



DECEMBER NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

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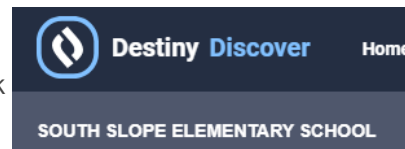
Canadian Picture Book of the Year

This term students in Divisions 5,6,7,8,9, 15, 16, and 17 read some amazing new Canadian Picture books. Each week we read a new book and discuss how it meets the criteria for a “great book”. In December students voted and chose **One Giant Leap** by Thao Lam as their favourite. If you’re looking for a gift this holiday season, any of these books would be a great choice.



BOOK REVIEWS

This month Division 1, 2 and 4 have been writing book reviews for their favourite books. After reading some mentor texts, students created criteria for a great book review and started writing. They are posting their reviews on our [Destiny Library Catalogue](#). If your child is in one of these classes, ask them to show you their review.



FINDING BALANCE IN OUR DIGITAL LIVES:

Divisions 15 and 16 have been visiting the library to learn about Digital Citizenship and Finding Balance in our Digital Lives. First we read the book, **hello! hello!** by Matthew Cardell and then we thought about and discussed things we do in our lives outside of school. What activities do we do that are active, learning and digital? What do we notice? How can we balance our activities? Students are currently working on creating a movie which we will share with the school in January.



PROTECTING OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE

Divisions 13 and 14 continue to learn about digital citizenship in the library. We are discussing how we can protect our personal information online and how social media apps like TikTok have access to our personal information. We are learning to think critically and answer questions like, "Will you think twice before using TikTok now that the Canadian government says it could cause harm to our national security?" [CBC NEWS KIDS](#)



MAKER MONDAYS

Students came to the library on Mondays in December to make book trees and star ornaments with discarded books. We upcycled these books into some amazing creations.



GAMES CLUB

On Thursdays at lunch students can visit the library to play a variety of board games. It was a ton of fun!



SILENT BOOK CLUB

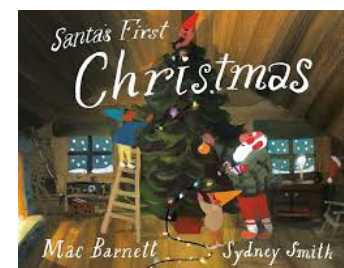
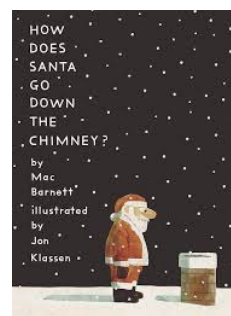
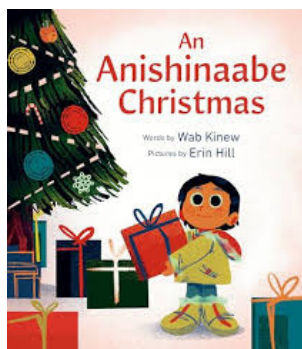
On Fridays at lunch students can visit the library to read quietly. It is such a peaceful time and so wonderful to see so many students using this time to get lost in a book.

THE GRINCH

On December 16th we hosted our annual Grinch reading and movie screening for all our primary classes. We were so happy to welcome back James Brown as the Grinch! Ms. Magtibay was wonderful as little Cindy Lou Who. And of course, Ms. Fiero and the primary teachers did an amazing job as the Who Singers. Thanks for coming everyone!



DECEMBER READ ALOUDS



Circulation Statistics

Congratulations, everyone!

We checked out over **8000** books this term!!! Thank you for visiting the library and finding books you love.

Top South Slope Class:

Division 4 - over 1,100 books!

Top BCSD Class:

Division 14 - over 210 books!

Top South Slope Student:

Cynthia Div. 3 - over 100 books!

Top BCSD Student:

Taiki Div. 14 - over 50 books!

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”
— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*