



Owl Post

Week of November 9, 2020

Upcoming Events:

November 11th – NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)

November 12th 6:30-8:00PM | PTA Zoom Meeting & LGBTQ + Book Discussion

November 17th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns (see below for details)

November 23rd-27th | Thanksgiving Break (No School / Parent/Teacher Conferences)

December 1st 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

December 10th 6:30PM-8:00PM | PTA Zoom Meeting

December 15th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

The STEM PTA needs your help! We have openings that need to be filled for Vice President, Co-Treasurer, Advocacy Chair & Race & Equity Chair. See details below!

Message from Principal Ostrom:



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

Wow it's been a crazy run that's not slowing down. However, uplifting moments at the end of last week point toward a saner path forward. The widely-shared Van Jones commentary on CNN poignantly captured many people's feelings. Regardless of political view, it's easier today to tell your children that character, truth, and being a good person matter. Unprecedented challenges remain. However, for BIPOC, immigrant, and white families, relief is in sight from the constant modeling of bigotry, racism, and oppression by our highest leaders. Nothing magically changes, and our most difficult work is ahead. However, we can breathe deep and celebrate our differences, while also figuring out those important things we have in common.

We are starting to schedule family conferences. As in years past, Seattle elementary and K-8 schools will use a WA State wavier to conduct family conferences on November 23-25th. Regular instruction and classes will not happen during those dates. Many staff will conduct conferences during extended hours on 11-23 and 11-24 to support families by providing slots outside of the regular workday. Unlike years past, remote learning middle school conferences will be primarily held with students' homeroom teachers. Sign up genius links will be shared over the next couple of weeks. We want to connect with every family. If none of the available slots work for you, please reach out to your child's teacher and we will figure out another time that works.

The closest SPS Tech Resource Centers have revised hours:

Concord International Elementary School

723 S Concord St. Seattle, WA 9810

Monday's and Wednesdays: 11:00am-6:00pm

Closed for lunch: 1:30-2:30

Chief Sealth International High School

2600 SW Thistle St. Seattle, WA 98126

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9am-3:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12:30-1:30

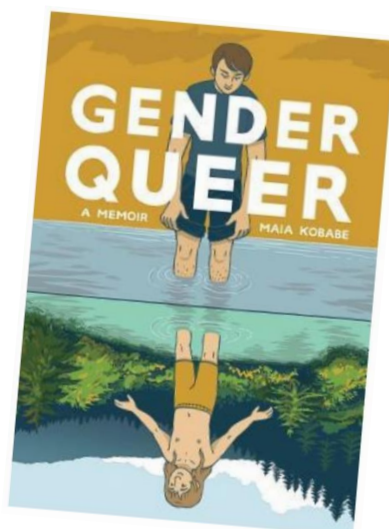
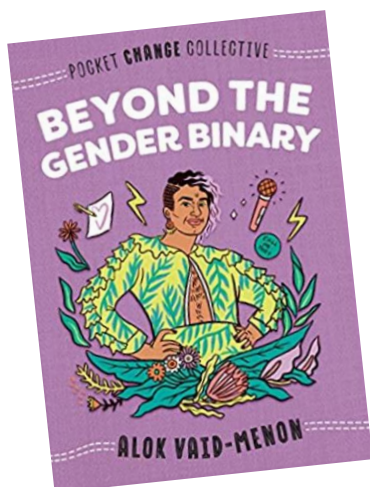
All SPS Tech Resource Centers and their operating hours are viewable at https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/family_resource_centers

We are making our way through these difficult times as a community. We will find our way by reaching out and building connections to face our challenges together.

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

Join our LGBTQ+ Book Group Discussion at our November PTA meeting on Thursday, November 12th!



Every November the PTA hosts a workshop and/or speaker for our families on the topic of Gender Identity. This year we are inviting you to read *Beyond the Gender Binary* by Alok Vaid-Menon (rated 7th grade and up) and/or graphic novel memoir, *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe (rated high school and up) and come to our November PTA meeting to talk with others about these books. Mrs. B will have 2 copies of *Beyond the Gender Binary* available at the next curbside check out.

Time: Nov 12, 2020 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

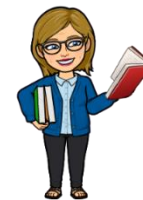
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99599257151?pwd=STUyNDVsak83RytXREtwNHk2eGVsUT09>

Meeting ID: 995 9925 7151

Passcode: 5950

Mrs. B's Library Message:



Mrs. B. creates weekly Read-Alouds for families, students, and staff.

