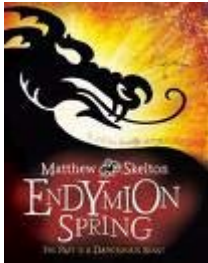


LIBRARY LANDSCAPE

FEBRUARY, 2007

New Books in the Library

One of our new titles is *Fox and Friends* by Jude Tingley, a tale that was recently presented on stage live in Grace. The other is Robbie Beck's birthday book donation, *Endymion Spring*.



"In 1452, a young printer's devil toils for his master, Herr Gutenberg, who is in the process of printing a Bible. On a suitably dark and cold night, sinister Johann Fust arrives at Gutenberg's shop with a mysterious wooden chest decorated with dragons and serpents' heads. In a parallel story set at Saint James College in Oxford in the present day, Blake, a professor's son, discovers a wordless book with the title *Endymion Spring*, which was the printer's devil's name. The present-day narrative and the story of *Endymion Spring* cleverly intertwine as Blake discovers that the book is the key to all of the world's knowledge. As *Endymion* lies hidden in Gutenberg's shop one night, Fust opens the wooden chest and, because of what *Endymion* learns, he is forced to flee. In an incredibly effective action scene, he eludes capture. Back in the present, Blake and his sister, Duck, find themselves pursued by a mysterious Person in Shadow and discover, as it leads them into the depths of the Bodleian Library, that *Endymion Springs* book has a mind of its own. ... This book is certain to reach an audience looking for a page-turner, and it just might motivate readers to explore the true facts behind the fiction."

School Library Journal Review

5 Day Preschool

Have you noticed your preschooler wandering around making rhymes? We have been reading poetry, reading stories in rhyme and having the children notice the sounds and identify the rhyming words. They even created their own snow poems. Although some may be a bit nonsensical, they definitely get the idea of rhyme!

Kindergarten has been wrapping up their Eric Carle study and will be moving forward into

poetry. The children are learning that the picture books are arranged alphabetically by author's last name and are working in pairs to locate particular authors.

The **Primary Circle** has looked at *Goggles* and *Hi Cat* by Ezra Jack Keats. They have created story maps and also made riddles to describe an animal they would like to follow them home. They have seen the Ezra Jack Keats video those details how he gets his ideas and highlights the various materials he uses in the collages. Come check out some of their work on the bulletin board.

The **OG** has taken a look at how to find books of interest. They have explored Novelist K-8, a database features ways to find books by subject, author, title and plot. It sometimes includes a link to the first chapter of a book so they can read to see if they like it. They also viewed nancykeane.com, which many students liked because of the read-alikes. Read-Alike is a library term that means, "If you liked *Chronicles of Narnia*, then you may also like..."

OG will also be implementing their own book crossing type of program in which books may be placed around the SRV campus awaiting someone to accidentally discover them. So be on the lookout for "Books on the Go."

What to do with a Discarded Picture Book?

Turn it into a wall clock. This is a fun craft for a cold winter day and a great room decoration. <http://www.instructables.com/id/EZTUO52E98EVYE0JIT/?ALLSTEPS>



Another use for books that are nearly new is the annual Reach Out and Read Book Drive. More information to follow but if you have books that are **like new** save them for a good cause.