**LibraryWise: News and Notes from the Greenwood Reading Center**

 Happy Banned Book Week! Today, we recognize authors who ‘pushed the envelope’ with unpopular ideas or opinions. Samuel Clemens, AKA Mark Twain is an author both revered and banned in many institutions. His frank portrayal of the racism inherent to the time was as shocking as his ‘period correct’ language is today. Though people of color were routinely referred to by the ‘N’ word back then, it’s understandable that school libraries might not want books like Huckleberry Finn in their collections today! A more modern example of this would be the poetry books of Rupi Kaur, a woman who was born and raised in a part of the world where a woman’s worth is practically defined by her anatomy. Books like Milk and Honey, while speaking of her healing from the abuse she suffered and empowering to women who have suffered similarly, once again, not a great volume for pre-teen boys!

 Since we can’t say that the weather is really nice anymore, it’s time for the Wonder of Words book club to consider reconvening. If you would like to join us to discuss interesting reading, please let us know. Dates and times will be announced.

 Keep an eye out for details; we’re having a coloring contest next month!

 FAQs: Our hours are Monday 2:00-7:00pm, Tuesday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm, Wednesday 11:00am to 4:00pm. Homework Helpdesk is on Mondays. We have fax capabilities and can make copies for a small charge. Yes, you can find us on Facebook!