



LIBRARY FUN FACTS

- Our library assistant, Sandra Norris, **checks out approximately 1 book every 2.7 minutes**. This does not count all the equipment, like Promethean pens, she checks out (frequently) to teachers, or items she checks back in.
- Over **8100 students have visited the library on their own** so far this year (before school, during resource, etc). Add approximately another 11,000 students if you count the classes that come through for an **average of 285 students a day in the library**
- We have **38 student members of our Virginia Readers' Choice Book Club**.
- **47 students** attended our **Manga Club** in December

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: NEED COPY-RIGHT-SAFE VIDEO AND AUDIO CLIPS?

Try [VideoBlocks and Audio Blocks!](#)

These resources are only available at school, but give you and your students access to over 100,000 copyright-safe video and audio clips, effects, and motion backgrounds. Great for video projects! No login necessary.

Watch [this short video about](#) how to access VideoBlocks and AudioBlocks.

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Library Happenings

Before school even started for students, the library began the year with a bang as we worked with our TRT to provide staff development to teachers on creating screencasts to use in their instruction.

We then hit the ground running when we teamed up with the Technology Resource department to deliver technology and library orientation to every student in the school.



Once orientations were complete, we jumped right in to supporting the Phoenix team as they worked on their Colorado River water project. To support them we provided resources, supported students' research, and hosted their video conference with Colorado River expert Sandra Postel. As the Phoenix team has continued to incorporate 21st Century learning design and real world problems into their instruction, we have continued to support them with resources. For example, we worked with Mr. Peters to provide resources for his classes and to host a video conference with NASA (arranged by our wonderful TRT) as his students compared the Rosetta mission and space exploration to European exploration. We continue to support the Phoenix team's projects with resources and collaborative research instruction as they move into third quarter and begin work on their bat project.

We daily work with language arts and reading classes to help students find books and provide readers advisory services, but we also work with teachers to do special things and provide instruction as requested. Laura has provided mini-lessons on different book genres (realistic fiction, mystery, fantasy and science fiction) to various sixth grade language arts classes while Sandra hosted Stories and S'mores around Halloween for Ms. Wise's classes, Mrs. Kablan's classes, and the reading classes. Both librarians spent time creating research pathfinders for teachers to help facilitate the research process for students.

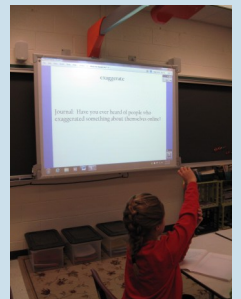
Book Fair and Donuts with Dads in November were quite successful. It's always great to see all the dads, uncles, and grandfathers during Donuts with Dads.

The second quarter is always the beginning of research at Farmwell, and this year is no different. Laura and Sandra both worked with the 8th grade science teachers to provide a pathfinder webpage and lessons on the databases for all the 8th grade honors science students. Sandra worked with the 7th grade language arts classes to provide a pathfinder webpage and research lessons for their *Long Walk to Water* research. Laura worked with some of the 6th grade language arts teachers to do the same for their research projects on various topics.

The library loves to work with teachers on smaller projects as well! Sandra worked with Mrs. Godfrey's and Mr. Deely's classes to provide a pathfinder webpage so they could research information on ancient empires and introduced it to their classes while Laura worked with Mrs. Betz to create a pathfinder webpage for debate research and introduce it to her honors classes.

This is also the year of digital citizenship at Farmwell. Laura and Sandra, along with Carol (TRT) and several other teachers, are working towards becoming Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship certified educators as well as working towards getting Farmwell certified as Digital Citizenship certified school. These certifications involve teaching lessons from the [Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship curriculum](#). Topics include cyberbullying, online identity, copyright, and more.

Laura received a grant in December from LEF to bring [augmented reality](#) to the library. She'll be working with Mrs. Kablan and a few of her students the second half of this school year to create videos about the different parts of the library and library procedures in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Farsi to use in a new augmented reality library orientation activity for next school year.



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New Books and Resources

If you haven't stopped by the library lately, check out some of our new books and resources:

- Several nonfiction books by Mary Kay Carson, who will be visiting our school April 8 and speaking to all three grade levels!: [The Bat Scientists*](#), [Exploring the Solar System, Park Scientists, Beyond the Solar System*](#), [Emi and the Rhino Scientist*](#), and [The Underground Railroad for Kids*](#)
- [Brown Girl Dreaming](#) by Jacqueline Woodson
- [Saving Kabul Corner](#) by N. H. Senzai
- [Sandra Markle's scientific mystery books*](#): *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs*, *The Case of the Vanishing Honeybees*, and *The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats*
- [Twelve Minutes to Midnight](#) by Christopher Edge
- [The Key That Swallowed Joey Pigza](#) By Jack Gantos
- [Writer to Writer: From Think to Ink](#) by Gail Carson Levine
- [Rivers for Life](#) by Sandra Postel
- And many more fiction and non-fiction titles!

You can see a more complete listing of newer books on [our virtual book shelf](#)

*MackinVIA e-book usernames and passwords are now the same as what you use to log into the computers here at school!

Watch [this short video](#) about how to use MackinVIA to access our e-books.

The MackinVIA e-books look great projected on a Promethean board!

Upcoming Library Events

- February 11—Manga Club meeting
- February 25—Virginia Readers Choice Book Club Meeting—*One For the Murphys*
- March 9-13 — Teen Tech Week—More Makerspaces in the Library
- March 18—Manga Club meeting
- March 25—Virginia Readers' Choice Book Club Meeting —*Spy School*
- April 8—Author visit with Mary Kay Carson—author of many nonfiction books for young people (See the **New Books and Resources** section above for some of her books)

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