



# LIBRARY INFORMATION & NEWS

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"Cry 'God for Harry, England, and Saint George!" King Henry V, *William Shakespeare*

EARTH DAY, ST GEORGE'S DAY, BOOK PRIZE WIN, D&D UPDATE, MAY EVENTS, WBD COMPETITION WINNERS.



Earth Day, 22nd April, affirms that environmental progress is real and resilient. Innovation, education, and community problem-solving remain durable. Local systems - cities, schools, Tribal nations - continue implementing solutions that strengthen energy reliability, conserve resources, and reduce risk because they're grounded in economic sense and public safety. Explore our resources and actions for Earth Day 2026 and year-round. *Our latest display showcases some relevant book titles & information.*



**ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 23RD APRIL.** SOME COMMENTATORS HAVE BEEN SCEPTICAL IN THE PAST ABOUT WHETHER SAINT GEORGE EXISTED. HOWEVER RECENT EVIDENCE HAS PERSUADED SOME SCHOLARS TO CONCLUDE HE WAS REAL. HERE'S WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE TRUE: BORN IN CAPPADOCIA, TURKEY. LIVED IN 3RD CENTURY AD. HIS FATHER WAS PAGAN, AND HIS MOTHER WAS CHRISTIAN. HIS MOTHER ARRANGED FOR HIM TO BE SECRETLY BAPTISED. LATER LIVED IN LOD OR LYDDA, ISRAEL. BECAME A ROMAN SOLDIER. PROTESTED AGAINST THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS. REFUSED TO WORSHIP THE PAGAN GODS OF APOLLO OR BACCHUS. IMPRISONED AND TORTURED, BUT STAYED TRUE TO HIS FAITH. DIED IN LYDDA.



**SSA Library Book Prize Win.** *Out of the hundreds of schools who entered to win a copy of Last Dragon on Mars by Scott Reintgen, we were selected as one of the 10 winners! Many thanks to Tash Hyde at Read for Good & Rock the Boat.*

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



**Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) improves literacy by motivating reluctant readers through immersive narrative, expanding vocabulary via technical rulebooks, and scaffolding writing skills through character backstories and world-building. It forces players to practice active reading, comprehension, and critical listening to navigate complex, collaborative stories, transforming abstract language into immediate, applied communication. Great for team work & oratory skills.**

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS** OUR WEDNESDAY YEAR 7 GROUP DELVED DEEPER INTO THE SHADOW REALM. THEY UNCOVERED A DANK FLOODED CHAMBER AND A HIDDEN TUNNEL, SUDDENLY THEY WERE AMBUSHED BY A GROTESQUE BOG BEAST. THE MONDAY GROUP ARE NEARING THE END OF THE DEWBERRY CAMPAIGN. THE ANCIENT FORTRESS OF CANIS LUPUS IS UNDER SIEGE. THE UNDEAD SEEK THE GRIMOIRE HIDDEN IN THE DARK CRYPT BELOW.





"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better" - Albert Einstein

## MANGA/GRAPHIC NOVEL/NOVEL CHARACTER DRAWING COMPETITION WINNERS

**ALL WINNERS**  
RECEIVE A GOLDEN TICKET, CERTIFICATE AND BOOK PRIZE.

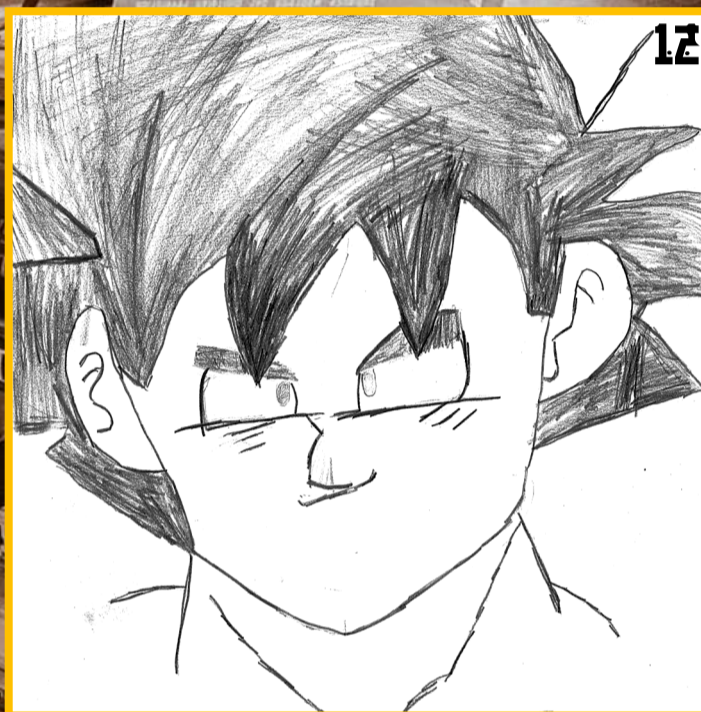
1. KAYLEIGH W 100
2. KEIRA S 70
3. EVA N 81
4. EVE K 90
5. OLIVIA T 80
6. IYADH I 80
7. LOGAN P 78
8. AYVA L 80





