



# Maplewood Library

# NEWSLETTER

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## Library News!

I hope you heard the news: our new system, Insignia, is here! It has been so great to see the excitement, feel like a real librarian again, and, most importantly, send kids home with books to read! Talking about reading, it's almost time for the annual Maplewood Readathon! Kids will read, read, read for two weeks while recording their minutes. Not only will they enjoy great books and improve their reading skills, but there will also be prizes and a book swap! [Click here to volunteer with the book swap.](#)

### What We're Learning

#### **Learning Adventures:**

We've been busy: K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders learned about the Caldecott Award, read 6 possible contenders, and held a mock vote! (MW picked Cranky Crabby Crow) See the real [winners here](#). 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders discussed and wrote poetry. Some kids even entered ACC's poetry contest!

Kinder kids learned how to use shelf markers and are loving choosing books from the shelves themselves! First and Second Graders learned more about the Dewey Decimal system and are enjoying exploring the nonfiction section. 3<sup>rd</sup> took a Reading Genre Personality quiz to find books they will like. 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders wrote book recommendations for some of their favorite books (check out the bulletin board for a great new read).

### Upcoming Events

#### **Screen Free Week:**

February 24th-March 1st

#### **Maplewood Readathon:**

February 25-March 11th

#### **Black History Celebration:**

Thursday, February 26th

#### **Book Swap:**

Monday, March 2nd

### Reminder

#### **Volunteering with AISD:**

Everyone who volunteers in an AISD school must sign up and go through a background check first. [Find more information and the application here.](#)

**It's Inventory Time!** Every barcode in the library needs to be scanned. It's A LOT of work! [Please fill out this brief survey if you would like to help.](#)