on animal adaptations research projects, using PebbleGO and nonfiction books to gather information and create Google slideshows. Students learned about citing pictures and making a bibliography. Our student-authored 6th grade nonfiction books were great examples for that! This month our 3rd grade students have been studying poetry (April is poetry month) and creating poems about their chosen animals for their slideshows. From concrete poems to list poems, students are writing creatively:



- **Fourth graders** are learning about the Dewey Decimal system and making it more inclusive. They've identified areas that need improvement and are working on solutions, including reorganizing the 300s section and relabeling sports books.
- **Fifth graders** are in the product stage of their [Hero's Journey unit](#), writing, directing, and acting in their own trailers.
- **Sixth graders** are working on a [storytelling unit](#), recording their memories of Wildwood before the school moves to a new location in 2026. They're reflecting on why people tell stories and sharing their own experiences.

Some thought-provoking responses from students on our anchor question: **Why do people tell stories?** Include..

Why do people tell stories?

Student responses in the Google Form:

Maybe to tell people who might have gone through that experience that it is okay.

People tell stories like these to entertain others and so they can remember moments of their life.

To help others find people that can relate to their past experiences and to have a good time.

So that they can make others laugh, or let them learn from their experiences.

to inform people they're not alone.

so they can make people laugh

Thanks for reading!
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April 10, 2025

No check out
They are too
precious.



Wildwood Student Authors

An explosion of student publications in the Wildwood Library!

Please read these books in the library.



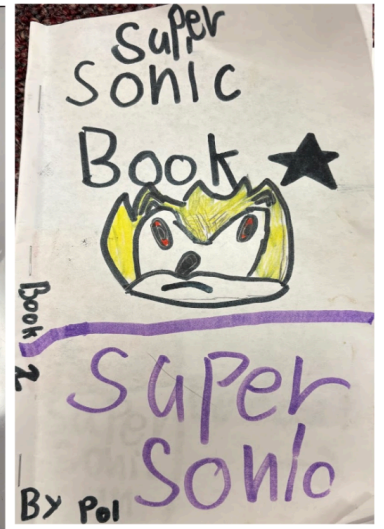
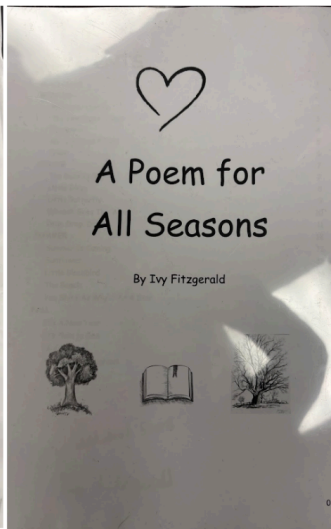
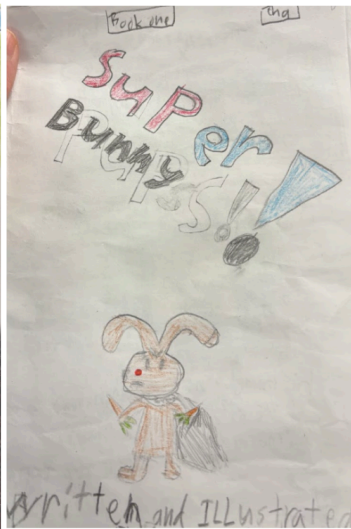
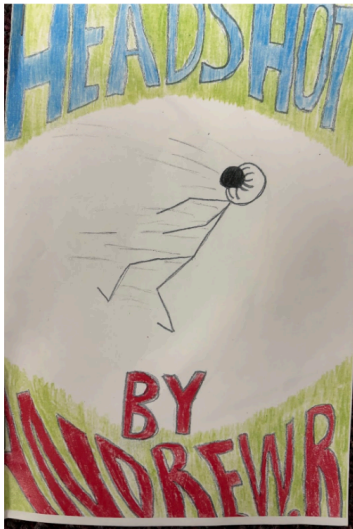
It is very important to me that our students view the Wildwood library as their library. The collection should reflect our students and this includes books written by our very own students! Inspired by our 6th grade authors, there has been an explosion of student-authored books. From 2nd grade graphic novels to 4th grade poetry, our talented young writers have been so prolific that I had to add an extra shelf in the reading well to display all the new student-created titles.