## MANGA/GRAPHIC NOVEL/NOVEL CHARACTER DRAWING COMPETITION WINNERS CONTINUED

- 9. **ADRIANA B 70**
- 10. **KACIE MD 100**
- 11. **COOIE WC 70**
- 12. **JAKE T 70**
- 13. **COMMENDED ENTRY**



## World Book Day Library Book Review Competition Winners 2026

Briley S 10U, Scarlet T 7R, Kacie M-D 100, Allana M-D 70, Kiyla Shankly 10R, Kayleigh W 11U, Ashton C 80, Chonte L-S 7U.

Winning entries can be viewed on the SSA Reading Cloud home page: <https://u022291.microlibrarian.net>

**BS** Briley  
9th March 2026

★★★★★

**WINNER**

**Percy Jackson And The Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan.** Percy is a Demi-God who has a prophecy from the Oracle of Delphi, saying that one of the big three (Poseidon, Hades or Zeus) will save Olympus or destroy it. Percy is the son of Poseidon, so will he save or destroy Olympus. If you love Myths and Greek culture this is the book for you. *Briley Stewart 10U*

**AB** Kiyla  
9th March 2026

★★★★★

**WINNER**

**Criminal Minds: by Jeff Mariotte.** The book is based on the popular, criminal/serial killer drama thriller and more, with some heart stopping plot twists. Searching for criminals and murderers, featuring characters Special Agent David Rossi, Special Agent Derek Morgan, BAU Technical Analyst Penelope Garcia, Dr. Spencer "Spence" Reid, Emily Elizabeth Prentiss, Jennifer "JJ" Jareau, FBI agent Kate Callahan and George Foyet. *Kiyla Shankly 10R*

**ST** Scarlet  
13th March 2026

★★★★☆

**WINNER**

**Horrible Science. Deadly Diseases: by Nick Arnold.** This book is about diseases, bacteria and germs. It is very realistic and has lots of great jokes. The book was amazing and I would definitely read it again. I would really recommend this title, especially to Science Teachers. *Scarlet Thorpe 7R*

**KW** Kayleigh  
12th March 2026

★★★★★

**WINNER**

I liked this book because I really love how Horikoshi presented the ideas of quirks as powers. My personal favourite character is Shoto as we learn more about his backstory in later volumes. This book series not only presents the struggles of being different (referring to deku as he was born quirless) but how eventually you would fit in to society, it clearly represents the high school dynamics. This book is very humorous and enjoyable, you'll be begging for more. A must read if you love power, fame and yes a lot of violence. **My Hero Academia Vol. 1 - Kohei Horikoshi.** *Kayleigh Wilde 11U*

**KM** Kacie  
9th March 2026

★★★★☆

**WINNER**

**1000 Year Old Boy.** This book is about a 1000 year old boy! It's also about a boy looking for friends, a girl who loves mystery and a journey of twists, comedy, magical pearls and cats! This book is a laugh-filled journey. It's filled with historical events seen through the eyes of our main character, making the book even more of an interesting read. I love the plot twists and heartfelt moments of this book. *Kaci Miller-Day 100*

**AC** Ashton  
13th March 2026

★★★★★

**WINNER**

**George Orwell: Animal Farm.** The novella is a metaphor for the Russian Revolution. It was published on the 17th of August 1945. Animal Farm is about the problems with Socialism and how it goes wrong due to greed. I'd recommend this book because it highlights problems with greed within Socialism and how regular people can identify vicious Dictators. *Ashton Cross 80*

**AM** Alanna  
9th March 2026

★★★★★

**WINNER**

**Diary of a Wimp Kid- The 3rd Wheel.** About a boy named Greg and his friend Rowley. It's the Valentines day dance, Greg has a partner for it but Rowley has nobody for the event. I recommend Diary of a Wimp Kid-the Third Wheel because I love this book series. I think that if you like comedy, then this is the book for you. *Allana Miller-Day 70*

**CS** Chonte  
13th March 2026

★★★★★

**WINNER**

**Harry Potter & the Half Blood Prince: JK Rowling.** This book is a good way for you to cast your eyes on the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. I recommend this title as it is a fantastic way to feel like you're in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. There are 7 different books in the series. *Chonte Le Sauvage, 7U*