



WHAT'S NEW AT GRIFFITH LIBRARY?

Do you have any questions about King Tut or Cleopatra or another famous pharaoh of Ancient Egypt? There are some experts in Grade Six who have the answers! Several classes have practiced their research skills in Griffith Library, gathering facts to write biographies of these important rulers from long ago.

The Griffith Library staff has been saying a warm "Hello and Welcome" to Grade Five classes, as they tour the library that they will use in Grades Six through Twelve. The fifth graders enjoyed a library story told by Dr. Kathy and then completed a Library Treasure Hunt Challenge. (Do you know how many zeros there are in a decillion? Dr. Kathy can show you a book with the answer!)

In October, Grade Nine students visited the library for a presentation about the Causes of the Russian Revolution. The discussion covered a range of topics including Ivan the Terrible and the historic day known as Bloody Sunday. Many pictures were on display, helping students to imagine what life was like for Russian serfs, and what Rasputin really looked like!

Miss Pik, one of the GL staff members, created a moving library display in honor of Princess Galyani Vadhana, on the occasion of the Royal Cremation Ceremonies. We all join the Thai people in mourning the loss of this great lady.



Congratulations Christie Powell!

Christie Powell, Coordinator of Curriculum and Professional Development has been selected to participate in the two-year UNDERSTANDING BY DESIGN (UbD) Training the Trainer program with Jay McTighe that is hosted by Singapore American School through partnership with EARCOS. The competition was among some of the best 100 educators in the region. This prestigious award acknowledges Christie's prior level of training and experience, her leadership abilities and her commitment to furthering her learning in the educational field. In addition, Christie had to make a commitment to two full years of participation in the program.

Christie is in her second year at RIS, is the mother of two of our Elementary RIS students, and enjoys many activities in Thailand, including participating in charity runs. We congratulate Christie on being selected to participate in UbD and thank her for joining our RIS/RIST team.