Many students are working on their books at home. Most bindings are very fragile so I ask that these special books stay in the library for our community to enjoy during check out/free reading time.

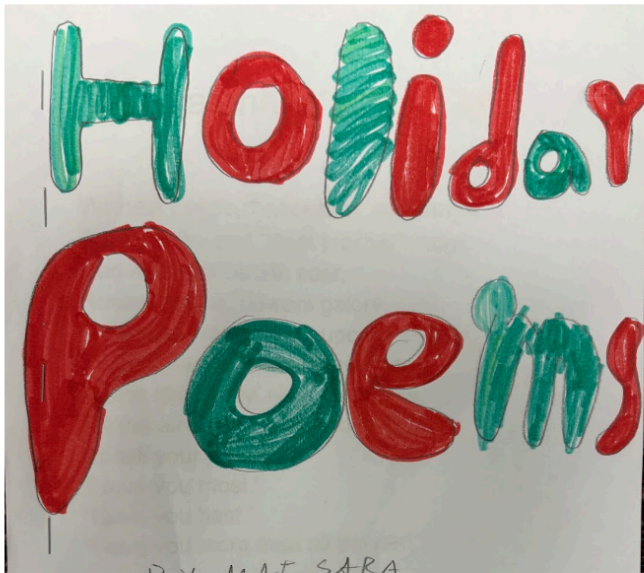
An expanded display of student-authored books:



Some examples:



Did you know that April is Poetry Month?



Ramadan



Lanterns, stars, moons,
People fasting until iftar is soon.
Dates the first of a lasting feast,
And the water is so very sweet.
We wake up early for the morning
meal,
And fast for the day,
That is the deal.
We pray with our hearts,
And purify our souls,
In this holy time,
Forgiveness is whole.

March 27, 2025

Celebrating a Love for Reading: Wildwood Library Wraps Up Read Across America Month

March was an exciting month at the Wildwood Library as we celebrated Read Across America Month. Wednesday, we hosted a special visit from eight UMASS Women's Soccer student-athletes, who joined the Jag/Sally 2nd-grade class for a fun-filled reading session.



A Month of Reading Milestones

Our Wildwood community checked out an impressive **2,242 books** throughout the month, showcasing our shared passion for reading. We kicked off the month with our Read Across America Read-In, where older and younger students were paired up to read together. This activity fosters a sense of community, improves fluency, and encourages positive interactions that motivate students to develop a lifelong love for reading.



Empowering Students and Fostering Community

- Community Partnerships: We collaborate with Amherst College and UMASS Athletics to inspire students to see themselves as future college students, promoting a growth mindset and fostering a love of reading.
- Buddy Read-In: By pairing students across grades, we encourage positive interactions, empathy, and a sense of community.
- Student Contributions to the Library Collection: Our 6th-grade students authored nonfiction books were added to our library collection. This project empowers students, making them feel valued contributors to our library's resources.

The Wildwood Library is more than a collection of books

- Wildwood offers Free Access to Books and Resources: Our library offers a diverse collection of books, e-books, audiobooks, and digital resources for school and at-home use. Please visit our [SORA](#) page for more information. Need a SORA account? Contact me: Susan Wells, wellss@arps.org
- WW Library is a Safe and Welcoming Space: Our library serves as a comfortable, inclusive environment where students can explore, READ, learn, and grow.
- Read more about what's happening in the library: www.wildwoodlibrary.org

March 20, 2025

Wildwood Library 4th Grade Collaboration with Amherst College

I am excited to report on the WW Library collaboration with Amherst College professors Ellen Boucher and Kiara Vigil Indigenous Narratives: Creating Children's Stories about Native American History. As a part of this project, Amherst College students will explore "the ethics and impact of inclusive representation in children's media" focusing on "the challenge of teaching young people under-represented histories." Amherst College students will research and write a book for children on a topic related to Native American history.



Our 4th grade students will be the children's literature experts who will provide feedback for the Amherst college students on their written stories. This unique opportunity for our 4th grade students to participate in a community building partnership that gives our students the opportunity to act as experts and provide guidance to Amherst students as they explore and write alongside us.



