



Our Lady & St Bede
Catholic Academy

READING MATTERS



Hello!



I hope you have had a lovely Easter break. April has been a busy month in the library with our focus being on the Easter, Passover, and Eid festivals coinciding.

As the weather warms and the days grow longer, we're excited to bring you a plethora of literary delights and library events to brighten your days. This month Student Librarians worked on displays for Easter. Their creativity is unparalleled. We're busy with some big events coming up including the Carnegie Medal Award and our 'Around the World' Multicultural Festival.



Our newest club, Dungeons & Dragons is already proving to be quite popular. The king of all role-playing games, Dungeons & Dragons was first unleashed nearly 50 years ago. And the game's still as fantastically involving as ever. Join us every Tuesday in the library for Dungeons and Dragons games where you will learn how to create characters and explore fantasy lands while battling epic monsters and saving the day

Happy reading,

Ms. Javid



Student Librarian Recommendations

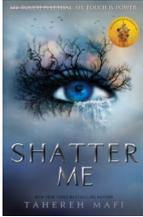
Try a new series from these reads selected by our Student Librarians.



Runaway by R.L. Stein

A runaway teenaged girl tries to find somewhere she can live in peace but her dark powers rise despite her best efforts.

Creepy horror about starting afresh with confidence. —Phoebe



Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi

A 17-year-old girl isolated her whole life because of her mutation and used by the oppressive government in a post-apocalyptic world as a weapon falls in love with her target.

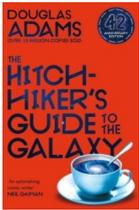
I loved the writing style and find the main character relatable. —Lauren



Tithe by Holly Black

Kaye finds out that she is a changeling and enters the faerie world to find out that she's being used by the faerie people as a human sacrifice.

A good fantasy book with fairies and magic. —Aiah



Hitchhiker's Guide To the Galaxy by Adam Douglas

An Earthman joins a gang of alien oddballs to explore the universe after Earth is destroyed by Vogon.

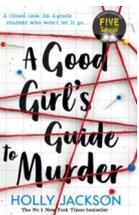
Non-stop, nonsensical fun that doesn't stop! —Aiden



The Sad Ghost Club by Lize Meddings

An anxious, lonely person meets someone very similar at a party to which neither wanted to go to and a tentative friendship begins.

Shows good insight into the effects of mental health. —Sophie



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

A girl finds herself in danger when she uncovers hidden secrets about a historic murder that happened in her town five years ago.

Very unexpected and well written. —Grace



Five on a Treasure Island by Enid Blyton

A shipwreck off Kirrin Island! But where is the treasure? The Famous Five are searching for clues - but they're not alone... Someone else has joined the treasure hunt.

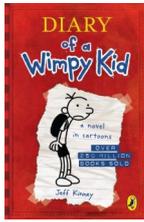
Classic series perfect for people who like adventure. —Annie



Making Friends by Kristin Gudsnuk

When Danny feels lost in school, she inherits a magic sketchbook and draws Madison, the most amazing, perfect, and awesome best friend ever.

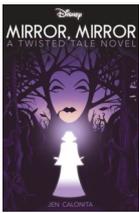
Realistically shows friendship. –Leilani



Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Follows an American boy through a school year of activities, friendships and family life.

If you want a quick book and a long series, this is for you. –William



Mirror, Mirror: A Twisted Tale by Jen Calonita

Following her beloved mother's death, the kingdom falls into the hands of Snow White's stepmother, commonly referred to as "the Evil Queen" by those she rules.

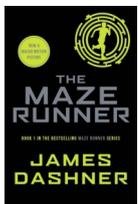
This series offers a different perspective to Disney classics. –Isabelle



Solitaire by Alice Oseman

A teenage girl feels alienated from her friends and starts to obsess over finding out who is behind a series of elaborate pranks at school

A hopeful series about finding the bright side. –George



The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Percy discovers he is half human, half Greek god, and sets about trying to avert a war among the Olympians .

An eery and intense book with tension and excitement. –Aryanna



Smile by Raina Telgemeier

A teenage girl has to negotiate the typical traumas of high school, boys and friendships whilst enduring continuous dental treatments

Unique and relatable book. –Lauretta

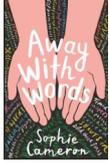


The Cruel Prince by Holly Black

Three sisters are abducted by faeries after their parents are murdered by a faery assassin, and must learn to survive in the cruel faery realm where they have been taken.

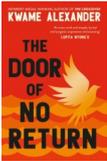
Action packed with a pleasant mix of romance. It is filled with many well-written characters. –
Sophia

We have begun to shadow the judging process for the prestigious YOTO Carnegie Medal Book Award. Join us by picking up one of the shortlisted books from the library.



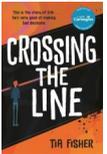
Away with Words by Sophie Cameron

Follows 11-year-old Gala, who has just moved from Spain to Scotland with her dad to live with his boyfriend, and her difficulties with learning English and adapting to her new home



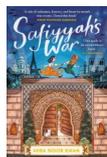
The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander

First in an epic trilogy of verse novels set in 19th century Ghana, following a boy who is sold into slavery



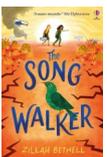
Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher

When Erik's bad behaviour attracts the wrong crowd, he's sucked into a terrifying new world of drug dealing, trap houses and violence.



Saffiyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

A young girl helps in the resistance work by members of the Grand Mosque in Paris whose bravery saved the lives of hundreds of Jews during World War II.



The Song Walker by Zilla Bethel

When a young girl wakes up in the middle of the desert, she has no idea who she is.



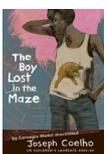
Choose Love by Nicola Davies

Choose Love is a cycle of poems that highlights the experience of those forced to become refugees.



Steady for This by Nathanael Lessore

A teenage boy who aspires to be a famous rapper finds new motivation to pursue his dreams when his family are in danger of being evicted



The Boy in the Lost Maze by Joseph Coelho

Theo, a modern-day teenage boy, finds himself on a maze quest to find his own father

Library Events

Multi Culture Club

The Multi Culture Club is busy planning a whole school celebration honouring our diverse school community.

We're planning displays of arts and craft, dance, music, heritage talks, performance, food, and more, showcasing and raising awareness of our diaspora roots.

Interested in representing your culture? Join us in the library, Mondays and Fridays during the 2nd half of lunch.



Pokemon Club

Pokemon Club meets Wednesdays in the Library! Join us to battle, trade, or chat! Use your own cards or borrow battle decks from the library's collection.

The yoto Carnegie's Shadowing

Being a part of this esteemed literary tradition provides valuable insights into the meticulous process behind selecting the best in children's literature.





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AROUND THE WORLD MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

MONDAY, 8TH JULY

JOIN IN OUR CELEBRATION!

**FOOD • DANCE • MUSIC
CRAFTS • ART • GAMES**

**Sign up with Ms. Jawaid
Meetings in the library,
Monday and Friday
2nd Half of Lunch**

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS[®] CLUB

**EVERY TUESDAY
IN THE LIBRARY**

SECOND HALF OF LUNCH

SIGN UP REQUIRED.



Gotta catch 'em all!™

POKÉMON CLUB



EVERY WEDNESDAY

DURING LUNCH in the Library

12:55-1:20 pm

Please see Ms. Jawaid for more information.



Multi Culture Club

Mondays

in the library

12:55 - 1:10 PM



SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB

FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY

12:55 - 1:00 PM