If you wish to be on the e-mail list to receive the links, please e-mail mebannister@seattleschools.org. Due to copyright restrictions, I can't post to YOUTUBE channel or send the links on a publicly viewed website such as our OWL Post and Louisa Boren PTA fb page. Recently there were reports that people without an @seattleschools.org e-mail had been blocked from access. Our IT department and Educational Technologists are working to resolve the issue. STEM Owls

- **READ! READ! READ! READ! READ!**

Upcoming STEM Outdoor Library Dates

Storms, SNOW/ICE, Reduced Covid Phase cancels events

Surprise Bags! Ask for one at check-out!

Tuesday, November 17th 3-6 pm HOLDS by 11-13 please.

GLOBALREADING CHALLENGE BOOKS available for 4th & 5th Thankful! GGLOW

Tuesday, December 1st 3-6 pm Holiday Crafts HOLDS by 11-20 please

Tuesday, December 15th 3-6 pm 15th Holiday/Winter Holds by 12-11 please

Library HOLDS Directions: SPS has added Chinese, Spanish, Somali and Vietnamese translations to our holds instructions. These are available

here: https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/library_services/library_resources

Passwords for STEM Library Resources

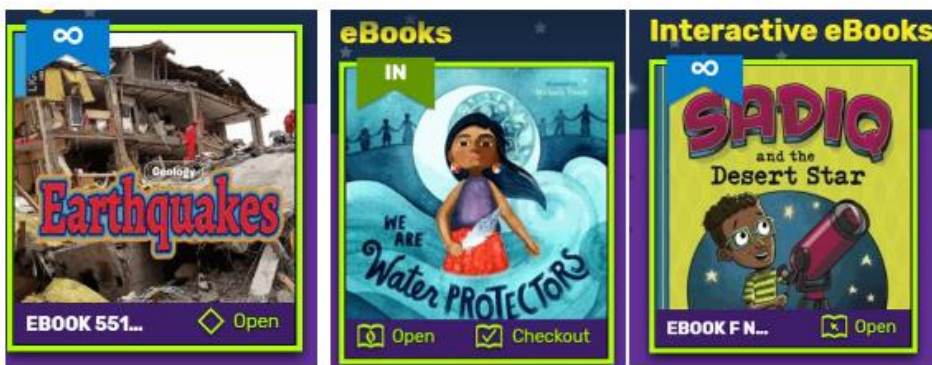
STEM Scholars can log into the STEM Library Catalog with their SPS username (without the @seattleschools.org) and their CLEVER password. If they are not able to get into Destiny Discover, their classroom teacher can reset their password for them. And if an urgent hold is needed, e-mail Mrs. B. directly for the HOLDS to be placed for the next available curbside pickup at Outdoor Library.

READING STEM LIBRARY e-BOOKS Online

Once students log into Destiny Discover, they scroll down to the e-books. Some you just click on "OPEN" and others get "checked out"! It depends on the licensing number of copies for each title. Infinity symbol means unlimited access. I would encourage the OPEN before the "Checkout" option as the checkout requires them to then "return" it. Some of our interactive e-books have a special publisher required password, so if prompted it is: **STEM Library**

Catalog: Capstone Interactive eBooks

Site username: **wbb48836** Site password: **follett**



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SPS Online Resources

Username: **studentsps** Password: **access**

SPS Online Resource Novelist K - 8

Username **studentsps** Password **access20!**



The Global Reading Challenge is a reading incentive program for 4th and 5th graders enrolled in Seattle Public Schools. Students form teams and read selected books, then take part in a trivia competition. This year there is also the option to form ART Teams which will be submitted by photo and is not a competition, but a celebration!

Mrs. B. has read all 7 titles! How many will you read?

Title	Author	Reading Level/Pages
Finding Langston	Lesa Cline-Ransome	X, lexile 760, 112 pages
New Kid	Jerry Craft	graphic novel, 256 pages
Lety Out Loud	Angela Cervantes	T, lexile 710, 4.5, 208 pages
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia	W, lexile 750, 4.6, 218 pages
Sadiq and the Desert Star	Siman Nuurali	M, lexile 610, 3.5, 65 pages
Sasquatch and the Muckleshoot	Joseph Bruchac	V, lexile 660, 4.6, 176 pages
When Stars Are Scattered	Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson	graphic novel, 264 pages

For more information: <https://www.spl.org/programs-and-services/learning/global-reading-challenge>

We do have "Surprise Bags" of previous Global Reading Challenge titles that anyone is welcome to check out from STEM Library! Mrs. B. has read all of these diverse titles and truly believes that ALL students and families deserved to see themselves and others represented in a positive way in our library collection.