Field Trip Fun!

Our students have already participated in two exciting field trips. On February 27th, we visited Amherst College, where college students led engaging activities inspired by their college reading (*The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters). Our students really enjoyed the hands-on activities and lunch!

On March 13th, our students took on the role of docents at the Eric Carle Museum, leading tours of the exhibit [Created in Color: The Picture Book Art of Raúl Colón](#). Students selected two illustrations to share with their College counterparts. We also explored the Art Studio and the Reading Library.

In the coming weeks, our 4th-grade students will continue to act as children's literature experts, providing feedback to Amherst College students on their written stories. We are grateful for Amherst College's partnership and generous funding, which make unique collaborations like this possible. By working together, our students gain experience with our Amherst community and its members and see themselves as future students and leaders.

March 12, 2025

Congratulations to our 6th Graders! They are Published Authors!

In November, our students embarked on an ambitious project: creating nonfiction books that didn't exist in our Wildwood Library collection. Students took on the roles of researchers, writers, revisers, illustrators, and designers, producing their very own titles. **I am thrilled to unveil 48 brand-new, student-authored nonfiction books, just in time for our Read Across America Celebration!**

On Friday, March 14th, our student-authors will read their freshly cataloged and bound books to our younger students, celebrating the joy of reading and writing. This project was a first for me, and I am blown away by the students' creativity, tenacity, and perseverance.

The 6th grade student authors will have the privilege of being the first to check out their books and take them home to share with their families. I am incredibly proud of their work!

I would like to extend my gratitude to the 6th-grade teachers who collaborated with me and the students to bring this project to life. A special thank you to the WW PGO for their generous funding of the printing and binding of the books!



February 12, 2025

And the Best of Wildwood Winner is...

Are you Small? and Are you Big? By Mo Willems

For the first time ever we have two titles winning the Best of Wildwood Award. Students love Mo Willems and nonfiction titles!

We also had 4 honor titles:

Home in a Lunchbox

By Cherry Mo

Tricky Chopsticks

By Sylvia Chen and Fanny Liem

No Cats in the Library

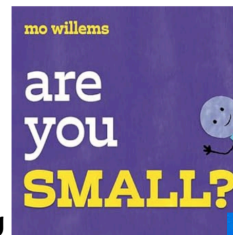
By Lauren Emmons

The Girl Who Figured it Out

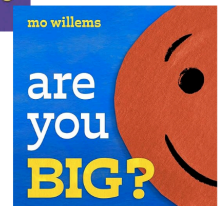
By Minda Dentler and Stephanie Dehannin

Best of Wildwood Winner 2025

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Are you Big?



Nonfiction titles by
Mo Willems



Best of Wildwood Honors 2025

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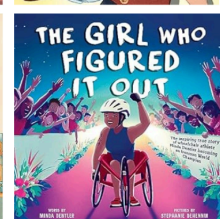
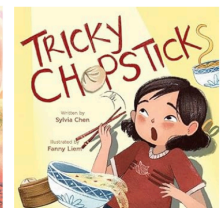
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February Kicks Off the 4th Grade Collaboration with Amherst College

4th graders began their work with the students in the Amherst College course: Indigenous Narratives: Creating Children's Stories about Native American History. Dr. Ellen Boucher, Dr. Kiara Vigil and I began working together this summer to make this project a reality for our students. During the collaboration our students will:

- Give feedback to Amherst College students on their stories teaching young people under-represented histories from Native American culture.
- Act as experts/docents at the Eric Carle Museum teaching the Amherst College students about the Raúl Colón exhibit: [Created in Color: The Picture Book Art of Raúl Colón](#)
- Develop relationships with Amherst College students

Student Authors in the Making: 6th Graders Create Nonfiction Books for the WW Library

Our 6th-grade students are wrapping up their nonfiction books this week. Over February vacation, their final drafts will be professionally printed at Amherst Copies, made possible by a generous grant from the WW PGO. By March, our school library will feature 48 student-authored nonfiction books, a wonderful addition to our collection. I asked our 6th-grade students to reflect on their nonfiction book project through a feedback survey. Here's what some of them had to say:

- "I think that the visual designs I created will stand out and I am proud of them."
- "Maybe I would use more of the provided, trusted websites and include more information."
- "I felt like I did really well finding photos, pasting credit, and finding a design for the book."
- "My biggest accomplishment was completing the book itself."
- "While I wrote this book I got to learn more about where I am from and my ancestors and I feel like that is my biggest win."

