



LTLA NEWSLETTER



2017-18 OFFICER TEAM



LORA LATHROP

LTLA PRESIDENT

WEST FELICIANA HIGH SCHOOL, 11TH GRADE

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: YOUNGLIFE, CHURCH YOUTH GROUP, BETA, CLUB READ, KEEPING UP OTHER PEOPLE'S (AND HER OWN) SNAPCHAT STREAKS

FAVORITE BOOK: *PERCY JACKSON* SERIES BY RICK RIORDAN



ALLYSON ADAMS

LTLA VICE PRESIDENT

MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, 11TH GRADE

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: RIDING HORSES, SOFTBALL, TRACK AND FIELD, JROTC, READING

FAVORITE BOOK: *RED QUEEN* BY VICTORIA AVEYARD



GRANT ROME

LTLA SECRETARY

WEST FELICIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH GRADE

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: READING, VIDEO GAMES

FAVORITE BOOK: *PERCY JACKSON* SERIES BY RICK RIORDAN



JOY SUTTON

LTLA TREASURER

ZACHARY HIGH SCHOOL, 11TH GRADE

INTERESTS/ HOBBIES: READING, WATCHING NETFLIX

FAVORITE BOOK: *THE SELECTION* BY KIERA CASS



SHELBY DRONET

LTLA REPORTER

HATHAWAY HIGH SCHOOL, 12TH GRADE

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: GUITAR, TENNIS, SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY, CONCERTS

FAVORITE BOOK: *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD* BY HARPER LEE



NATALIE CLEMMONS

LTLA HISTORIAN

LACASSINE HIGH SCHOOL, 10TH GRADE

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: RUNNING, READING, CHEERLEADING, GOLFING, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, WATCHING MOVIES

FAVORITE BOOK: *MACARONS AT MIDNIGHT* BY SUZANNE NELSON

**GABRIELLE MIRE
PARLIAMENTARIAN**

EDGAR MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH GRADE

INTERESTS/ HOBBIES: READING, PLAYING VOLLEYBALL, LISTENING TO MUSIC

FAVORITE BOOK: *CITY OF GLASS* BY CASSANDRA CLARE



STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE



RENEE MARTIN, CENTRAL PRIVATE SCHOOL

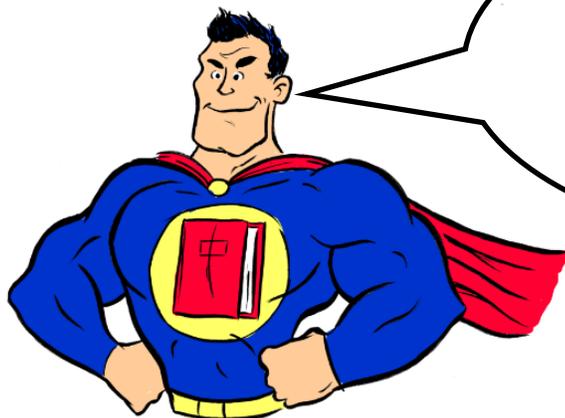
JANET LATHROP, WEST FELICIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHRISTINA KNIGHT, ZACHARY HIGH SCHOOL

PAULA CLEMMONS, EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Convention News

LTLA SAVES THE DAY!



EVERY CLUB NEEDS TO BRING A \$5-10 DOOR PRIZE FOR STUDENTS!

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2018
BAYMONT HOTEL AND SUITES CONVENTION CENTER
ALEXANDRIA

WWW.LTLAONLINE.ORG

Costumes, Bookmarks, Bulletin Boards, T-shirts...

Start working ... Convention is only 3 months away!!!