Our Student, Our Stories Featuring STEM Families!

Seattle Public Schools Health Education Office and local Seattle photographer Nate Gowdy have joined forces to highlight the stories of our amazing LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and more) students in Seattle Public Schools, as well as LGBTQ+ staff in a photo book and portrait exhibit.

The "[Our Students, Their Stories](#)" project showcases the strength, resilience, and unapologetic pride of these queer and trans students. This project also highlights the loving and supportive families of these LGBTQ+ young people, as well as shines light on some LGBTQ+ staff who help lift up queer and trans youth in big and small ways every day.

The photo book and stories gathered will be used to inform staff training, classroom education, community engagement, parent education, and to celebrate our students' individual journeys today, and act as a touchstone for future generations.



Message from Ms. Bea of Delridge Library:

Seattle Public Library has launched Tutor.com, a free tutoring service to library card holders!

The Seattle Public Library is launching Tutor.com today! Tutor.com has over 3,000 highly vetted expert tutors, who can help youth with schoolwork, tutoring and academic coaching in a variety of subjects in a safe and secure online classroom. 1-1 help is available in math, writing, science, history, foreign languages, college essay writing, Advanced Placement (AP) courses and more.

- Service is available 7 days a week, 2-10 p.m. in Spanish/English and 4-7 p.m. in Vietnamese
- Students can use their microphone to communicate with tutors; we hope this will be easier for English language learners
- Teens and adults can use this service to get help with filling out job applications and writing a cover letter and resume

All you need to do is go to www.spl.org/VirtualTutoring and log in with your library card and pin or your Library Link number and pin to connect!

We know from our yearly Homework Help surveys that relationships are our most powerful tool and the work you do every day is so effective in building trust and reaching youth and families. We really need your help in sharing this service first with Black, Indigenous, Latino and youth and families of Color who are furthest away from educational justice.

Families and community will need a lot of support connecting with Tutor.com:

- Support in learning how to [navigate The Source](#) to find student ID numbers
- Help to turn their Student ID numbers into Library Link numbers, www.spl.org/LibraryLink
- Understand the benefits of Tutor.com and help folks log in using their library card/pin or Library Link number/pin. www.spl.org/VirtualTutoring

Beatriz Pascual Wallace "Miss Bea"

Children's Librarian

The Seattle Public Library

Delridge Branch

5423 Delridge Way SW

Seattle, WA 98106

206-733-9125

Calling all STEM Adults! Please we really need your help!

*Have you ever considered volunteering for a non-profit Board? Now is your opportunity! The [Louisa Boren STEM PTA](#) is seeking volunteers to fill two officer positions for the 2020-21 school year! Our Executive Board needs a **Vice President and Co-Treasurer** and our General Board has openings for our **Advocacy Chair and Race & Equity Chair**. Our PTA is active, organized, and committed to the well-being of our school community. Our work is grounded in equity; we support school activities to fill gaps in District funding, including annual library book purchases, project-based learning supplies, classroom resources and supplies, substitute teachers, and teacher development. Please consider offering your time to support our kids and teachers during this upcoming year! Contact Angela Wallis, nominations committee chair, at secretary@stemk8pta.org, or 206-999-2132 with questions, or to demonstrate your interest!*

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Executive Team Vice President and Co-Treasurer Roles and Responsibilities

The STEM K8 PTA Board of Directors is engaged, active, and committed to providing funding and activities to engage all students and teachers. We look forward to filling this important position for the 2020-21 school year. The Vice President position “rolls up” to President for the 2021-22 school year (a two-year commitment).

VICE PRESIDENT Duties of the Vice President include:

- Leading committees as needed;
- Participating in at least one major fundraising initiative;
- Participating in and volunteering for school and PTA events;
- Depositing and signing checks as needed;
- Participating in monthly meetings and other communications with the school Principal and PTA President;
- Planning membership meeting agendas with the President;
- Preparing for the President position in year two;
- Meeting other parents, learning about STEM and the school district, and having fun!