These reflections showcase the students' growth, accomplishments, and pride in their work.

Pride



Charlie and Pete

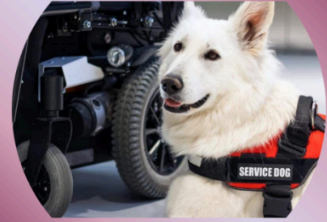


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All About Cambodia
By



Young Stars of Soccer



Sybil Ludington



Aaron Judge Vs Derek Jeter



Here's a sneak preview of some the titles:

Get Ready to Vote!

[The Best of Wildwood](#) Ballot is set! All students will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite book next week.

New Voting Criteria

This year, our 2nd and 3rd-grade students introduced a new rule to our voting criteria:

- The book connects the diverse Wildwood community.

Thoughtful Discussions

In our class discussions, students carefully considered the authors, illustrators, settings, and emotions explored in each book. Now, all students are invited to vote for the book that best meets the criteria established by previous and current Wildwood students. The winner will be announced on Friday, February 7th.



African American Read-In

The African American Read-In is on Thursday, February 6th. Visit the [African American Read-In website](#) for student produced video book trailers, summaries, and a printable bibliography. Browse [the library catalog](#) for featured Read-In books.

African American Read-In

Books recommended by Wildwood students for our 14th annual African American Read-In available at Wildwood School Library. For student summaries see page #3. For more information contact librarian: Susan Wells: wells@sps.org

In December our students have been busy with various reading and writing endeavors, showcasing their dedication, creativity, and passion for learning.

Reading Goals Achieved

Our 4th and 5th-grade students have been working hard to achieve their reading goals, earning Golden Glow Tickets for their accomplishments. Students have been:

- Setting achievable reading goals and reading independently
- Adjusting goals to make them more achievable
- Continuing to read over break
- Reflecting on their progress, with comments such as:
 - "I am proud because I never finished a chapter book on my own before now."
 - "I am proud because it feels good to finish a book."
 - "I am proud because I worked hard."

The Best of Wildwood

Our 2nd and 3rd-grade students are engaged in a thoughtful debate about adding a new guideline to "[The Best of Wildwood](#)." The proposed rule #4 would join three existing guidelines created by past 3rd graders:

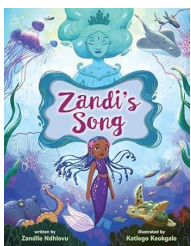
- "Connect to the diverse WW community."

The best picture book of the year should be published in 2024 and:

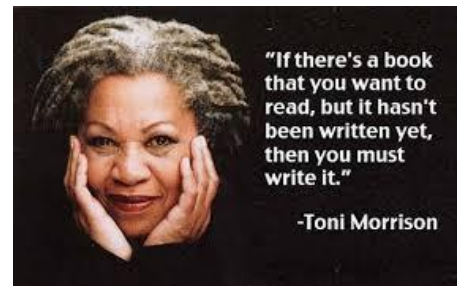
1. The pictures must go well with the story
2. The book must be funny or interesting
3. The book must have a unique book design

Voting
Students in grades K-6 may vote for one book in January 2025.

Important Note:
The author and illustrator* can live anywhere in the world!



Students have noticed that many nominated titles are "important stories" written by authors who are making a positive impact. One notable example is *Zandi's Song*, written by Zandile Ndhlovu, South Africa's first Black free dive instructor and ocean steward. This debut picture book inspires us to take care of our oceans. Check out the amazing [iMovie trailer created by 4th graders Toranj, Ivy, and Layla, showcasing Zandi's Song on The Best of Wildwood](#).



Student Authors in the Making: 6th Graders Create Nonfiction Books for the WW Library

Inspired by student authors from last year, our 6th-grade students are researching and writing nonfiction books for the Wildwood library.

