Happy Birthday Melvil Dewey!

(info found using CPSB Gale Resources, Biography InContext)

Melvil Dewey was born in Adams Center, New York, on December 10, 1851, the youngest of five children of impoverished parents. His father, a boot maker and keeper of a general store, and his sternly religious mother inculcated principles of hard work and economy in the youth, along with a sense of self-righteousness that marked him throughout his life. He early demonstrated strong mathematical ability and a fascination with systems and classifications. His education was slowed by the need to earn money, and he did not enter Amherst College until he was 19, graduating in 1874.

Dewey worked in the college library during his last two years as a student and for the two years following his graduation. Although then still attracted to a missionary career, he carried out intensive investigations of other libraries and began to develop his own ideas. His work culminated in 1876, when he published A Classification and Subject Index for Cataloguing and Arranging the Books and Pamphlets of a Library.. This system, still in use today in most public and some college libraries, was his major contribution to his profession.

To read more about Mr. Dewey, visit the Digital Media Resources page provided by CPSB. There are pictures, magazine articles and much more. http://www.cpsb.org/Page/245

From all of us at Library Services, we want to wish you all a joyous Holiday Season!

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Cortney Lyon—Paraprofessional
December is another great time to promote books and reading. I highly recommend the following three books below that I have read recently as a great way for parents, grandparents, or caregivers to read with their youngsters.

WHERE DID THE DAY GO was written by Gwendolyn Reasoner and illustrated by Loretta Shadow Owens. A recipient of the 2015 National Illumination Book Award for the Best Keepsake, Gift and Specialty Book, this beautiful book is a good Christmas choice because it is a simple read about the creation. Local Author, Gwendolyn Reasoner, welcomes the opportunity to attend schools and present book talks as well as sell her signed books during special literacy events. Contact Library Services for contact numbers if you are interested.

THERE’S A BETTER DAY A-COMIN’; HOW TO FIND THE UPSIDE DURING THE DOWN TIMES by Ronda Rich, the author who addressed the Libraries Southwest Author Event recently and did not disappoint! A series of chapters about rebounding from real life situations of failures, rejections, and dark times through a philosophy of never giving up. The humor infused in these stories uplift the reader as well as a happy ending. Every chapter is an uplifting read that can be a wonderful topic of discussion for readers.

YOU HAVE A BRAIN; A TEEN’S GUIDE TO T.H.I.N.K.B.I.G is by Dr. Ben Carson. “T.H.I.N.K.B.I.G.” is an acronym for talent, honesty, insight, niceness, knowledge, books, in-depth learning, and God. Naturally, I became most excited about the chapter regarding books. Once his mother made him read books every week and report on them to her, Dr. Carson writes that, “Reading didn’t merely expand my horizons, it exploded my world so quickly and completely that my life was never the same.” He also describes eloquently the feelings of imagination, excitement and freedom that came from reading as well as its ability to transport him from the poverty of his Detroit neighborhood. How could a librarian not like that description? This is something that I plan to keep in my holiday plans for my tween & teen-age grandchildren.

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That’s how many boxes of books have been unpacked, processed, repacked and shipped out to your schools by the Library Services Department so far! Whew!
Here is the list of our costume contest winners held as part of our "Monster Scholastic Book Fair."

**K-1st Grade Division**
- Prettiest Book Character: Norah "Pinkalicious"
- Most Unusual Book Character: Landry "Wampanoag Indian Girl"
- Best Animal Book Character: Eli "Triceratops"
- Largest Book (by pages) Book Character: Lane "Pikachu"
- Smallest Book (by pages) Book Character: Luca "Mike the Knight"
- Most Recognized Book Character: McKenzie "Camilla Cream"
- Most Original Book Character: Cash "Martin Kratt"
- Best Boy Book Character: Max "Luke Skywalker"
- Best Overall Book Character: Harlowe "Mulan"

**2nd-5th Grade Division**
- Prettiest Book Character: Priscilla "Belle"
- Most Unusual Book Character: Ava "Rainbow Dash"
- Best Animal Book Character: Peyton "Charlotte"
- Funniest Book Character: Brody "Sam Graves"
- Largest (by pages) Book Character: Allie "Dorothy"
- Smallest (by pages) Book Character: Emma "The Cupcake"
- Most Recognized Book Character: Allie "Dorothy"
- Most Original Book Character: Maddie "The Mad Hatter"
- Best Girl Book Character: Aubree "Annie from the Magic Tree House"
- Best Boy Book Character: Ethan "Peter Pan"
- Scariest Book Character: Landon "Shadow Smasher"
- Best Overall Book Character: Peyton "Charlotte"

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**OAK PARK MIDDLE—Melony LeMay**

Celebrate Reading on C-GOV Channel
Helen Curol, Phyllis Ayo (F.K. White Middle School), Melony LeMay (Oak Park Middle School)

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**WESTWOOD—Karen Ashworth**

I found out today that my grant application was accepted to host a Primetime Reading Program at Westwood this spring. I will attend the training in January along with another teacher from my school.

