

Check It Out!

The Senator John F. Kerry Library

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Making It in the Library



Ashley Bermudez proudly shows off her creation in the library's new Makerspace.

Ashley Bermudez, grade 12, recently had an opportunity to get creative in Dean's new Makerspace. A diesel technology student, Ashley successfully built the above structure using the K'nex Real Bridge Building Kit. This replica of the Sydney Harbour Arch helps bring STEAM concepts to life. The Real Bridge Building set is designed to assist students in their study of the history, function, structural design, geometry and strength of bridges.



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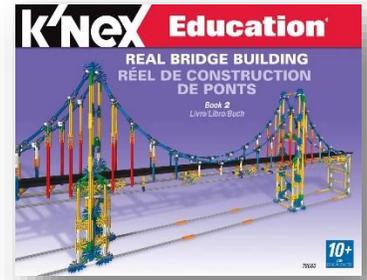
Andy Weir, author of the *New York Times* best-seller "The Martian," is serving as the national spokesperson for the 2017 celebration of School Library Month.

"In high school, I was the stereotypical nerdy, unpopular kid," said Weir. "I got bullied a lot, in no small part because I was a smart aleck. The school library became my sanctuary. It was the one place I could go without encountering the bullies who would harass and belittle me. ... I wouldn't be who I am without that little school library and the shelter it provided me."

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>

This was Ashley's first visit to the Makerspace and she hopes that "other students will uncover their inner creativity more often."

Ashley, a silver medal winner in the recent district competition at SkillsUSA in North Adams, will be traveling with three of her classmates to the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Competition in Marlborough. We wish them all the best of luck in their endeavors as they represent Dean!



The Dean Writing Center



When?

- ✓ Before school
- ✓ During school
- ✓ During lunch
- ✓ Office hours (Tuesdays) or
- ✓ Other days by prior arrangement

Teachers: Please have your students stop by the library and see me for help with editing and citations before they turn in their final papers or projects. They will see their grades improve and finish the year strong! I am also able to assist with resume writing and job and college applications.



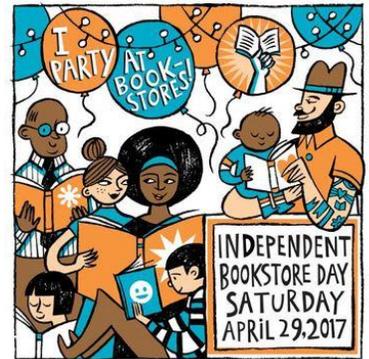
It's a Wrap!



Independent Bookstore Day

April 29, 2017

What is Independent Bookstore Day? Independent Bookstore Day is a one-day national party that takes place at indie bookstores across the country on the last Saturday in April. Every store is unique and independent, and every party is different. But in addition to authors, live music, cupcakes, scavenger hunts, kids events, art tables, readings, barbecues, contests, and other fun stuff, there are exclusive books and literary items that you can only get on that day. Not before. Not after. Not online. So, please, support your local bookstore while you still can.



<http://www.indiebookstoreday.com/>

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