**COSTUME AND TALENT SHOW
PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS
WILL BE COMING AT A LATER
TIME**



Committee Assignments

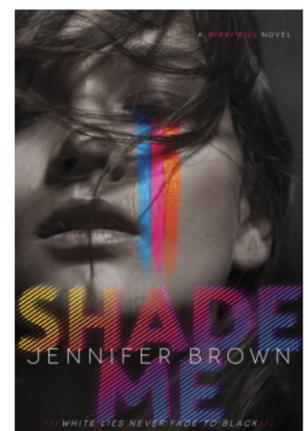
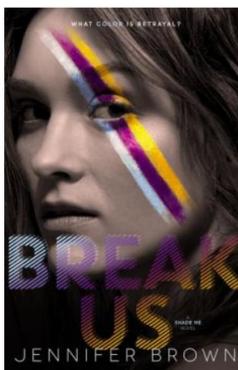
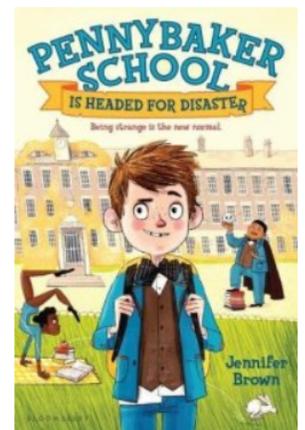
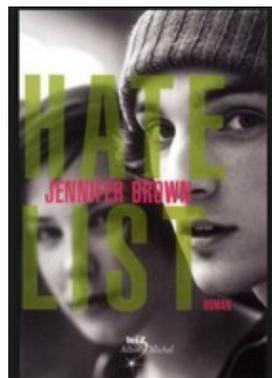
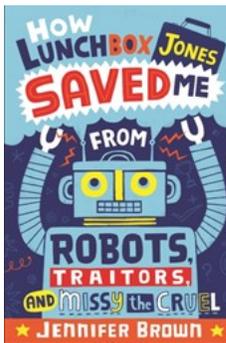


BOOK DISCUSSION, JR.	WEST FELICIANA MIDDLE	Josie D'Aquilla & Caylen I
BOOK DISCUSSION, SR.	DEQUINCY HS	Samuell McGahan
BOOK SALE/ AUTOGRAPH	EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL	Annie Hachtel , Addison Kay, & Ella Mulhearn
BOOKMARK, JR.	WELSH HS	Susan Pickles
BOOKMARK, SR.	EDGAR MARTIN MIDDLE	Victoria Langley
BULLETIN BOARD, JR.	WELSH HS	Cassidy Conner
BULLETIN BOARD, SR.	GOOD HOPE MIDDLE	Grayson Fuller
COSTUMES	EDGAR MARTIN MIDDLE	Claire Posey
DANCE & DANCE CONTEST	CENTRAL PRIVATE	Addison Juneau & Sidney Laney
DECORATIONS	HATHAWAY HS	Skyler Henry
DOOR PRIZES	ZACHARY HS	Akira Grant
DRAWING	EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL	Anna Kate Hankins & Haleigh Jackson
GIVEAWAYS	WEST FELICIANA HS	Anna Kate Holmes
HOSPITALITY	MAUREPAS HS	Cassie Wesley
NOMINATING	WEST FELICIANA MIDDLE	Anna Rea & Cardell Smith
REGISTRATION	CADDO MAGNET HS	Marissa Welch
SCAVENGER HUNT	DEQUINCY HS	
SCRAPBOOK, JR.	HATHAWAY HS	Lauryn Simmons
SCRAPBOOK, SR.	CENTRAL PRIVATE	Nolan McDonald & Zacc Landry
SOCIAL GAMES	LACASSINE HS	Stephen Gotreaux
T-SHIRT JR.	ZACHARY HS	Bre'anna Smith
T-SHIRT, SR.	GOOD HOPE MIDDLE	Callan Thornton
TALENT SHOW	LACASSINE HS	Lexee Leger
WES SMITH ESSAY	CENTRAL PRIVATE	Joey Torres & Sarah Israel



Jennifer Brown

I'm Jennifer, author of young adult novels, *Hate List*, *Bitter End*, *Perfect Escape*, *Thousand Words*, *Torn Away*, and the new *Shade Me* series. I also write middle grade novels, *Life on Mars* and *How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me From Robots, Traitors, and Missy the Cruel*. Come on in, see what people are saying about my books, read a little about me, and check out my Frequently Asked Questions. Still got questions? Feel free to email me at Jennifer-BrownYA@gmail.com.



