

# Valleyview Library

# Newsletter



## 5th Graders Create Online Presentations

## Highlighting Multicultural December Holidays!

5th grade library classes spent December researching how other countries celebrate their December holidays, and using their research findings they created online presentations which are available for viewing on the library webpage! The research was done using non-fiction books and the Internet database "Culture Grams," and the presentations were created using the website prezzi.com. The finished Prezi's highlight how countries such as France, Germany, Norway, Mexico, and others celebrate in ways which are similar to or different from what we are used to. Follow the link on the library webpage or the library's Facebook page to view their work!

### 3rd Graders Begin Research Projects!

In January, 3rd graders will be researching countries around the world in connection with work being done in their classroom. Mr. Sider's class will be researching and creating online presentations about life in Japan, while Mrs. Bellen's 3rd graders will be gathering information about various cultures and creating presentations as well. Resources they will be using include non-fiction books, Internet databases, & iPads. Look for their finished work to be displayed online next month!



### CONTEST! CONTEST! CONTEST!

In honor of the arrival of 2015, 15 "READ" stickers (see below) will be hung throughout Valleyview School and between Monday, January 12th & Friday, January 16th students are invited to find & identify the location of all 15 stickers for a chance to win fun prizes from the library! See Mr. Parmerter in the library for a contest entry form and prize details. GOOD LUCK!



# 2nd Graders Begin Mock-Caldecott project!

In January, 2nd grade library classes will participate in a mock-Caldecott project, as part of their year-long study of Caldecott award winning picture books, awarded as such by the American Library Association for their outstanding illustrations. 2nd graders will be evaluating the artwork in new books from 2014 and ultimately voting for the books they feel deserve to win **Valleycott** awards, the Valleyview School version of Caldecott awards. Meanwhile, Riverside & Greater Plains 2nd graders are completing similar projects, and the annual mock-Caldecott book party for Oneonta 2nd graders will be held in February!



One of last year's Valleycott winners...



## "Around the World" with Author of the Month Jan Brett!

In January, Kindergarten and 1st grade library classes will be travelling around the world with Author of the Month, Jan Brett! Brett, a beloved author & illustrator, has traveled to many interesting places around the world to do research for the illustrations in her books. In January, Kindergarten and 1st grade library classes will read *The Umbrella* and learn about life in the rainforest, both from Brett's story and a follow-up Powerpoint presentation. They will also learn about life in Africa from Brett's *Honey-Honey-Lion!*, and life in the Arctic from Brett's *Three Snow Bears*. And, students will be comparing Brett's well-researched illustrations with Powerpoint photos from those regions of the world. Visit her great website at [www.janbrett.com](http://www.janbrett.com)!



## "SEEK"...AND YOU SHALL FIND!

Valleyview students now have even easier & quicker access to educational databases for homework & classwork, thanks to ONC BOCES. Just visit the Valleyview library webpage, click "Internet Resources," and click the "SEEK" icon like that seen here. When you click on the FIRST database of your choice, you will be asked to provide a username (valley) & password (view); further visits at that time to other databases will then require NO passwords! Recommended databases include "World Book Encyclopedia," "Amazing Animals of the World," "Brain Pop" & "Brian Pop Jr.," and "Pebble Go Animals, Biographies, Earth & Space, or Social Studies." Have fun!!

