

## Lincoln Public Library Children's Room LPS Support 2023-24

The Children's Librarians are proud of our work maintaining strong connections with both LPS teachers and students.

### **NEW THIS YEAR:**

- Collaboration with the Metco Coordinating Committee (MCC) to create a new upcoming spring program called "Afternoon of Fun and Games." Lincoln-based and Boston-based students will walk to the library on two Tuesdays in May for an afternoon of fun at the library. Students who do not yet have Minuteman Network library cards will have an opportunity to obtain one and everyone will be able to check out books. A late bus for Boston-based students will be available at the library for transport back home.
- Coordination underway for an end-of-the-year Lincoln campus 6th grade field trip to the library.
- Reached out to Lincoln and Hanscom administrators offering collaboration opportunities as we get ready to celebrate Lincoln250 next year.

### **CONTINUED SUCCESS:**

1. Regular communication with Lincoln and Hanscom administrators, PTO MiniLink Coordinator, METCO Director, and school librarians about library events and information.
2. Throughout the year we help individual teachers and the school librarians with curriculum needs, library card registrations as well as both digital and physical book requests.
3. Storytimes at both Lincoln (2x/month) and Hanscom (1x month) Preschools from Sept - June totalling more than 80 individual classroom visits.
4. Storytimes at LEAP weekly from October - June.
5. Book Talks for both 6th and 7th grades at both Hanscom and Lincoln monthly from Oct - May. As part of the program, all students are offered to register for a library card if they did not already have one. Students can either check out individual books or can choose books from a library book bin left in the classroom. Teachers have reported more reading occurring in the classrooms as a direct result of the Book Talks.
6. Summer Reading Program visit plans to both campuses are underway for late May/early June.

### **GOALS:**

1. If the MCC "Afternoon of Fun and Games" is a success, we hope to offer future events.
2. We had plans last year to pilot an in-school fall library card sign up drive with first graders last year and did have positive communications with administrators on the Lincoln campus but timing proved to be difficult. We will try again for Fall 2024.