Students carefully evaluated our library's collection and thoughtfully considered topics they'd like to see represented. This led to a diverse range of subjects, including:

- Environmental issues (The Great Pacific Garbage Patch)
- Mental health (Recognizing and Processing Emotions)
- Community service (Service Dogs)
- Science (DNA and RNA, Algae, Flight, The Milky Way)
- Cultural explorations (Cambodia, Afghanistan, Norway, Microstates and more)

Students have been working diligently in their homerooms and in the library to find trustworthy resources, conducting research, and collaborating with peers. Many have also taken their research beyond the classroom, engaging with family and friends to deepen their understanding of their chosen topics.

We're thrilled to see our students taking ownership of their learning and contributing to the WW library's collection. Follow their journey on our [WW library nonfiction website](#). Stay tuned for the publication of these outstanding nonfiction books!

November 21, 2024

Reading Goals!

Our 4th and 5th grade students are using [the library catalog](#) to set their reading goals. Students are learning to navigate the catalog's features, discovering new titles and authors, and sharing book suggestions with classmates. As they browse, students carefully curate their reading lists, ensuring they include a captivating chapter book and an engaging nonfiction title.

With their lists in place, students will aim to read all the books on their reading lists by December 20th. Students are encouraged and supported to create achievable goals, fostering a sense of responsibility and accomplishment. As they read, students will expand their knowledge, escape into diverse worlds and explore new interests. By utilizing the library catalog, students develop essential skills in research, organization and time management, setting them up for success in reading and beyond!

Check Out: www.wildwoodlibrary.org to see some examples!

Best of Wildwood!

More students have wrapped up their iMovie book trailers and can't wait to share their favorite book nominations with the community! The journey began in early October when 4th, 5th and 6th graders read to discover their top picks for "[The Best of Wildwood](#)" Since then, they've worked tirelessly to:

- Outline the story
- Identify the author's message



- Explain why their chosen title deserves a spot among "The Best of Wildwood"

Their hard work paid off in fantastic iMovie book trailers! Check Out: [4th grade trailers](#), [5th grade trailers](#), [6th grade trailers](#)



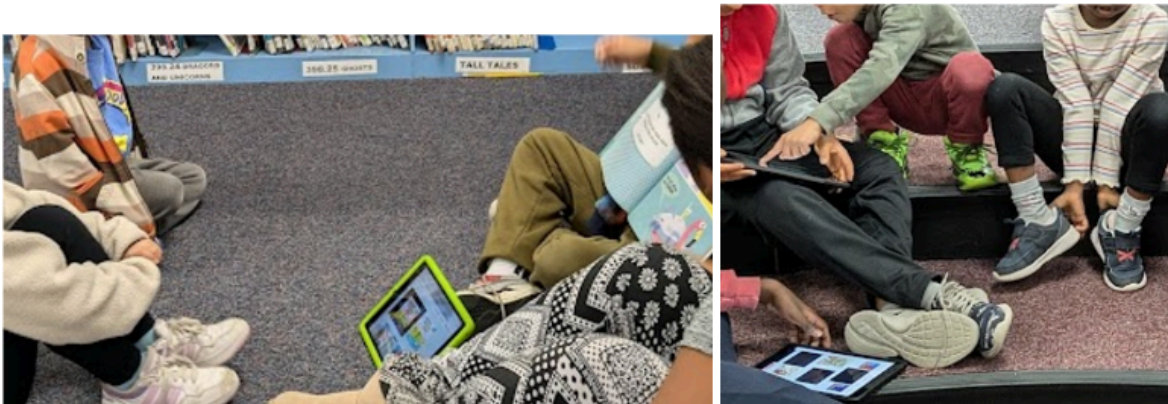
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Growing our Community of Wildwood Readers!

6th grade students shared their iMovie trailers with Kindergarten this week. Our journey began in early October when 6th graders shared a few of their favorite nominated titles for [The Best of Wildwood](#) by reading them aloud to our kindergarten students. Since then students worked on outlining the story, naming the author's message and identifying why the title they chose should be a Best of Wildwood book. They transferred their ideas to iMovie and created an iMovie book trailer. Kindergarten friends love watching and reading with our 6th graders. Check out [The Best of Wildwood](#) and [the 6th grade trailers](#) on www.wildwoodlibrary.org. [4th grade](#) and [5th grade](#) are just finishing their trailers so be sure to check back for more!