CO-TREASURER (a two-year commitment; position rolls up automatically to Treasurer in year 2)

The duties of the co-treasurer include:

- Supporting the treasurer role;
- Stands in for treasurer as needed and learns the role within the executive team;
- Attending all executive team and board meetings;
- Performing monthly bank statement reviews;
- Serving as co-chair of the budget committee with the treasurer;
- Serving as chair of the mid-year and year-end financial review committee ensuring these two reviews are completed yearly;
- Participating in and volunteering for school and PTA events.

Room Liaisons STILL NEEDED for the following classes!

While school and life looks very different this year, let's work with one another to get through this challenging time. We are all learning and in this together!

Here is the list of teachers who don't have a room liaison yet:

REID
ALEXANDER
WILLIAMSON
GRAVES
IRVINE
PAULSON
PARSLEY

With Respect,

Don Knutson

President, PTA president@stemk8pta.org

Colleen Peterson

Room Parent Coordinator rooms@stemk8pta.org









SHOP AND EARN - RAISE FUNDS FOR STEM

You can support STEM through the shopping you already do!

A full list with links to participating stores is online:

<http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/>

Please note that some stores may still list our school as "K-5 STEM"

	<p>Amazon - Use the link below or connect through our school website to Amazon. They send us a check based on the amount you purchase. http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/</p>
	<p>Bartell Drugs 'B' Caring Card - Up to 4% of your purchase amount is contributed to our school. Register your 'B' Caring Card in-store, on-line, or call 1-800-931-6258. Once registered, have the cashier swipe your 'B' Caring Card at the checkout or type in your 10-digit phone number.</p>
	<p>Box Tops for Education – Use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online.</p>
	<p>Shutterfly & Tiny Prints - Use our School Storefront to earn 8% for STEM. http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com/</p>
	<p>West Seattle Thriftway – 1% of the purchase price of every item you buy is returned to our school. Drop off your West Seattle Thriftway receipts in the donation box in the school office.</p>
	<p>Fred Meyer & Kroger– A digital account is needed to participate in Fred Meyer Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account and add STEM.</p>

Please read below important information from City of Seattle, [Seattle Parks and Recreation](#), about **Teen Learning Hubs**.

Dear Families,

The City of Seattle has pivoted programs and services many times during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that we are supporting communities of color and those who have been historically underserved. Currently we are looking to serve youth who are put at a great disadvantage due to the shift to virtual learning.

We have stood up six teen virtual learning hubs that serve **youth ages 12-18** (Garfield, Miller, Southwest Teen Life, South Lake HS, Meadowbrook, Magnuson, and Bitterlake). This is a **free program** that provides a quiet, safe space to complete their virtual schooling, a healthy meal, access to caring and supportive adults, and opportunity to take part in enrichment activities.

We need your help getting the word out about this program.

This program is open to all, but our hope is that you will send this out to your community and networks to reach out to youth who are the furthest from education justice and encourage them to join. Our programs are up and running and we still have space for youth to join.

You will find our flyer attached, translated in several languages. Please share this with your networks, and feel free to reach out to Damien.hicks@seattle.gov if you have any questions or would like to refer a student directly.

Thank you,

Rachel Schulkin

Middle School/High School Hubs - 2020-2021 School Year

- Supports access to Seattle Public Schools virtual learning
- Provides recreational, enrichment and mentoring programs
- In-person support for connectivity and basic academic support
- Breakfast and lunch provided daily
- Participants must bring laptop or tablet
- Participants should bring a refillable water bottle
- Wi-fi available

Call the community center listed below for more information (interpretation services available):

Central Seattle	Southwest Seattle	Northeast Seattle	Northwest Seattle	Southeast Seattle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garfield Teen Life Center 206 684-4550 Miller Community Center 206 684-4753 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwest Teen Life Center 206 684-7438 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meadowbrook Tee Life Center 206 684-7523 Magnuson Community Center 206 684-7026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bitter Lake Community Center 206 684-7524 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Lake High School <p>Call Garfield or Southwest Teen Life Center listed to the left.</p>

September 8, 2020 - June 18, 2021

Sites will be open 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday - Friday

Registration Link:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/seattle/Activity_Search/35444

We follow Public Health standards:

- daily wellness/temperature checks,
- social distancing and room/space occupancy limits,
- regular cleaning and sanitizing, clear policies about illness,
- All staff and children will wear masks.

