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2026**



Shelf Indulgence

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WHAT'S IN THIS MONTHS' ISSUE:

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Access Unit Gets Crafty with High-Tech Holiday Fun

In December, the Access Unit mixed creativity and tech this season with a super fun holiday project! Students made their own personalized stockings using heat-transfer vinyl, designing names and decorations before pressing them onto festive stockings.

Then they jumped into Tinkercad to design custom holiday ornaments—from cute shapes to cool initials—which were 3D printed in the Media Center. Watching their digital designs turn into real ornaments was a total highlight.

The final results? A collection of unique stockings and ornaments that show off both holiday spirit and some awesome tech skills. A perfect combo of creativity, STEAM, and festive fun!



Media Center Rings in the New Year with Inspiring Student Resolutions

The Media Center kicked off the new year with a fun and uplifting "New Year, New You" display featuring resolutions straight from our students. The goal? Encourage everyone to start fresh and focus on being their best selves.

Students shared all kinds of thoughtful (and sometimes hilarious) resolutions—everything from "studying more" and "being kind" to the very specific mission of "stop saying 6-7." Each resolution was added to the display wall, creating a delightful collage of goals, hopes, and self-improvement ideas.

The display has quickly become a popular stop in the Media Center, giving everyone a little boost of motivation as they walk by. It's a simple, upbeat reminder that a new year is a chance to grow, reset, and try again.

HAPPY
New Year



Big Fun at the Scholastic Book Fair

The Media Center was buzzing with excitement as it hosted the Scholastic Book Fair, turning the space into a mini book-lover's paradise for the week. Things kicked off with a special Teacher Preview, where Ms. Dempsey and Ms. Barnard rolled out light snacks and treats to encourage teachers to browse the shelves before the fair officially opened. (Food + books = a guaranteed win.)

After that, ELA classes rotated through the Book Fair, giving students a chance to explore new titles, build wish lists, and discover stories that sparked their interest. From graphic novels to fantasy adventures, there was something for everyone.

One of the best parts? Thanks to a generous donation from United Way and Scholastic's Share the Fair fund, the Media Center was able to help cover the cost of more than 20 books for students. That support made it possible for even more readers to take home books they were excited about—no barriers, just pure reading joy.



Celebrate Literacy Week Brings History, Books, and Big Winners

This year's Celebrate Literacy Week was packed with activities, surprises, and plenty of school spirit—all centered around the theme "Celebrating 250 Chapters of America." With the country approaching its 250th anniversary, the Media Center turned the week into a lively celebration of reading and history.

Each morning kicked off with a Daily Mystery Reader, who read short passages tied to different time periods in American history. After students submitted their guesses, winners were announced—along with a spotlighted inventor from that era. It was a fun mix of history trivia, detective work, and daily excitement.

Throughout the week, students also voted on Door Wars, choosing their favorite Literacy Week-themed classroom door. Competition was fierce (and seriously creative), but Ms. Randolph's homeroom came out on top with an awesome Stranger Things-inspired design. They won a Dunkin Donut Breakfast in the Eagle's Nest.

At the same time, the Scholastic Book Fair kept the Media Center buzzing, giving students even more ways to dive into new stories and celebrate literacy.

The week wrapped up with a major highlight: the Breakfast of Champions, catered by Wawa. Students earned invitations by reading Sunshine State Young Readers Award books, participating in the Reading Bookmark challenge, making gains on the 2nd PM ELA FAST, and maintaining a spotless discipline record. It was a well-deserved celebration for students who really went above and beyond.



Just the Facts: Library Data for December 2025 and January 2026

- Total Circulation: 3452
- Total Independent Student Check-Ins: 2247
- Top Average Circulation by Grade:
 - 7th grade average 6.8
 - 6th grade average 6.05
 - 8th grade average 5.44
- Top Titles Checked Out (non-class sets)
 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Partypooper
 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid: No Brainer
 - Curlfriends: New in Town

SJCS D Technology Lending Community
 Contact your Library Media Specialist to learn more about checking out these items




Do you want to try out new technology and STEM activities in your classroom?
SJCS D has a Technology Lending Community Library!














- Lego WeDo2.0
- Lego Spike Prime
- Lego Spike Essentials
- Lego Bricq Prime
- Lego STEAM Park
- Sphero
- Ozobots
- Code-A-Pillars
- BeeBots
- Code Hoppers
- iPads
- Surface Go

**WANT TO SEE HOW THE MEDIA CENTER CAN HELP YOU?
 WE CAN ALWAYS "STOP, COLLABORATE, AND LISTEN"
 TO GET YOU ON OUR CALENDAR!**