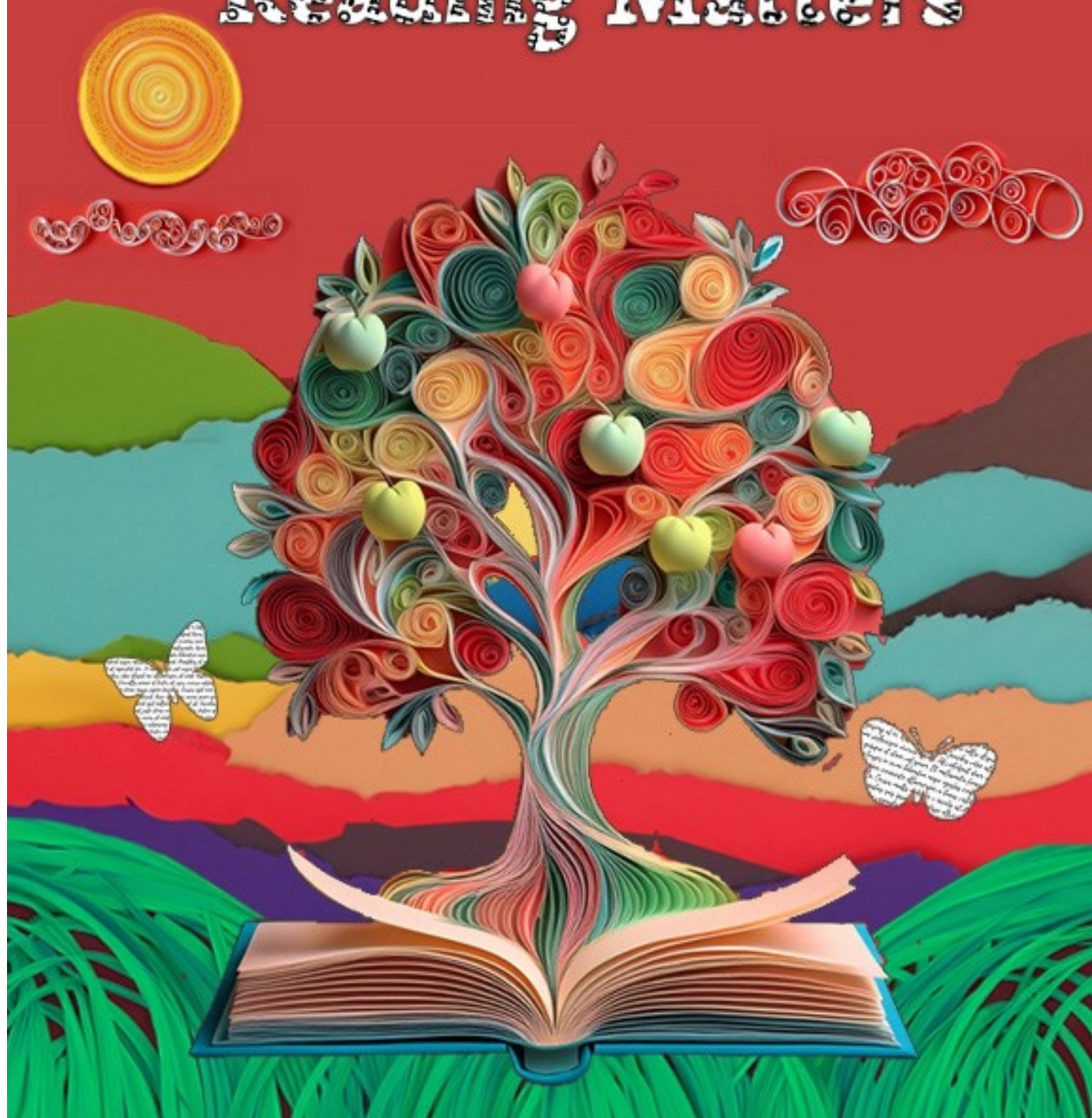




Our Lady & St Bede  
Catholic Academy

# Reading Matters



# Hello!

Welcome to the September edition of our school library newsletter!

