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# STUDENT NEWS

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## READ ACROSS AMERICA: CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS

Every year the National Education Association hosts a daylong event in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday called Read Across America. The event takes place on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and all you have to do to participate is find some time during the day to read! Known as the nation's largest reading party, it's a great opportunity to relax with a good book, participate in some fun activities and celebrate one of the most imaginative authors of all time. We have you covered for the big reading day! We have 24 Dr. Seuss books in our collection, including, Cat in the Hat, Horton Hears a Who, The Lorax and If I Ran



the Zoo. All 24 of his books have been compiled onto one digital cartridge (Book number DBX01267)

available to check out through the library. We have a limited supply so call us as soon as possible to reserve a copy! These books are also available individually on BARD. For more information about NEA's Read Across America visit their website [www.nea.org/readacross](http://www.nea.org/readacross).

## DELTA GAMMA ORGANIZATION



DELTA GAMMA  
FRATERNITY

The Delta Gamma Sorority at Willamette University in Salem has partnered with Talking Books for over 6 years.

Members of the sorority have volunteered over 1700 hours, helping with everything from folding letters to calling patrons. Recently they have

also raised funds for the Summer Reading Program. Their efforts have a huge impact on Talking Books staff and patrons. To help share a little bit about the Delta Gamma's, Brenna Anderson, VP of Foundation sat down with me to answer a few questions. These were her answers:

**Can you tell me a little bit about the Delta Gamma Organization?**

Delta Gamma is a fraternity of women who look to create lasting relationships. The fraternity takes pride in academic achievement, service to local communities, and dedication to the Delta Gamma Foundation, a separate organization that raises money and works with organizations to help those who are visually impaired. Since 1873, Delta Gamma has grown into one of the largest Greek women's organizations with collegiate chapters throughout the United States and Canada and alumnae living worldwide. In 1936 the fraternity officially adopted service of sight as our philanthropy, and shortly after created the foundation to help improve our efforts.

**How many members do you have at the Willamette University Chapter?**

49

**What is your mission?**

Our mission is to foster high ideals of friendship, promote educational and cultural interests, a true sense of

social responsibility and develop the best qualities of character.

**What are some events or other things you do around the community to support your mission?**

As an organization our chapter of Delta Gamma will host a fund raiser every semester for the foundation, as well as regularly participate in service learning events on campus. We hold the most service hours out of Willamette Greek organizations. To service our philanthropy we work with many different sight based organizations, both in Oregon and nationwide.

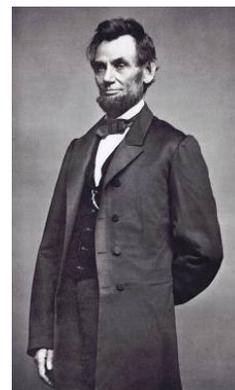
**DID YOU KNOW?**

George Washington bred hound dogs and gave some of them unusual names, like,



Tartar, Truelove, and Sweet Lips.

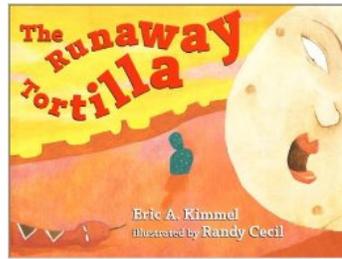
He actually didn't have wooden teeth. When he was 57, he had all his teeth pulled. From then on, he wore ivory false teeth set in a silver plate.



Abraham Lincoln is enshrined in the Wrestling Hall of Fame, having lost just once in 300 matches.

He kept his important documents inside his hat.

The Runaway Tortilla by Kimmel, Eric A. **DB084551**



In this southwestern version of "The Gingerbread Man," a tortilla comes to life and runs away from the woman who is about to cook him. As he races away, he encounters horned toads, burros, cowboys, and, something truly dangerous, a coyote. For grades K-3.

The Notebook of Doom Series, Books 1-4 by Cummings, Troy. **DB083885**

Four books, written between 2013 and 2014, featuring young Alexander's adventures in his new classroom located in the Stermont General Hospital morgue. Includes Rise of the Balloon Goons, Day of the Night Crawlers, Attack of the Shadow Smashers and Chomp of the Meat-Eating Vegetables. For grades 2-4.

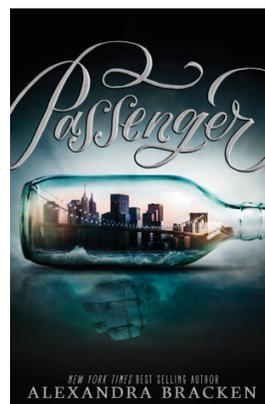
Germy Blew It-- again! By Jones, Rebecca C. **DB083023** In order to pay off a school debt, Germy from Germy Blew It (DB 29825) searches for ways to get cash quick. His parents suggest shoveling, but Germy believes an easy gerbil-breeding business is the better way to go. For grades 3-6.

We Rock! A Fun Family Guide for Exploring Rock Music History: Music Lab by Hanley, Jason. **DB082889**

Family listening guide to the evolution of rock music and subgenres, featuring artists such as Elvis Presley, the Supremes, Led Zeppelin, Queen, Blondie, and more. Provides historical background for each artist and group, and includes playlists, labs, and music-centered destinations for vacation ideas. For grades 4-7 and older readers.

The Case of the Missing Moonstone.

Wollstonecraft Detective Agency: 1 by Stratford, Jordan. **DB082003 & BR020885** In alternate 1826 London, fellow pupils eleven-year-old Ada Lovelace and fourteen-year-old Mary Godwin believe they possess unique abilities to form a secret detective agency. When their first case involves a false confession and a stolen heirloom, they jump at the chance to show their investigative skills. For grades 5-8.



Passenger by Bracken, Alexandra. **DB084337** Violin prodigy Etta's life is turned upside down when she is thrust into her unknown family legacy of time-travel and wakes aboard a ship in

1776. And someone untrustworthy has brought her there. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers.



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## DVD SPOTLIGHT



### **BIG HERO 6**

(DVD0101)

Big Hero 6 is an action-packed comedy adventure that introduces Baymax, a lovable personal

companion robot, who forms a special bond with robotics prodigy Hiro Hamada. When a devastating turn of events catapults them into the midst of a dangerous plot unfolding in

the streets of San Fransokyo, Hiro turns to Baymax and his diverse group of friends -- adrenaline junkie Go Go Tomago, neatnik Wasabi, chemistry whiz Honey Lemon and fanboy Fred -- who transform into a band of unlikely heroes. Junior novelization available at DB80551. Rated PG.

## **OFFICE CLOSURES**

Talking Books will be closed on the following legal holidays:

- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Presidents Day