Wes Smith Essay

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

TOPIC: WHAT BOOK CHARACTER DO YOU MOST ADMIRE AND WHY?

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE A COVER PAGE WITH STUDENT'S NAME, DIVISION(JR. OR SR.), NAME OF SCHOOL, LIBRARIAN'S NAME

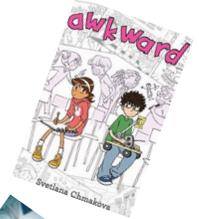
EMAIL ESSAY TO: MRS. RENEE MARTIN



BOOKS TO DISCUSS AT CONVENTION

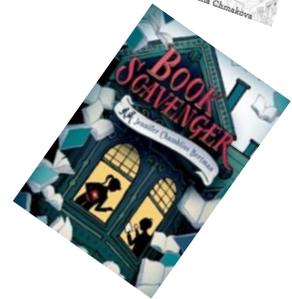
MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOKS

ALL LYRC BOOKS—EXCEPT 5 TO 1 AND CHARLIE AND THE GRANDMOTHERS



HIGH SCHOOL BOOKS

ALL JENNIFER BROWN BOOKS



Wes Smith Winners 2016-17

"WHY LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT" BY CLAIRE POSEY (EDGAR MARTIN MIDDLE)

Throughout my seven years of public school I have learned and experienced wonderful aspects of life. When I first entered school, I was immediately curious about the secret shelves filled with books. The interesting stories have become a huge part of my life, along with a wonderful and mysterious place, the library. I never quite understood the immediate attraction to a random building just like any other, until now.

Books changed my life the first time I laid my five-year-old eyes upon a page. The words rushed to my pre-kindergarten mind in a blur, trying to comprehend any and every word possible. My favorite book as a child was a Berenstain Bears book. I loved every single detail, and I read it as much as possible. Since then, I have fallen in absolute love with the majority of titles offered. Literature is a place to let our mind wander, endless possibilities, with endless characters and adventures. I can honestly say that books have helped me through rough times, and have helped me become a stronger person in general. The Maximum Ride series by James Patterson shaped a huge part of my life in my elementary years. The main character to this day inspires me to be the most strong-willed, independent, courageous young woman I can be. Patterson's quote from the series, "Pain is just a message," has gotten me through not only physical, but emotional experiences. Without this series, I believe I would honestly not be the same person I now am today. For that, I will forever be grateful to not only James Patterson, but the equally brilliant library and librarian who led me to this wonderful title.

One essential part of school libraries is the fact that they are completely free. This is an extremely important part because kids are allowed to not only learn to read, but learn and experience for free. In a school library, English teachers often offer time during the school day to check out a book, and librarians often offer lessons on many important topics. From a range of The Dewey Decimal System to internet safety, librarians everywhere and everyday make a huge impact on future generations to come. My own librarian, Kristy Sturm and her clerk, Ms. Hart have offered a tremendous amount of help, love, and support. They always know in what direction to lead you, and are always trying their best to make the library a great place!

The lessons I mentioned earlier are an extremely important part of public education. I truly believe that these lessons are tremendously helpful when it comes to testing, to finding and suggesting books, and learning aspects of literature. Lessons like these have helped me throughout all of my schooling. Libraries not only make the world a better place, but they teach lessons that can last for lifetimes. It's up to us to keep this traditional system alive, before all paperbacks are turned into another gadget of technology. Hands on reading, and having an actual librarian in a library is a tremendous part of the experience. The bonding over books are incredible. Something this important should never be taken away. The future of reading lies in our hands, we should take care of this tradition properly.