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**MOSS BLUFF ELEMENTARY—Jessica Dwight & Margaret Paris**

On Monday, November 9, 2015, a group of librarians from the Calcasieu Public Library visited MBE to do book talks featuring the LYRC books for this school year. Librarians discussed public library programs with the students as well as engaged them in interesting book previews. Pictured is Holly DeLeon discussing one of the LYRC books. The Calcasieu Public Library also noted an increased response from MBE students after the school visit. Many are stopping by to check out books & see Hamlet (the library's pet guinea pig) and they have gained 4 new book club members since discussing it. They look forward to reaching out to our students in the future!
CYPRESS COVE—Kristi Fontenot

- Over 140 students met their goal and attended our AR celebration
- Students and teachers had fun dressing up as their favorite book character, also our own principal Mrs. Lynn Hamilton along with several students dressed up as Elsa and sang "Let it Go" together. The students were so excited.
- Our Book Fair was a huge success! We sold over 1,000 books to be read by our students. That is some "Monster Reading."
- Our Veteran's Day program was very nice. Students invited a veteran to show their loving support for this great holiday. Teachers and students decorated the halls which are very patriotic. Local cub scouts and leaders presented a flag ceremony. Classes from different grades presented patriotic performances!!!
- The Cypress Cove Library Club filled over 60 Operation Christmas Child boxes this year. These boxes are donated to Samaritan's Purse for underprivileged children.
- Way to go library club, you did AWESOME!!!

BRENTWOOD—Carolyn Henry

On Wednesday Nov. 11th my son Kelvin Henry Jr. signed his letter of intent to play basketball at McNeese after he graduates from St. Louis Catholic. I have included the link to the story on KPLC Sports http://www.kplctv.com/story/30497205/seven-local-athletes-sign-on-early-national-signin. There was also a story in the Lake Charles American Press.

COLLEGE OAKS—Jeanette Webre

On October 29th, College Oaks Elementary sponsored a Literacy Fair. Students in grades PreK-2nd made group projects and grades 3-5 made individual ones. The projects, which were based on their favorite books, were designed by the students and presented on project boards. Jean LaFitte was one of our winning projects. The winners were announced the following day at the Picnic with Families event. Students and faculty members dressed as their favorite book characters on October 30th as well. On November 10th, College Oaks held its annual Veterans Day program. The library featured a display of military books in conjunction with the program.
WW LEWIS—Janet Ritchie

- 9 W.W. Lewis students won candy for the monthly AR drawing. All they have to do in order to be eligible is to take at least one AR test during the month.
- The W.W. Lewis library hosted a “Book Tasting” for all of its 8th grade students. Students were treated to delicious samples of a variety of foods while enjoying new books in the library.
- 7th grade students were also treated to a “Book Tasting.” They sampled various flavored waters between book readings.

FK WHITE—Phyllis Ayo

Here’s our bulletin board showing what students and teachers at our school are thankful for this Thanksgiving season and our Veterans Day display.

FK White celebrated the end of our first nine weeks AR with a pizza party outside. We are looking forward to the next one where we will get to watch a movie and have popcorn.

SULPHUR HIGH—Susan Gardebled & Shanna Eggleston

The Sulphur High library showed their support of veterans, both past and present, by putting up a display in their honor. Books on this topic were also set out for students and teachers to view. Teachers were also given a handout, created by the librarians, of websites that would be useful to enhance their lessons on this very important holiday.

MOSS BLUFF MIDDLE—Tanya Portinause & Cindy Wright

We read the book “Turkey Trouble” to all our 6th grade classes. Students had to come up with their own way to disguise a turkey. They loved the book and were very creative with their turkeys.
WASHINGTON-MARION—Cynthia Smith

Washington-Marion High School celebrated Veterans Day with a program held on November 6, 2015. There were performances by the Washington-Marion Concert Choir and Band, the JROTC, Speech and Debate Team, and the guest speaker was Mrs. Edriena Alexander of Christian Baptist Church.

OAK PARK ELEMENTARY—Karen Lee

Oak Park Elementary Scholastic Book Fair Activities—Monster Hair Day.
Dad’s Day Luncheon & Mom’s Thanksgiving Luncheon

DOLBY—Beth Ferguson

The Dolby library has been very busy this year. Students have met and far exceeded their teachers’ goals for Accelerated Reader in the first 9 week period and are on track to do even more for the second 9 weeks. The Dolby Book Fair was an outstanding success. Many parents came to help and students were very excited to get the opportunity to buy some new books. All profit from the fair will be used to buy new books for the library. The students were able to dress up for career day on October 30. While there were a variety of careers represented that day, Mrs. Ferguson enjoyed seeing those who dressed up like librarians for the day. There was also a Door Decorating contest for Octoberfest. The 5th grade class enjoyed making the door decoration for the library. The NED show came to Dolby again this year. NED stands for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best. The students were astounded by the magic and balloon tricks, but were able to get some new yo-yo tricks and buy yo-yos afterwards.
ARNETT—Shelly Ellender

Arnett Veteran’s Breakfast sponsored by the Library and Student Council was held on Tuesday, November 10th. Veterans were honored with a wall of honor where 68 veterans were displayed in the commons area during the breakfast.

