SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

ST. GEORGE'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL switzerland





The library's new "Cybercafé" -Funded by the PLG-

The PLG has generously funded furniture for a new lounge/social/study area, called the "Cybercafé." Magazine racks display our latest periodicals, a whiteboard is available for group study, and comfortable seating attracts students to the library. This space is now a vibrant and popular center of activity, where students of all ages can often be found reading, studying, or relaxing.

Library Events

Boring Book-a-thon

28 & 29 Sept. Students read boring books to raise funds for exciting books.

Harry Potter World Record

Let's collect more Harry Potter translations than any other library!

Open Mic

6 October 5-minute performances during break in the library.

Library Updates

- Attractive, welcoming, useful
- Easier to find books
- More electronic resources
- Increased student involvement
- More opportunities to study, read, participate, or volunteer
- New research skills classes



Library Website

St. George's <u>library website</u> is a portal to relevant and reliable information sources for students. (www.stgeorges.ch/library/)

Library Resources

"<u>Library resources</u>" links to our online catalogue of print books, our subscriptions to JSTOR and Encyclopedia Britannica, local libraries, and reading lists.



Learning Lab

"Learning lab" is a portal to "<u>General reference</u> <u>resources</u>" and "<u>Subject-based resources</u>," which are age appropriate websites curated by librarians. "<u>University guidance</u>" links to helpful resources.

Helpful Information

"<u>Wellness & Safety</u>" features emergency telephone numbers, local youth protection services, and government sponsored teen health websites. The "<u>Activities</u>" page offers ideas for after school clubs, instruction, and events.



Boring Book-a-thon

St. George's school will host its first Boring Book-a-thon on 28 & 29 September. Friends and families sponsor students to read a boring book for 30 minutes. Funds raised from this event will be used to purchase books on the "<u>Student book wish list</u>."

Students will read the most boring books in the library, which are displayed on the boring bookshelf, and marked with a "B" (for BORING). Participants are advised to bring snacks, drinks, music- anything to keep themselves awake!

Harry Potter World Record

St. George's will attempt to set a world record for collecting more translations of Harry Potter books than any other school!

The Harry Potter series is translated into 79 languages. How many translations of Harry Potter can our school collect by NOVEMBER? Enough to set a World Record?! Here's how it works:

- Families donate Harry Potter books in their own language to the school library
- The book will get a sticker with the name of the language, the country, and the donor
- The books will be displayed in the library
- Harry Potter Day in November: Dress up, magic show, Quidditch game, etc. -organized by student council



Library: A thing of the past, present, & future

Did you know?

43 student volunteers are helping to make their library a centerpiece of the school: a modern information / reading / learning hub.



Information Literacy

True, an infinite amount of information is at our fingertips. But, do you believe everything you read on the Internet? St. George's students are learning critical skills to navigate, locate, evaluate, and use information ethically and efficiently.



Get Involved

- Donate items on the student or librarian wish list
- Volunteer to help in the library (contact Mrs. Romö: mbromo@stgeorges.ch)
- Donate a translation of Harry Potter to the library
- Join PLG fund raising efforts
- Read to, with, and around your child!