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#### The Library is Ready to Help You!

Dear Parents,

As the year continues, students are becoming more confident in using their Google accounts, creating products and discovering new books to read for fun and for helping with their schoolwork. Many students utilize the library before 1st period for homework completion, to work on projects and to find books to read.

Before Winter Break, students who participated in the Read It Forward program we invited to attend an author visit by Varian Johnson who wrote the Read It Forward book for this year, *The Great Greene Heist*. The visit was an overwhelming success. The students enjoyed it very much.

#### What else does the Library do?

- We promote a culture of reading with contests and promotions that encourage reading for pleasure.
- Our second Book Fair of the year is approaching in February. Information will be sent home and a website for online ordering will also be available.
- Our first Book Swap will take place before Spring Break. Students can bring in up to 5 gently used books to trade for ti-

ties they have not yet read to keep them interested over the break.

#### Online Resources for School or Home Use

The Texas Library Association offers age and grade level appropriate reading lists for all students. The middle school list is called the Lone Star List and contains 20 titles by Texas authors suitable for 7th and 8th grade readers. Past and current Lone Star titles are available in the library. The

Bluebonnet list is intended for grades 3-6, but some titles can be found in our library as well. There are also lists for high school readers, elementary readers, and a list of recommended graphic novels. All reading lists can be found on the TLA website at

[www.txla.org](http://www.txla.org).

National book award winners for all grade levels can also be found on the American Library Association website at [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

These lists can offer reading recommendations for all types of readers at all levels.

- Our first Name That Book team will begin practicing for competition soon. If your child is interested in participating, please have them contact the library.