Reading together in October.



Viewing the iMovie book trailers together in November.

A Beautiful Community of Wildwood Readers!

Our community of readers continues to inspire and grow. In **OCTOBER** our community checked out **2,846** books. That's a LOT of books!



This year all our students have the opportunity to read and review books for [The Best of Wildwood](#). Our 4th - 6th students have selected one of many nominated titles to create a book trailer. They reviewed the book and judged it Best of Wildwood worthy. In their iMovie trailer they have been challenged with the task of explaining the author's message and convincing our K-2 students that their choice is truly a best of Wildwood winner.

Check out the first of many video trailers on our [The Best of Wildwood](#) webpage.

Champion your favorite Best of Wildwood Book

- Choose a book on your table. **You must read AT LEAST 2 books today!**
- Read it at your table.
- Compare your book to the criteria we have agreed upon. Write a few sentences explaining your 1, 2 or 3 (the best) rating.

OUR Best of WW CRITERIA	1 - 2 - 3 No Meh Yes!	EXPLAIN YOUR RATING. Be specific. You are fighting for your book to be included on the voting ballot.
1. The pictures must go well with the story.	1 - 2 - 3	3 the pictures show them stepping and it is really cool
2. The book must be funny or interesting.	1 - 2 - 3	It is okay for funny but it is not that funny.
3. The book must have a unique book design (end papers, foreshadowing, visual clues about the story).	1 - 2 - 3	It is really detailed which I like and is very beautiful.

**What is the author's message?
What do you want readers to know about the book?**
*This will be the text you include in your iMovie trailer.

Action: write 4 - 5 sentences

conclusion → To be yourself, and to be happy, and to have color

- Join us on this adventure
- In a sad misble life
- One different
- changes there whole story

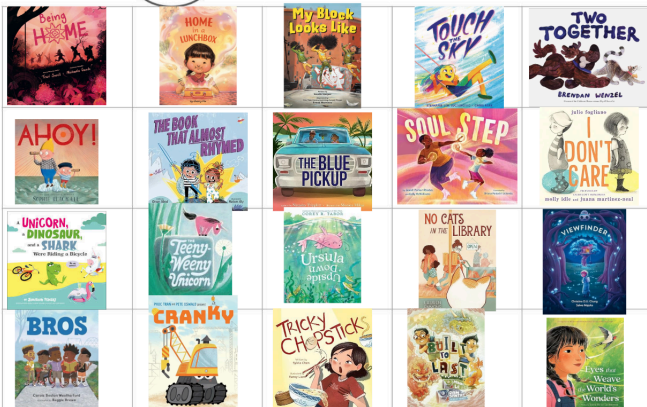
Our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students will continue to read the suggestions put forward by the upper grade students and our 3rd grade will be in charge of narrowing down the ballot to just one page. See the images below to see the work they have cut out for them. All the book covers are nominated by students in grades 4 - 6 (the last row are nonfiction titles, all other titles are classified as Everybody Fiction). Can't see the images? Click on [Best of Wildwood](#) for

more information!

Best of Wildwood Ballot

Vote for ONE! Circle your favorite.

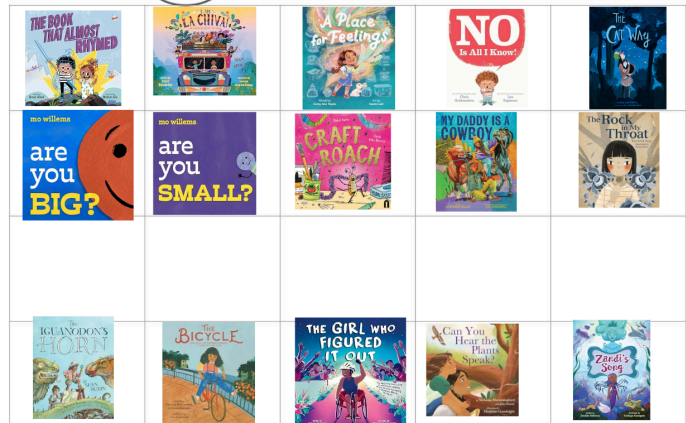
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October 2024

Wildwood Open House Night is Thursday, October 17th.

