

# Valleyview Library Newsletter



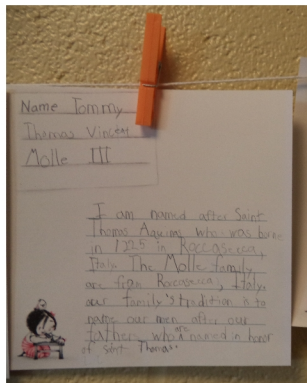
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## 2nd Graders Read & Learn About Name Origins & Family Trees

In November, 2nd grade library classes were asked to complete a rare homework assignment: ask your family about the origins of your name and illustrate your family tree. Most students completed the assignment, which has been on display in the library, with their work leading to a reading and discussion of the Caldecott Award winning picture book "Alma and How She Got Her Name" as well as an opportunity for kids to share their name origins and family tree information. Thanks to all the families who helped their students with this activity, it was a really fun & hopefully enlightening experience!



## 3rd Graders Enjoy Local Author Visit!

3rd grade library classes have been reading folktales from countries around the world, and in November enjoyed a visit from Unadilla author Polly Goldberg & illustrator Anne Offringa-Wood, both of whom recently published an old Russian folktale, "Masha and Natasha," from which they read. They discussed the origins of the story and its publication - look it up online!



What's up? Kindergarten & 1st grade library classes have enjoyed the books of Author of the Month Susan Verde, learning about the power of museums and artistic expression, while 4th grade library classes recently discussed the importance of Online Safety - ask them what they learned! And have you liked the Valleyview Library on Facebook? That's what's up!

## 5th Graders Begin "The Amazing Race!"

5th grade library classes have begun a unit based on the popular TV show "The Amazing Race," during which small groups race against each other to complete research challenges about various places around the globe, using Google Earth, Google Maps, tourism websites, weather.com, the World Book Encyclopedia online & more!

