

Operation: Motivation!

A year of enthusiasm in the elementary library

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Connect: with students and staff by learning how to bring continued excitement and interest to your library.

- **Newsletters**
 - Paper, email, Smore (fee-based)
 - Toot your own horn. Share what is amazing at your library.
 - Make the effort count – images are key!
- **Flipgrid**
 - Short, user-friendly student/staff-created videos managed via admin.
 - Respond to prompts, give book recommendations, and share ideas without writing.
 - Annual fee.
- **Bring Breakfast, Browse Books**
 - Designed for staff. How would it work for students?
 - Think about timing wisely – not during report card/testing/conferences!
- **Lunch & Listen**
 - Anytime, any grades.
 - Simple advertising works wonders.
 - Be passionate about the books – it shows.
- **Musical Books**
 - Way to browse new books and see what classmates enjoy.
 - Have listening music and moving music at the ready.
 - Can use 1 type of book to focus (nonfic/picture books)
- **Tournament of Books**
 - Voting via Survey Monkey or Google Forms.
 - Set up display 2-3 weeks in advance to give students time to read more.
 - Takes 4 weeks total.
 - How to choose the books – most popular? All fiction? Picture books? Series?
 - Spend time teaching how to access/vote.
- **Children's Book Week**
 - Costumes and clues!
 - Memorable experience for students, staff, and families.
 - Whole-school celebration.
- **Book Swap**
 - Get volunteers before starting.
 - If your community can, use a 2:1 ratio to ensure adequate titles and to help other schools in need.
 - Advanced FIC will go first – plan for this.

- What to do with the leftover/inappropriate books?

Create: ravenous readers with numerous tried and true book-centric activities and programs that will keep interests high.

- **WCCPBA nominees**
 - Transform 1-2 nominees into interactive, collaborative, memorable experiences.
- **Booktalkers**
 - Sturdy, bright paper.
 - Who places them – students or librarian?
- **Readbox**
 - Let students know they can choose books from there.
 - Update with the seasons/sports.
- **Readolutions**
 - Make teachers informed – they get on board.
 - Students track via stickers on library card/pass.
 - Give students time to think/create – can send home as HW (gets parents involved) or make part of classwork.
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- **Golden Tickets**
 - Place in great books that don't circulate often.
 - Display titles. 😊
 - Let teachers know, but ask they keep it a secret...or chaos will ensue.
- **Tagxedo/Wordle**
 - Showcase knowledge of books or learning in research.
 - Use after voting Sasquatch/WCCPBA voting to show what was memorable about a favorite title
- **Book Spine Poems**
 - Display lots of great potential titles.
 - Be aware: a mess will follow. Learning isn't neat.
 - Write poem first, then gather books for the photo. Display photos, too!
 - Great way to get boys involved in creating poems!
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Collaborate: through innovate new methods that will amplify library enthusiasm to busy families, teachers, and students.

- **QR codes**
 - Great for on-the-go families
 - Simple to create – www.qrstuff.com
 - Have devices with scanners? Add to shelves for a quick booktalk...or link to the book trailer!
- **Padlet**
 - Share book/tech recommendations to staff/families.
 - As complex as you want to make it.
- **Vine**
 - Use videos to showcase student selections via Twitter/Facebook feeds
 - Use with K's to settle class at the end of check-out
- **Flipgrid**
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- **Hour of Code**
 - Anytime Dec 7-13, 2015
 - Great opportunity to collaborate with classroom/tech teachers.
 - What web application / device app will the library showcase?
 - Move classes & devote the day!
 - Take pictures. Post and share (newsletter).
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- **Tellagami**
 - Short videos using custom backgrounds and Gami figures.
 - Share knowledge via a new platform.
 - Free iPad/Android app. Paid educator version available.
- **ChatterPix Kids**
 - Short videos using custom backgrounds that talk.
 - Perfect for booktalks, tech tips, or announcements.
 - Free iPad/iPhone app.

Other Days & Events That Motivate:

- International Dot Day: Sep 15, 2015
- Talk Like a Pirate Day: Sep 19, 2015
- Star Wares Reads Day: Oct 10, 2015
- Read for the Record: Oct 22, 2015
- Chinese New Year: Feb 8, 2016
- World Read Aloud Day: Feb 24, 2016 *
- Read Across America: Mar 2, 2016
- Poem in Your Pocket Day: Apr 28, 2016
- Super Bowl - Feb
- Opening Day (baseball) - Apr
- Summer Olympics 2016
- World Cup 2018
- U.S. Open (golf) – Jun

Connect, Collaborate, and Create from afar via **Skype in the Classroom**.

***World Read-Aloud Day** is a popular, well-run Skype event for teacher-librarians to utilize.