Please join me in the WW Library between 6 - 7 PM to learn about:

★SORA ebooks and audiobooks

- Come get your student's personal username
- Learn how to access ebooks and audiobooks for free!



★Online nonfiction resources at

www.wildwoodlibrary.org

Learn about our suite of free nonfiction online resources including:

- Encyclopedia Britannica
- Trueflix
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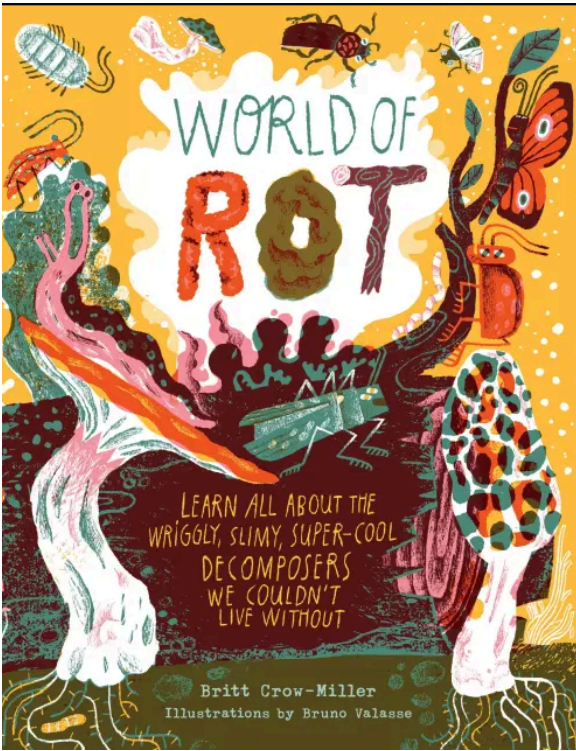
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Nonfiction Read Alongs and Encyclopedias

Help Logging In HERE!

A Special Wildwood Library Event!

Author and UMASS professor, Britt Crow-Miller will be visiting with our 5th grade classes from 9:25 - 10:55 on Tuesday, October 15th.



Dr. Crow-Miller will talk with 5th grade classes about their new book [World of Rot: learn all about the wriggly, slimy, super-cool decomposers we couldn't live without](#) and do a short experiment.

Thank you Dr. Crow-Miller for generously donating your time to share your awesomely gross book with our young scientists and nonfiction readers!

Author visits from local authors allow our students to imagine their future and learn about the writing process from someone who has published a real book they can check out in our library. Thanks to Toni Cunningham, parent of a 6th grader and a graduate of WW, for putting me in touch with Dr. Crow-Miller!

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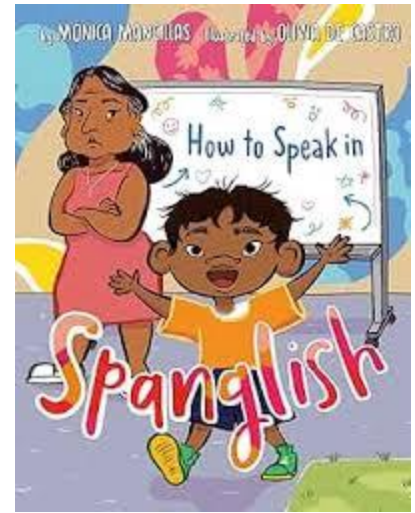
In the Wildwood Library we believe in the right to READ. Students are encouraged to ask questions and seek answers in the library. We have a growing collection of diverse books for diverse readers. **Students are encouraged to find books that match their interests.**

Our Wildwood students love to READ! I love to help great kids find great books. Please help your student remember to return their library books on their library day. Students in grades 1 - 6 are limited to borrowing no more than 8 books at a time but if a student really loves to read and knows where their books are I will happily bend this "rule." **I like to think the more books kids have around them (and in their backpack) the more likely they are to read!**



