

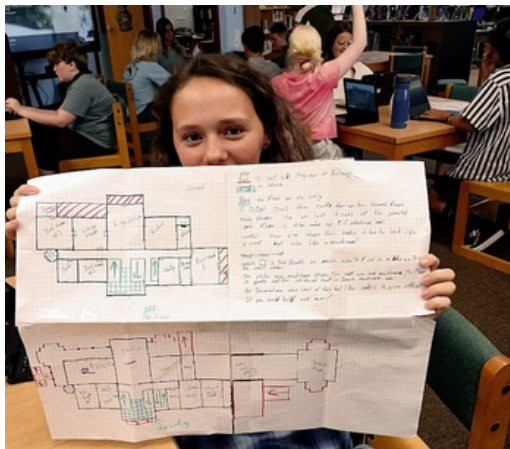
The SMS MEDIA CENTER:
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READING: WHAT A NOVEL IDEA!

Intensive reading teachers, Ms. Deacutis and Ms. Wedge, collaborated with the Media Center to present "Speed Dating with a Book." At a formally set table with menus/brochures, students "dated" their book for a few minutes then switched off to meet another "date." Conversations were based on first impressions (title and cover), small talk (summaries), deep conversations (reading a few pages). They also had to decide if they would be interested in a second date. The purpose of the speed date was to give students choices on what books they would like to read for a novel study. Additionally, congratulations to our IR teachers for getting a grant from the PTO to purchase a class set of Gordon Korman's *The Unteachables* and other high interest books from the Scholastic Book Fair held in the Media Center.

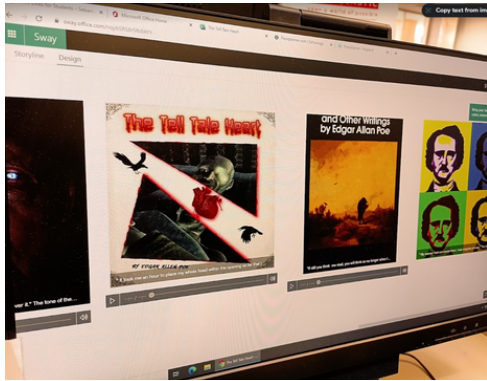
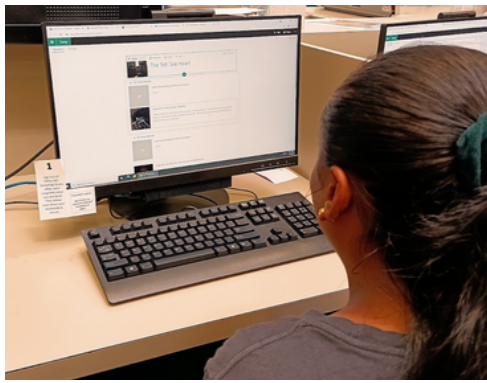


CIVIC-MINDED MINECRAFTERS



Civics teachers, Ms. Lydigsen, Mr. Stevens, and Ms. Vollenweider, joined forces with the Media Center to give students a high-tech version of creating cities based on forms of government. Using Minecraft, students were grouped to create a city based on monarchy, representative democracy, dictatorship, communism, and anarchy. Based on these concepts, students created their city based on jobs, schools, hospitals, law enforcement, militaries, governments or in the case of the anarchists, a lack thereof. Although planning was done prior to the build, one student went so far as to draw up blueprints of her group's city. All of the students did a great job building their cities.





SWAYING WITH TONE AND MOOD

Ms. Hartley's ELA classes worked with the Media Center to create soundtracks for Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-tale Heart" using Microsoft's Sway, a shareable and interactive presentation app. Students chose quotes from the text to highlight the tone of the story then chose music that expressed the mood. One student said that Sway project was the most amazing thing she'd ever done.

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

September ended with the Scholastic Book Fair and Banned Books Week. ELA classes rotated through every day of the week and students were also able to make purchases in other classes. It had been two years since Sebastian students were able to partake in a live book fair, since last year's book fairs were held virtually. Students were thoroughly excited to support the Media Center. Thank you to the PTO volunteers for helping us. Without their help, it would have been very difficult to not only have students come through to check out books but also check out the Book Fair. There were several promotions that allowed students to "Spin the Wheel" to win prizes including playing Banned Books Week Trivia on Schoology. We ended up meeting and then exceeding our goal by over 150%.



JUST THE FACTS

Total Circulation for August & September: 2371
Since last year, circulation increased by 82%

Top Circulation by Homerooms:

1. Coach Razey
2. Ms. Bentoski
3. Ms. Hagy
4. Mr. Huffman
5. Ms. Ludwick

Top Grades by Circulation:

1. 6th Total Circulation 775
2. 8th Total Circulation 766
3. 7th Total Circulation 583

Top Circulation by Teachers for Personal Enjoyment:

1. Ms. Diaz
2. Ms. Marimpietri
3. Ms. Moody

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