



Rockwood Reads

MASL Spring Conference 2016

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The image shows the homepage of the Rockwood School District website. The background features a large, stylized teal circle with a dotted pattern on the left side. A search bar is positioned at the top right. The main title "What is Rockwood Reads?" is displayed in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below the title is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Schools, Programs, Departments, and Community. A "Search" button is located to the right of the navigation bar. The "Schools" link is underlined, indicating it is the current page. The "Schools" page content includes the Rockwood School District logo, address (113 East North Street, Franklin, TN 37065), phone number (Phone (615) 770-3000), Fax (615) 770-6651, and links for "Infinite Campus", "Lunch Nutris", "Bus Routes", "Employee", and "Contact Information". A "Rockwood District | Research and Resources" link is also present. The "Elementary School" link is underlined. The "Elementary School" page content includes a "Rockwood Reads" logo, a photo of a teacher, and links for "Elementary School", "Middle School", and "High School". The "Elementary School" link is underlined.

Inspiration

http://www.emissourian.com/blogs/ma_books/



How we got started...

- We invited Chris Stuckenschneider from the Washington Missourian newspaper to one of our meetings to book talk and explain how the blog works.
- Several of our librarians were inspired to start our own blog.
- We worked with our Communications Department to get started.

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Baby Buzz

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'Let's Play' Takes Little Ones on Experimental Trip

Interactive fun in bright elementary colors can be found on the pages of "Let's Play" by Harriet Ziefert. This imaginative board book is the Baby Buzz Pick for April, selected by the honor by the Washington School District Parents as Teachers.

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April Book Buzz Features "Memorable Characters"

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In books, as in life, there are people we admire who have suffered losses. In the April Book Buzz, we feature children's "Memorable Characters" in three new books that show how characters deal with loss. In *Ida, Always*, a bear meets a pair of polar bears, a past president with a pastime, and a boy who can't get off the train — sure you'll be thrilled to get to know them. Visit next month, Page One

Ida, Always by Carol Otis Hurst, illustrated by Jennifer Leczkowski

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His name is Gust, hers is Ida. Inspired by a true story, the tale of their friendship makes *"Ida, Always,"* by Carol Otis Hurst, a book to savor.

Gust and Ida live in the New York City Central Park Zoo where they were inseparable. After hours of play, they'd flop down on their favorite rock and soak up the sounds of the '60s and '70s, as the author did.

Gust is a polar bear, and when his son didn't appear on the scene to take his place, he was devastated. "I'll miss Ida so much." But the zoolepherd Doris did, and the next day Gust was gone. The author writes that her condition would worsen. Nothing could be done.

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The two bears decided to make the most of what they did have. Their bond touched the hearts of inhabitants of the big city, a metropolis that mightily mourned Ida's passing.

How Does it Work?

- Librarians sign up to review a book from a specific genre or category.
- All books are recently published.
- Students and teachers from the school may be solicited to write reviews.
- Tweet out to author/publisher.



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Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths

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Author Linda Eriksen, New York City-based author of *Rockwood Reads*, 2014. This playful book of poems tells ancient stories of Greek and Roman heroes and heroines. Linda Eriksen's poems are presented in one-page both forward and backward, creating a reversal of the second word. The first reading is a complete sentence. The second gives a complete sentence.

Book Details

Students can begin reading in any direction on the first line. They can enjoy the benefit of many other story elements as they explore the book's layout and structure.

The imaginative art will inspire readers and help them to visualize the stories.

Other Books

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This collection is available to students and one will be delivered.

The image features the book cover of "Ticket To India" by Neelam Schlueter. The cover is a vibrant collage of Indian motifs, including a large orange elephant, a red and yellow elephant, and a blue elephant. The title "TICKET TO INDIA" is at the top, and the author's name "Neelam Schlueter" is at the bottom. The book is set against a background of large, overlapping, semi-transparent circles in various colors (blue, orange, red, green, yellow) of different sizes, creating a dynamic, abstract pattern.