In September we celebrate our RIGHT to READ. In the upper grades we learned about the [American Library Association's Banned Books Week](#) and how we celebrate our Intellectual Freedom by reading books and raising awareness about books that have been challenged and banned in other schools and public libraries. An important tenet of democracy is exercising our right to explore ideas from multiple perspectives and respecting others' right to do the same. [Dav Pilkey outlines it beautifully in this short video.](#)

September is Hispanic Heritage Month so we have kicked off the Best of Wildwood with a new fan favorite: *How to Speak Spanglish* by Mónica Mancillas. The Best of Wildwood allows Wildwood Students explore book design and the literary elements of plot, characters, setting and theme by reading the newest and critically acclaimed picture books during the fall semester. While The Caldecott Award is given each year by the American Library Association to the most distinguished picture book for children, The Best of Wildwood invites our students (only KIDS) to evaluate picture books based on criteria that they determine. Please be sure to follow our [Best of Wildwood webpage](#) and watch the list of nominees grow and the guidelines for voting change as our 3rd graders update our kid-made criteria!



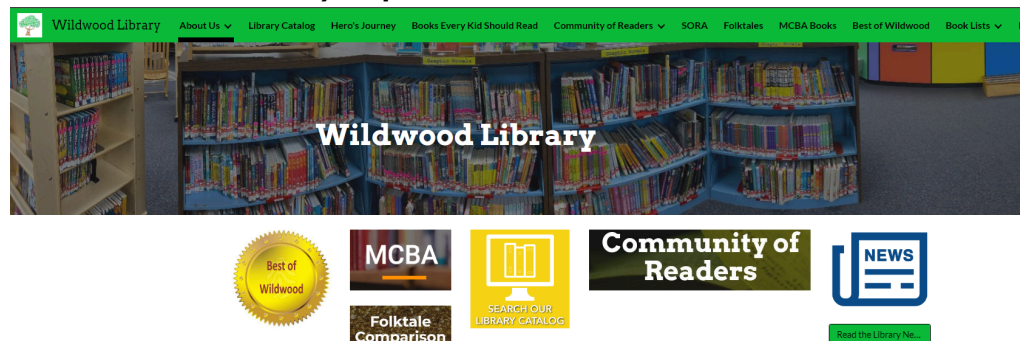
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In the Wildwood Library we believe in the right to READ. Students are encouraged to ask questions and seek answers in the library. We have a growing collection of diverse books for diverse readers. **Students are encouraged to find books that match their interests.**

Check out our [library catalog](#):



Our [library website](#) provides access to book lists, ebooks, encyclopedias and student work:



Borrowing Books:

Please help your student keep their library books in **SAFE, DRY** place! It is helpful to have a special place for your library books so your student can remember to read them and return them on their library day.

Students in grades 1 - 6 can check out 4 books per week and they may keep their books for up to 14 days. Students may not have more than 8 books out at one time. Students in Kindergarten may check out 2 books per week and they are encouraged to return their books each week.

If your student forgets their library books they may bring overdue library books in the morning after their library day and exchange them for new books. If your student has an overdue book they will bring home a reminder with the book title(s).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions! Susan Wells, wellss@arps.org

Your library day is...

Library Schedule 2023 - 2024	
Kindergarten	Mondays - Ms. Lisa/Ms. LJ Thursdays - Ms. Applegate/Ms. Livia
1st Grade	Mondays - Ms. Tharion Thursdays - Ms. Johnson/Mr. Kalman
2nd Grade	Tuesdays - Ms. Murenzi/Mr. Pete Wednesdays - Ms. Jag
3rd Grade	Tuesdays - Ms. Thomas/Ms. Chehade Wednesdays - Ms. Mary/Ms. Riley
4th Grade	Tuesdays - Mario Wednesdays - Ms. Georgia/Ms. Klaus Fridays - Ms. Woods/Ms Hickman
5th Grade	Mondays- Bing-Owen Thursdays - Mr. K/Ms. Cavanaugh
6th Grade	Mondays - Chris Wednesdays -Ms. Elder/Ms. Sonoda Thursdays -Jaimie
Room A - Kate Room B - Mary	FRIDAYS! (FriYAYs) 😊

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