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# Library News

**Issue 1**

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## Five Finger Rule

(How to choose my level)

- Open the book to any page.
- Start reading that page.
- Hold up one finger for each word you do not know.
- If you can read the whole page and know all of the words, the book is too easy.
- If you get to five words that you do not know the book is too hard.

The book is just right when there are 2-3 words on the page that you need help with. You want to challenge yourself. You can ask your teacher, your friend or your family to help you with the words you don't know. That will give you a new vocabulary and make you a better reader next time.

## Between the pages...

**Welcome back everyone!**

**There are a lot of new books in the library and most of them are ready to be checked out!**

**Library visits started on Tuesday Sept. 8 and it's great to see the enthusiasm and excitement that accompanies a**

## Library Scavenger Hunt

Beginning next month, **clues** will start appearing in this segment. Each month another clue will bring you closer to the answer (and the prize!)

The clues will eventually lead to a single page in a specific book. It might be a single word or a phrase on that page that will answer the question.

## St. Marys Public Library News

The St. Marys Public Library is offering PD Day programs.

For the **Sept. 25 PD Day:** 9:30-11:30

"Masks"  
craft program

Gr. 1 and up

1:00-4:00

"Games On"

Video and board games

Sign-up in advance. A nominal fee applies.

## Library Ha Ha

Why did the librarian slip and fall on the library floor?

She was in the non-friction section!

# How to Choose a Book I Will Like

**Cover:** Great place to start, does it look interesting?

**Author:** Have I read other books by this author that I liked?

**Illustrations:** Does the book have illustrations, too many, do I like the pictures?

**Jacket summaries:** Does reading what the book is about sound interesting?

**Recommendations:** Do people who know my tastes (teachers, friends, family) recommend this book?

**Reviews:** These are intriguing advertisements that you might hear at school or see on TV or read in a magazine or newspaper.

**Award winner:** Has this book been selected for an award in literature?

**Number of Pages:** Does this book fit the time frame I have for it?

**Reading level:** Can I read this by myself or will I need help?

**Open the book and read a page:** Does it get my attention?



Check the Five Finger Rule on page 1

## For Your Information

### Library Visits

Every class will have an assigned library time during the week. It may be combined with computer time or that may be scheduled on a different day.

### Renewals

Materials may be renewed in person.

There is a limit of 3 renewals per item unless other arrangements have been made.

### Borrowing periods

Students may loan items for **one week** at a time. Then they must be renewed or returned.

Number of books to circulate:

JK, SK, and Gr. 1      1 book

Gr. 2—Gr. 3      2 books

Gr.4—Gr.8      5 books

Only students returning a book are allowed to borrow a new one.

### Returns

Students are asked to return library materials on time and in good condition.

### Late Charges

We do not issue fines for overdue books, however overdue notices will be sent out.

We would appreciate compensation for any books that are lost or damaged beyond repair.