As the new school year kicks into full gear, we are excited to welcome you to the September edition of our Library Newsletter.

This month is always a special time as we transition from summer days into the crisp, cooler mornings of autumn, bringing fresh energy and curiosity into the library.

The library is more than just a space filled with books—it's a place to explore new ideas, dive into fascinating stories, and develop a lifelong love of learning. Whether you're looking for the latest bestsellers, researching for a class project, or simply seeking a quiet corner to read, we're here to support and inspire you.

In this edition, you'll find exciting announcements about upcoming library events, reading challenges, and new arrivals on our shelves.

We'll also spotlight resources to help you with your studies, as well as recommendations from our fantastic Student Librarians.

Be sure to check out our Enrichments, reading lists, special displays.

If haven't had a chance to stop by the library yet this school year, we encourage you to do so. There's always something new to discover, and we can't wait to see you!

Happy reading,



Librarian



# Library FAQs

Your school library is a hub of knowledge, culture, learning, and growth. It is a safe space to sate your curiosity and grow your mind through reading. You can find the answers you seek—just ask! Ms. Jawaid is your school librarian.

The library is open every day at break, lunch, and after school.

Our hours are:

Monday and Wednesday: 8:40 AM— 4PM

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:15 AM—4PM

Friday: 8:40 AM—3:30 PM



The library provides access to a range of resources to support your reading, research, and information literacy. We have over 4,500 books across several genres and subjects available for check. You can borrow books for two weeks at a time. Books can be renewed, should you need more time, with Ms. Jawaid.

Reference books for core subjects and periodicals are available to read with the library.

You can also sign up to use laptops during lunch to complete any school work.

We hold several exciting Enrichment clubs . Sign up for your place to attend in the library.

Mondays— Multicultural Club

Tuesday—Dungeons and Dragons Club

Wednesdays—Pokémon Club

Thursdays—Student Librarians Meetings

Fridays—Social Justice Club



The library hosts special events every month. Sign up is required for attendance.



# Librarian's Recommendations

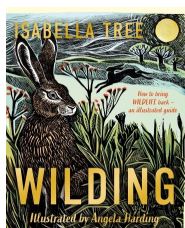
Did you know brown bears lived in England over 1000 years ago? The last bear in England was killed in the year 1240! There were over 13,000 bears in Britain 7,000 years ago! They were driven out by a combination of persecution and the loss of their forest habitat. Bear Necessities Month is celebrated in September to protect bears and their habitats. Learn more about conservation and animal welfare with this selection.



The most important comic book on Earth:

Stories to save the world

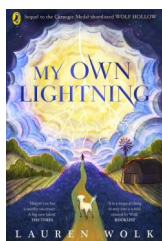
A collection of short comics and cartoons to highlight the call for climate change and the preservation of the planet's natural resources.



Wilding

by Isabella Tree and Angela Harding (Illustrator)

A heartening read. Explains how rewilding works and includes information about species that have returned and thrive including butterflies, bats, owls and beetles.



My own lightning

by Lauren Wolk

Annabelle finds herself with the ability to understand animals' feelings after being struck by lightning during a storm which leads herself to a change of heart for someone she despises.



Brainy about Bears

by Owen Davey

An interesting illustrated guide to some of the world's most powerful mammals, full of facts about bears, their habits and where to find them.



The Last Whale

by Chris Vick

Tells the story of three generations of the Kristensen family, their history as whale hunters and later their mission to save the great whales and our planet.



The Last Bear

by Hannah Gold

Eleven-year-old April accompanies her father to Bear Island in the Arctic for six months. There are no polar bears left on Bear Island, but one endless summer night, April meets one. Can she save him?

# Student Librarians' Recommendations

Our Student Librarians have picked out these heart warming graphic novels that show strength of spirit!



El Deafo by Cece Bell

A graphic novel memoir about a girl growing up with a hearing impairment and how she copes with the trials of family life, friendship, and middle school.

*Lots of hidden meanings behind a really good story.—Lauretta*



Speak Up by Rebecca Burgess

Follows an autistic girl who finds friendship where she least expects it and learns to express her true self in a world where everyone defines her by her differences.

