

# Cooper Library Media Center

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One of the busiest places at Cooper is our Library Media Center. If there was a revolving door at the entrance of the library, it would never stop spinning because of students coming individually or with their class to use the resources available to them. The sixth grade students are currently working in teams for their World Cultures Fair research projects. This cross-curricular project is an excellent example of how the library media program here at Cooper has benefited the education of our students. Students have had library instruction on the Big6, plagiarism, citing sources, evaluating various resources, and selecting the appropriate resources needed to gather their information. The library instruction is directly related to the World Culture project, which has made for a more meaningful learning experience. The fifth grade students are also using their information literacy skills in the research they are conducting in the library as well.

## Battle of the Books Update

On Tuesday, April 17, eighty-six students in sixteen teams, competed against one another in Cooper Upper Elementary's first ever Battle of the Books. Hundreds of family members came to support the participants and cheer them on. The students prepared for the battle for several months, so when the night finally arrived, there was an amazing amount of energy and enthusiasm in the air. For each question asked, the students concentrated and worked as a team to write down the correct answer. It was such an awesome evening and I am so proud of each and every student for their commitment to reading and to their team. Thank you to the PTA for helping to sponsor this event and to all of the staff and parent volunteers for helping make this night such a success.



**First Place**

Book Bunnies



**Second Place**  
The Bookworms



**Second Place**  
The Destroyers



**Third Place**  
TNT Girls



## **Fourth Place**

Wild Fire



## **Fifth Place**

Book Bombers

## **Spring Book Fair**

Cooper's Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday, April 30 through Friday, May 4 in the Library Media Center. Your child will have an opportunity to purchase books when their class visits our Book Fair during their scheduled time. Our Book Fair will also be open Tuesday and Wednesday evening during the Art Show/Ice Cream Social. All proceeds from this Fair will be used to support Cooper's Library Media Center. This is a great opportunity for your child to make some fun selections for summer reading .



## **Web Site of the Month**

The Mid-Continent Public Library: Juvenile Series and Sequels is a great resource for those students who are intent on reading all of the books in a series in order, but they don't know which book comes next or they are looking for a specific book by number.

*<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/series/juv>*

## **Cooper Mailout**

The Mailout Program for Cooper is now available. If you have not already registered, please go to Cooper's home page and click on the mailout link for directions. The Cooper Mailout Program is designed to help us communicate better with our community. By signing up for this service, you will receive general emails letting you know about important activities and events that are happening at Cooper Upper Elementary. For example, you will get reminders about parent/teacher conferences, Open House dates and times, club information, camp meetings, etc. If you have email access from home or work, we encourage you to sign up now!

**Visit the Cooper Library Media Center web site at**

*<http://www.literacylounge.com>*