



## Library Website

Our library has its own webpage! View it at <http://my.uen.org/17583> to find links to many online resources as well as information about our library. You can also access this newsletter online at the same site.

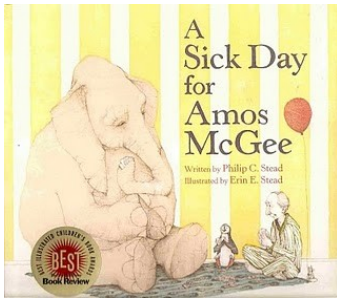
## *Thumbs Up for Libraries!*

Salt Lake City School District school libraries just may be some of the best in the state. We are one of the few districts in Utah with full-time, certified library teachers at every single school! Research has shown that “when library media specialists work with teachers to support learning opportunities with books, computer resources, and more, students learn more, get better grades, and score higher on standardized test scores than their peers in schools without good libraries.” The same results have been found in 19 different states. (<http://listbuilder.scholastic.com/content/stores/LibraryStore/pages/images/SLW3.pdf>) School libraries are a vital part of a child’s learning!

## *Plagiarism*

What’s this, you ask? A little gerbil cage? Nope! It’s our fake “Plagiarism Jail” in the library. During research classes we talk about plagiarism (copying someone else’s ideas) and how it’s illegal. Students at Whittier know how to avoid plagiarism by citing the sources they used for their research projects and also by changing the text into their own words. We talk about how serious plagiarism is and that if adults break this law, they have to go to court and appear before a judge.





<http://pppics.files.wordpress.com/2011/01/amosmcgee.jpg?w=300&h=276>

## *Winner of the 2011 Caldecott Medal*

I'm excited to see all of the pictures in [A Sick Day for Amos McGee](#). It will arrive any day at Whittier Elementary! It was chosen for the award because it has the best illustrations for a children's picture book.

"Every day kindly zookeeper Amos McGee plays chess with the elephant, keeps the penguin company, reads stories to the owl, etc. When Amos stays home one day, his friends have just the right medicine: they make time to visit their good friend. The attentively detailed pencil and woodblock illustrations reveal character and enhance the cozy mood of the gentle text."

~Hornbook, Fall 2010

A library  
should be like  
a pair of open  
arms.

- Roger  
Rosenblatt

## *Winner of the 2011 Newbery Medal*

I haven't read this book yet. Hope it's a good one! Here's what "School Library Journal" (Nov. 2010) says about [Moon Over Manifest](#).

"Gr 5-8-History and fiction marry beautifully in this lively debut novel. It's as if readers jump off the train in Manifest, KS, in 1936 with Abilene Tucker, 12, the feisty, likable, and perceptive narrator. She is there to live with Pastor Shady Howard, her father's friend, while her father works on the railroad back in Iowa. An equally important story set during World War I is artfully intertwined. Since her mother went off on her own 10 years earlier, Abilene and Gideon have been alone. Though their life together is unsettled, their bond is strong. Shady's place is shabby, but he is welcoming. The mystery about Manifest and Gideon unfolds after Abilene finds a box filled with intriguing keepsakes. It includes a letter dated 1917 to someone named Jinx from Ned Gillen that has a warning, "THE RATTLER is watching." This starts Abilene, with the help of new friends Ruthanne and Lettie, on a search to learn the identity of the pair. The story cleverly shifts back and forth between the two eras. Abilene becomes connected to Miss Sadie, a "diviner" who slowly leads her through the story of Ned and Jinx. Though the girl is lonely, she adjusts to her new life, feeling sure that her father will come for her at summer's end. The Ku Klux Klan and its campaign against the many immigrants working in the coal mines and the deplorable conditions and exploitation of these men provide important background. This thoroughly enjoyable, unique page-turner is a definite winner."



<http://www.flyoverpeople.net/news/wpcontent/uploads/2010/11/Moon-Over-Manifest-cover.jpg>