





CALLING ALL WRITERS! AMELIA EARHART CONTEST IN LIBRARY!!

Friday, January 11th is National Amelia Earhart Day, honoring one of history's most famous and adventurous airplane pilots, and the Valleyview library is celebrating with an exciting contest! Students are invited to write a 1-page essay on the topic: "Why I would like to have flown with Amelia Earhart!" Essays are due by January 10th, and thanks to the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY for helping to provide some of these great prizes:



The 1st place winner will have their essay published on the National Women's Hall of Fame official website for the whole world to read!



The 2nd place winner will receive a free family pass to the Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls! The 3rd place winner will receive the Amelia Earhart book "Amelia Lost" from the library!

LOCAL AUTHOR MEETS WITH 5TH & 6TH GRADE LIBRARY CLASSES!

Oneonta author Louise Patane, who has written several young adult books in recent years, conducted author visits with 5th & 6th grade library classes during the week of December 10th-14th. She shared with them the necessary tools required to become an author and discussed how authors can self-publish their writing. Her books can be found at local bookstores and can be previewed at www.blurb.com.



Lately in the library...

In December, 1st graders read Author of the Month Jan Brett's *Gingerbread Baby* and survived Mr. Parmerter's attempt to duplicate the cookie recipe found on Jan Brett's website!





Also in December, 6th grade 'tribes' competing in the "Library Survivor" research challenge began to use iPads as part of their research & reporting process, and will continue to use them throughout January, at which point one tribe will win the \$1,000,000 prize! (No, really, that's the prize! Wait and see...!)