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# STATS FOR JANUARY

2004 Checkouts 810 Students came on their own 113 Classes 1 Amazing Author Visit

# TOP CIRCULATION CHECKOUTS BY HOMEROOM

- 1. Mrs. Hagy
- 2. Mr. Huffman
- 3. Mrs. King
- 4. Mrs. Lydigsen
- 5. Ms. Hensel

# AUTHOR VISIT DERON HICKS

On January 31st, 120 students met Deron Hicks, author of The Van Gogh Deception. He gave a presentation and autographed copies of his book. Afterwards, a special group of students were awarded lunch with the author.



# SMS MEDIA CENTER UPDATES

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#### LITERACY WEEK #WIN

Literacy Week, which was from January 28th-February 1st, was a successful event. Many teachers and staff dressed up for the themed days. Students were very responsive to the quote of the day. Several students received prizes from the Media Center for their participation.



### **BOOKSHARE**

Students with an IEP for print disability, ADHD, and physical disability holding books can use Bookshare to access 690,807 titles in fiction and nonfiction, including textbooks. The online accessibility tool allows students to read ebooks with audio, text highlighting, large font, and even braille. Teachers may contact lynn.adkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us to get access. She is also available for training. If you are interested, contact me to set up a date. For more information about Bookshare go to https://www.bookshare.org/cms/

### SUPPLEMENTAL TECH TIPS

You can use the screen capture feature in PowerPoint to record audio and video. Go to INSERT and click SCREEN RECORDING. I am available to help if you have any questions.

When your students research, do they use Google as their first resource? Instead of using irrelevant sites, we can use Destiny Discover to create a database for your students based on vetted sites. We can collaborate on a collection and push it out to the students through Schoology. Students do not need a login to access the collection. Here is a sample based on Mrs. Hagy's art project.

