News from the Arthur Holt Library

Thinking Caps, Resilience Tips and Happy Hats

Last week The Arthur Holt Library celebrated the International Day of Happiness. This is an initiative by the UN to encourage government public policy to consider the human right of happiness in public policy decision-making. We thought it might be a timely reminder to those students approaching end-of-term assessment tasks and exams to remember the important role that humour and levity have in their own self-care.

On the think | play | discuss board we asked the students to reflect on when and where they are at their happiest, and were thrilled when one student wrote “when I am reading”. Fresh sunflowers assisted in the promotion of some reading suggestions that focussed on happiness, optimism, well-being, and
flourishing as part of our happiness display. But by far the most successful aspect of our annual happiness promotion was the silly hats. For most of the week these hats have been in near-constant use, and library staff have observed that those who wear the happy-hats are amongst the biggest readers and the best-behaved of our visitors (perhaps they were thinking caps in disguise all along?)

We Asked If Walls Could Talk.. And Then They Did

We have recently added some author quotes to the Lounge Space walls. The wisdom of Lemony Snicket, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Joseph Addison has permanently joined us in our quest to promote reading to the school community. We have three quotes so far, but there are more on the way because once you realise that walls can talk you naturally want to get a symposium going.
Currently on the Blog

The Film Society Co-Curricular have contributed a fresh new cluster of film-reviews to The Arthur Holt Library blog. Their Lent term focus has been on arthouse and high-concept films, so if you are wondering what to watch next or feel you need to round out your repertoire we suggest popping by the blog for some avant garde viewing suggestions.

Also currently on the blog, Mrs Heanly's reflections on the Year Seven Wide Reading Program and our anonymous kitchen-hero the Librarycook has tackled a Double-Saucing Butterscotch Chocolate Orange Pudding!

AUTHOR QUOTE: “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” — Dr. Seuss

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