

Quimby Oak Middle School Library Newsletter

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January

January is a month named by the Romans after the God Janus, the God of Gateways. This is because January is the gateway to the new year, and is most often welcomed through a celebration of great merriment and mirth – not to mention a usually-unachievable new year's resolution!

Fun Facts about January On average, it is the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the second month of winter. In the Southern Hemisphere January is a summer month the equivalent of July.

One of January's flowers is the snowdrop (genus *Galanthus*). Another is the pink Dianthus. The month's birthstone is garnet. Garnets appear in a wide variety of colors and are said to represent constancy.

The third Monday in January is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Author Highlight

Lisa McMann



Lisa McMann (born February 27, 1968) is an [American](#) author.

McMann was born in Holland, Michigan and now lives in the Phoenix, Arizona area.^[1] She graduated from [Calvin College](#) in 1990.^[2]

She has also written the following series: The Unwants, The Unwants Quests and the Going Wild Trilogy.

Happy New Year

“ Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” – Oprah Winfrey

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT BOOKS WITH LIBRARY EXPRESS!

Featured Titles

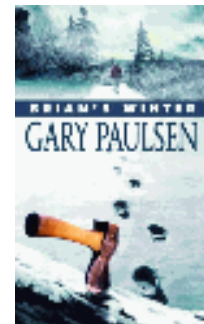
Icefall by Matthew Kirby



Princess Solveig and her siblings are trapped in a hidden fortress tucked between towering mountains and a frozen fjord, along with her best friend and an army of restless soldiers, all awaiting news of the king's victory in battle, but as they wait for winter's end and the all-encompassing ice to break, acts of treachery make it clear that a traitor lurks in their midst.

Brian's Winter By Gary Paulsen

Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.



Faerie Winter by Janni Lee Simner



Unable to get answers from her mother, sixteen-year-old Liza learns from Karin that while her own actions may have doomed the fairy and human worlds, she may be able to save them with more training, if the Faerie Queen can first be stopped.

New Titles

Going Wild Series by Lisa McMann



"Charlie, Mac, and Maria managed to rescue the Project Chimera scientists from the devious Dr. Gray, but they couldn't stop him. Now he's closer than ever to enacting his dreadful master plan to transform all of humanity into a monstrous new species. And even worse, Kelly has betrayed her friends and joined forces with him. To defeat their beastly foes, Charlie and the others are going to need help. Luckily, they just saved the creators of the bracelets that give them their unbelievable powers, and they're about to get an upgrade. With even fiercer abilities, it's finally time for these kids to unleash their wild sides and save the world"

The Kidnappers by Willo Davis Roberts



No one believes eleven-year-old Joey, who has a reputation for telling tall tales, when he claims to have witnessed the kidnapping of the class bully outside their expensive New York City private school.

A Break With Charity: A story about the Salem Witch trials by Ann Rinaldi



While waiting for a church meeting in 1706, Susanna English, daughter of a wealthy Salem merchant, recalls the malice, fear, and accusations of witchcraft that tore her village apart in 1692.

