



# Shelf Indulgence

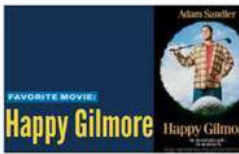
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## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTHS' ISSUE:

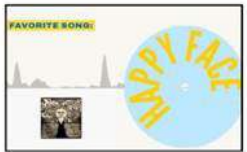
- Adobe Express and IR
- Black History Month
- Blind Date with a Book
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### An Intense Year in Review: Students Create, Reflect, and Read with Adobe Express



As 2025 came to a close, Ms. Torboli's Intensive Reading classes wrapped up the year in a creative and intense way—by becoming digital storytellers.

Using Adobe Express, students designed and produced "Year in Review" videos that highlighted their top movies, music, and books of 2025, blending personal interests with reading, writing, and media skills. The project served as both a celebratory reflection on the year and a meaningful literacy activity.



Throughout the process and with Ms. Barnard's guidance, students learned how to plan content, organize ideas, and communicate clearly through visuals, text, and audio. Adobe Express gave students an accessible platform to combine images, video clips, transitions, and captions, enabling them to creatively showcase what resonated with them most over the year.



### Students Test Their Black History Month Knowledge with Kahoot!

During their ELA class rotation, students learned about Black History Month by exploring important historical figures, events, and contributions that shaped history and culture. To check their understanding in a fun and engaging way, students played Kahoot, where they answered questions based on what they had learned. The activity encouraged friendly competition, and students were excited by the chance to earn a reward from the Mystery Box, making learning both meaningful and memorable.



### Falling for Reading: Valentine's Day Goes Literary with a Blind Date with a Book



Students recently explored the world of literature through an engaging lesson on the different literary genres, learning how stories can vary in style, theme, and purpose. After the lesson, students were invited to take part in a fun and interactive activity—a "Blind Date with a Book." Each book was carefully wrapped in a paper bag so the cover remained a mystery, with only a brief genre description written on the outside. Using what they had learned, students selected a book based solely on the genre clues, encouraging curiosity and open-minded reading. The activity sparked excitement and helped students discover new types of books they may not have chosen otherwise.