

# **Welcome to the Jamestown Library**

Libraries are for Learners  
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# Why Be the Jamestown School Librarian?

Pretty much it's all about this...

*“For a long time books have been my favorite thing. When I first met you in Kindergarten you made my love for reading grow.”*

A Fourth Grade Boy's  
Thank You Note

# Why Have a School Library?

School Libraries Work!



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*“School library media centers can contribute to improved student achievement by providing instructional materials aligned to the curriculum; by collaborating with teachers, administrators, and parents; and by extending their hours of operation beyond the school day.”*

—“Close Up: NCLB—Improving Literacy through School Libraries,”  
*NCLB The Achiever*, September 15, 2004, Vol. 3, No 13.

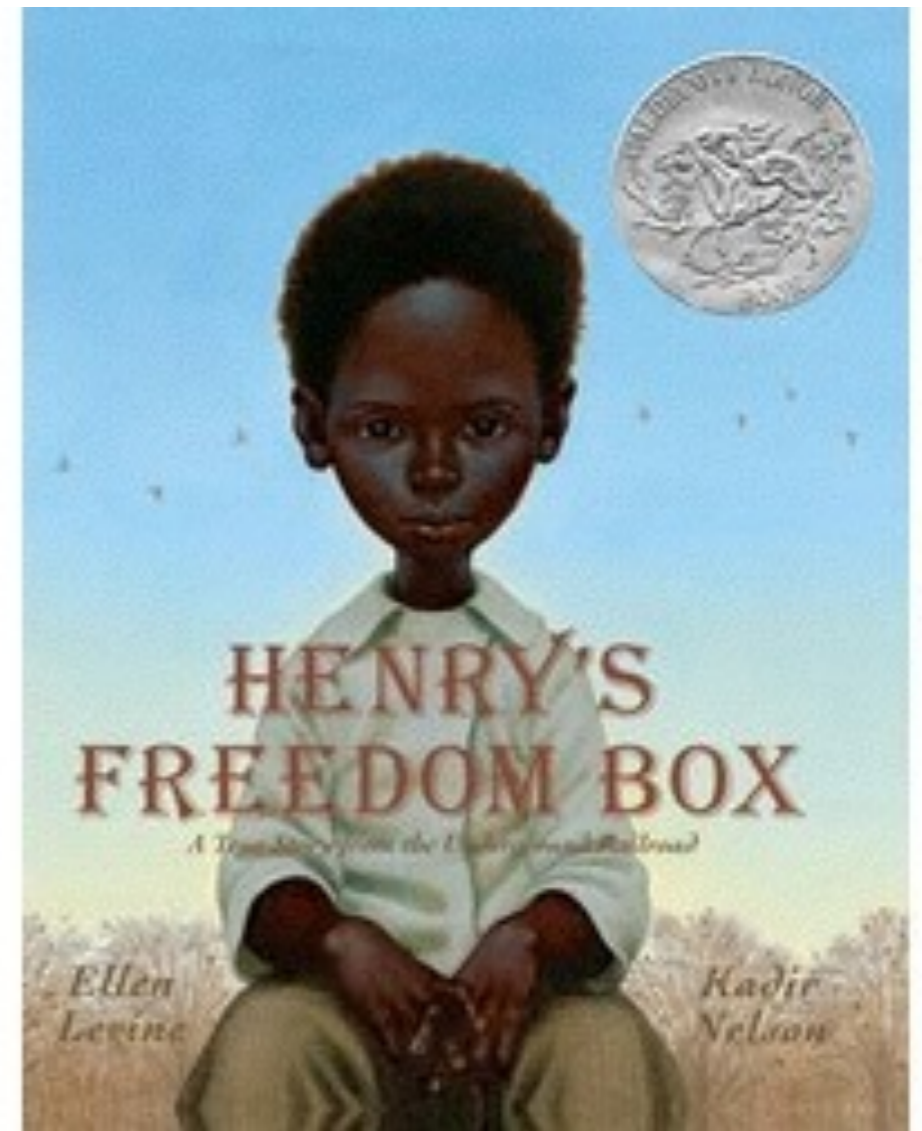
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***How Are We Doing This At Jamestown?***

# Instructional Materials:

## Books & Electronic Resources

- \$13,500 from the County {based on student numbers}
- Additional support from the Jamestown PTA
- Suggestions by teachers and staff; through ongoing review of the children's literature literature; through review of Virginia standards



# **Visiting Authors**

*Thanks to PTA Support*

## **Ralph Fletcher**

memoir - boys as writers

## **Monica Brown**

hispanic-american experience - biographies

## **Laura Murray**

picture books - humor - community helpers

## **Kindergarten Literary Field Trip**

overview of six different books presented as plays

## **Ginjer Clarke**

nonfiction - animal researcher

# ***Teacher-Librarian Collaboration***

## **Old Model “Fixed” Schedule**

- Set 30 minutes per week
- Librarian teaches a 15 minute (or less) “mini-lesson” on library skills or curriculum-based content
- Library effectively “closed” to all other students
- Little “stuck” from week to week or month to month
- Students were frustrated because projects took place over an extended timeframe.

# ***Teacher-Librarian Collaboration***

## **New Model**

### **“Flexible” Schedule**

- 15 minutes/week for checkout & browsing
- Teacher & Librarian collaborate and co-teach lessons related to curriculum
- Teachers & Librarian teach lessons at time of need for as long as needed
- Library is open to classes more often
- Projects & content covered in a more timely manner allowing for timely student feedback



# **Extending Hours of Operation**

Library is open from 8:40 until the first bell for browsing and checkout

Library is open until 4:00 for student browsing and checkout

## **And beyond....**

Making that individual connection with each child  
getting them hooked on reading  
encouraging them to be life-long readers