From educational lessons, to economical efficiency, to bonding, and to awesome experiences, school libraries make the world a better place. When I'm having a rough day, I know I have a peaceful and reassuring place to visit. Without the library, the world would be a place with no imagination and no brilliance.

"LONG LIVE THE LIBRARY" BY AVA BORSKY (MAUREPAS HIGH SCHOOL)

"A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life," Norman Cousins, a political journalist, author, and professor, once said. School libraries are extremely important in instilling a perpetual love for education in children. The history of the school library can be traced back to early colonial America. In 1740, Benjamin Franklin recommended school libraries as a key element in the ideal academy. As said by Laura Bush, wife of former president George W. Bush, "Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open." School libraries cater to children every single school-day absolutely free. One cannot get rid of my school library because of three very specific reasons *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Harry Potter*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a popular children's book written by Eric Carle. It tells the story of a very hungry caterpillar, who eats increasingly throughout the week. By the end of the week, the caterpillar becomes ill, spins a cocoon, and later emerges as a beautiful butterfly. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* was one of the first books I ever checked out from my school library. As a kindergartener, I remember my first trip to the library. Our class quietly walked inside, and we were assigned a table to sit at. Then, we watched a short film about rules and proper conduct while in the library. Finally, we were allowed to find some books to check out. The idea that I could borrow up to three books for a week and then exchange those books for more the next week was mind-boggling to me! And just as the caterpillar in the story grew hungrier and hungrier, I grew a ravenous hunger for reading. Throughout elementary school, I would always anticipate "library day." I would scour the shelves for new material to read. And I always looked forward to the once-a-year-coming of the book fair, when I could pick a few of my favorite books to buy and bring home forever! My love for reading and my school library carried on into my middle school years.

Middle school, the time when children turn into adolescents. A dark time of change and uncertainty, when activities that one once treasured seem "uncool." My love for reading shone through this dense fog of negativity because of my school library. The library was a place I could go to relieve my mind of the stress and pressures of growing up and enter into a whole new world. *Harry Potter*, a widely-known series written by J.K. Rowling about a young wizard destined to save the wizard world was my absolute favorite book series during that evolving time. Had it not been for my school library, I would have never been able to access this wonderful series that took me from the every-day lives of wizards to an adventure to defeat the evil Lord Voldemort. Dumbledore, the headmaster of Hogwarts, the wizard school, once told Harry, the main protagonist, "Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." For me, that light was my school library, and a lamp to read by.

High school is supposed to be some of the greatest years of one's life; however, high school is often a competitive and judgmental time. At my school, once one enters high school, teachers no longer take their classes to the library. Yet, I often visit the library during my free period or recess. I always find what I am searching for at my school library, whether I know what I am looking for or not. One day, I stumbled upon the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. It tells the coming-of-age tale of Scout, a young girl growing up without a mother in Alabama during the Great Depression. Her father,

Atticus, raises her to be an accepting young lady with good morals. He tells his daughter, "If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view-until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." I found this a great piece of advice and have always tried to live by it. Atticus was an inspiring character. He has motivated me in many ways. One of my favorite quotes from Atticus is, "I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what." To Kill a Mockingbird taught me many life lessons, such as to be accepting and persevere in all situations.

The library is a timeless place. Each time one enters a library, a new adventure begins. Whether one is an elementary, middle, or high school student, or even a teacher, school libraries have ample offerings. They are highly accessible, and it does not cost a single cent. How beautiful is that?

Other Essay Winners

JUNIOR HIGH

2ND: LOUISE PANCHO, EDGAR
MARTIN MIDDLE

3RD: NISHA PATEL, EPISCOPAL
SCHOOL



DAY

HIGH SCHOOL

2ND: ALLISON MAYES, WELSH

3RD: KENNEDY MALLET, WELSH