FRASCH—Jeni Anderson

We are happy to announce the winner of the Cat vs. Dog competition between Pete the Cat and Clifford the Big Red Dog. While Clifford earned the most votes at Open House, Pete won more votes at the Book Fair. Clifford is the winner with 7,483 votes. It was a close race with Pete earning 7,256 votes. Thank you to everyone who voted.

Frasch students would like to thank all of our Veterans for their service. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students helped brighten up our hallway with a Veterans Day themed agamagraph. (You can use your online databases to learn more!) Fourth and fifth graders used various print and online resources to learn more about veterans and Veterans Day. Thanksgiving was the theme this week in kindergarten through third grade. We learned how Sarah Hale saved Thanksgiving as a holiday, made our own Thanksgiving books, and learned about the very first Thanksgiving through books and digital media.

MOLO—Rachel Sanders

Happy Thanksgiving from Warrior LAND! We are excited about our upcoming Thanksgiving break and looking forward to more time for leisure reading. Shout out to our little warriors in 6th grade who are showing what reading leaders can accomplish in such a short time. This nine weeks they have logged 625.4 AR points to top both their 8th and 7th grade peers. We are so proud of them!

We also celebrated Veteran's Day with a bulletin board honoring veterans in our community. Breakfast was served to veterans and their student guests, and a student-lead assembly was held in their honor. Their service to our country is priceless!
IOWA HIGH—MIDDLE CAMPUS—Adrienne Oakley

Iowa High Middle School Campus held a holiday book fair the week before Thanksgiving, including an evening of shopping for parents and grands. It was wonderful to see so many students excited about buying books! The IHMSC Library Club members have been busy. They are helping in the library with circulation, shelving, and tagging holds. The club is also conducting a beef jerky fund raiser, with 25% of the profits being donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

KENNEDY—Matilda Tolbert

John F. Kennedy's partners in education sponsored an Accelerated Reader party for the top readers. The students were so excited to receive pizza and drinks for their achievement. Congratulations Cougars!!!

KAUFMAN—Stacy Lavoi

Kaufman had a very successful Scholastic Book Fair November 9th-17th. Veterans that attended our school Veterans Day program were invited to shop at book fair after the program. We held a special event called K.I.S.S. – Kids Invite Someone Special for lunch and book fair shopping. It was a great turnout and wonderful to see parents and students enjoying books together.

BARBE ELEMENTARY—Christine Nicholson

Last month, the reading of Goosebumps books was a great success! We added 100 Goosebumps books to our collection and they are constantly checked out! Kids for Christ continues to meet in the library on Thursdays. Our students participate in many activities outside of school. One student graduated from modeling in Houston and Mrs. Nicholson and her husband, her “adoptive grandparents” were able to attend! We celebrated Veterans Day with lessons in the library! The school-wide program sported decorations loaned by the library! McNeese students completed their tutoring of third grade students and held a party! The excited students each left with a book that they wrote with the help of their tutor! The library will again be filled with college-age and elementary students during the Spring semester! We also had a very successful book fair and STEM activities during the same week! Sgt. Leichleiter of the Lake Charles City Police Department read “Ninja Red Riding Hood” from the book fair to our first graders, answered questions about her job, and donated some books to our students! GEAUX BLUE – THREE CHEERS FOR THE LCPD!
ST JOHN—Jason Mouton

Here are some pictures from our Police reading on November 2nd and also our AR Celebration for the students who’ve met their AR goals for the first nine weeks!

NetTrekker Webinar—Meredith Boullion, Technology Department

Kay Bolen & I will be hosting a Rediscovering netTrekker webinar Tech Center class on Monday, December 7th from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM. We’ll email anyone who registers for the class their instructions for logging into netTrekker and lead them in discovering some of its features. We’ll include information about the class in the next issue of Tech Connect. Perhaps they could attend and let the faculty at their school know about it. Maybe they could even allow the teachers who may be nervous about attending a webinar to bring their laptops and a headset to the library to be able to participate while all together.

Unveiling the first “Reader Feeder” sponsored by the Barbe High School Bluebelles Dance Team. To be displayed at Barbe High School. The Reader Feeder allow readers to take a book, borrow a book, leave a book or whatever their heart desires.

Photo by Helen Curol

Display from the Henning Elementary Veterans Day Program

(photo by Helen Curol)