*Shows the struggles and triumphs of being an autistic girl—Lauren*



Run on your New Legs by Wataru Midori

School soccer comes to an end...permanently. But endings are always followed by beginnings-and so, armed with a prosthetic leg, Kikuzato finds a new dream. He's going to become a track star and win the gold at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics!

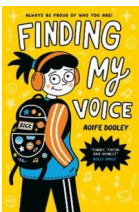
*.Demonstrates great resilience and determination because the character learns to accept his*



Making Friends: Together Forever by Kristen Gudsnuk

Dany's magical sketchbook has steered most of her middle-school life so far -- it even helped create her best friend, Madison. But now that the sketchbook is gone, and Madison with it, Dany's back to being a loner.

*Full of twists and turns.—Sophia*



Finding my Voice by Aoife Dooley

A twelve year old girl starts secondary school and wants to get a band together for the Battle of the Bands competition

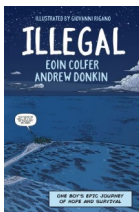
*Relatable school journey about making friends.—Isabelle*



Camp by Kayla Miller

A novel about venturing off to summer camp for the first time and stepping out of one's comfort zone, navigating new experiences, and the satisfaction of blazing your own trails. Olive and Willow are happy campers! Or are they?

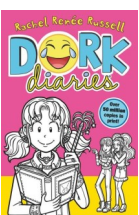
*It is a great story about friendships and how to handle issues.—Grace*



Illegal by Eoin Colfer

A boy makes a dangerous journey from his home in Ghana to Europe where he hopes to find his brother and sister who left months before.

*Inspires with the strength in times of adversity.—George*



Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell

Follows the diary of a 14-year-old teenager when she moves to a new school.

*Evolving in a new school environment and finding your friend group.—Anastasia*

# Student Librarians

## The Role of Student Librarians: Leaders in Our Library

Our school library is a bustling hub of activity, and at the heart of it are our dedicated Student Librarians. These enthusiastic volunteers play a crucial role in helping the library run smoothly, providing valuable support to both students and staff.



But what exactly do student librarians do, and why are they so important?

- 1. Assisting with Daily Operations:**  
Student librarians help with the day-to-day tasks that keep the library organized and welcoming. From shelving books and checking materials in and out to helping maintain a tidy, well-organized space, their work ensures that everyone can find what they need quickly and easily.
- 2. Supporting Fellow Students:**  
Need help finding the perfect book for a project or a great novel to read for fun? Student librarians are there to assist! They are trained in how to navigate the library catalogue and can recommend books based on your interests. Whether it's locating a specific resource or offering advice on your next great read, they are knowledgeable guides for their peers.
- 3. Managing Special Projects:**  
Throughout the year, student librarians take part in special library projects and events. This could involve setting up book displays, helping plan reading challenges, organizing author visits, or assisting during book fairs. Their creativity and initiative help bring these events to life, making the library an exciting place to visit.
- 4. Developing Leadership Skills:**  
Serving as a student librarian isn't just about helping out—it's a fantastic opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork, and organizational skills. Student librarians learn how to manage their time, take responsibility for important tasks, and work collaboratively with others. These experiences are invaluable as they prepare for future academic and professional challenges.
- 5. Promoting a Love of Reading and Learning:**  
Perhaps the most important role of a student librarian is fostering a positive library culture. Through their passion for reading and learning, they inspire others to explore the library, try new genres, and discover the joy of reading. They are ambassadors of the library, helping to make it a vibrant and engaging space for everyone.



We are incredibly grateful for our student librarians and the hard work they put in to make the library a better place for all. If you're interested in joining the team, keep an eye out for applications later this year.



**Multicultural Club**

**in the library**



**Mondays**



**12:55 - 1:15 pm**



# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS<sup>®</sup> CLUB

**EVERY TUESDAY  
IN THE LIBRARY**

**SECOND HALF OF LUNCH**

**SIGN UP REQUIRED.**





# POKÉMON club




EVERY WEDNESDAY

DURING LUNCH in the Library

12:55-1:20 pm

Please see Ms. Jawaid for more information.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB  
FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY  
12:55 - 1:15**