

3RD TRIMESTER
2016/2017

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OUR LIBRARY

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Our Scholastic BOGO Book Fair was a great success! Stay tuned for our Fall 2017 Book fair planned for Sept. 25th thru 29th.



Explorer Library News

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Summer Reading

As a kid growing up in Washington state one of the highlights of my summer was getting to go to the “big” public library downtown and choose the books I wanted to read during the summer. It was a trip my brothers and I made with my mom or big sister every two weeks. Little did I know that my tricky mom was helping to prevent summer slide; the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. What it did for me was build a love for reading and created a habit that I incorporated into my own children's summer activities.

As the teacher-librarian at Explorer Middle School here's what I do to help prevent summer slide among our students. I give away books at the end of the year. I host the BOGO Book Fair so kids can afford to get great books for their summer reading. I publish as many summer reading opportunities and activities I can find in the area or online for our students to participate in. (You can find them on my website and catalog homepage.) This year we had a special library card drive. I encourage students to become patrons of their public libraries by keeping library card applications in the library and each year sponsoring Summer Reading Presentations. The presentations are carried out by librarians from the public libraries; Evergreen Branch of Everett Public Library and Mukilteo Branch of Sno-isle Libraries over 2 days. Together they present their reading programs and summer activities happening in their libraries. Presentations also include book talks on their summer reading recommendations. Students get an opportunity to interact with these librarians and preview the over 65 books they bring to share. We had 704 of our students attend this year.

Research on summer reading says kids who read four or more books over the summer do better on reading test in the fall. Those who do not read during the summer can lose two to three months of reading skills. Kids who do read gain a month of reading proficiency!

Some suggestion for successful summer reading could include **reading along with your kids** and sharing what you're reading with them. **Starting a summer book club.** Get together a small group of your child's friends and pick a book of common interest to read and discussion a few times during summer. Do you have a struggling reader? **Try a reading apprenticeship;** you take the burden off your struggling reader by alternating lines or paragraphs helping the reader during his/her turn with difficult words, unfamiliar vocabulary or ideas. Whatever, you decide to do keep it fun and light and allow your reader to pick their selection. Whether its novels, non-fiction, magazines, comic books, or technical manuals, when kids select their own materials their more likely to finish them. Have a great summer and I hope you will include some reading in your activities.

Top Ten Requested Titles

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid Double Down</i>	Kinney
<i>Mystery of Museum Mile</i>	Wells
<i>Smile/Ghosts</i>	Telgemeier
<i>P.S. I Still Love You</i>	Han
<i>Flipped</i>	Van Draanen
<i>Dork Diaries: Tales from a not so perfect pet sitter</i>	Russell
<i>Sisters</i>	Telegemeier
<i>The Forbidden Library</i>	Wexler
<i>Miss Peregrines Home for Peculiar Children</i>	Riggs
<i>The Iron Trial</i>	Black



THE EAGLE BOOK CLUB

I am proud to announce we had 87 participants this trimester; 27-8th graders, 17-7th graders and 43- 6th graders. Thanks to our PTO we awarded 3 Fire Tablets for our BIG gifts. 8 book series as well as over 25 books were awarded to students at all 3 grade levels who read 2 or more books from the club list during a trimester. The purpose of the EBC is reading advocacy.

I am excited to put next year's list of books together. Do have any recommendations? Let me know and be on the lookout for next year's list!

Way to read Eagles!

Our Local Public Libraries!

Evergreen Branch
Everett Public Library



Mariner Branch
Sno-isle Library



Our library card drive was a success! Over 60 students in grades 6, 7, and 8, signed up for a library card or two and we had one sign up for the Overdrive app for their mobile device. Three happy students won a Fire tablets, thanks to our amazing Explorer PTO!

Evergreen Branch will soon be increasing in size by 4500 square feet, construction will begin November 2018. They have promised to be opened as much as possible during construction. Don't forget Sno-isle Library has opened the new Mariner Library! It's located 128th or Airport Road in the Albertsons Shopping Center I'm certain both of these great libraries would appreciate your patronage this summer.

3rd Trimester Statistics

Total Circulations - 4746

Total Reserves - 43

Textbooks—630

Unscheduled Visitors—2224

2016/2017 Statistics

Circulations—22,038

Checkouts—17,259

In Library Use—2021

Renewals—2758

Reserves —168

3rd Trimester Lessons

Other Skills	Reading Advocacy	Destiny Catalog	Digital Citizenship
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ AR /STAR Tests ◆ SBA Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Award Nominee Voting ◆ Library card drive ◆ BOGO Bookfair ◆ Speed Booking ◆ Summer Reading Presentations ◆ Eagle Book Club Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ General Catalog Usage ◆ Citation Lesson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cyber bullying

3rd Trimester Classes

Grade Level	Weekly	Bi-Weekly
6th	13	0
7th	0	12
8th	0	12
Combo	3	0

Approximately 25 classes per week, 5 classes each day.