



## RMS

RMS Librarian Scot Smith moderated two panels at the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) annual symposium in Reno, Nevada on Friday, November 5. He moderated the virtual panel with authors Steve Sheinkin and Bethany C. Morrow as well as the live panel with authors Gretchen McNeil, Kimberly Jones, and Gilly Segal. Scot served as the chair of the symposium's Planning and Marketing Taskforce.

## ORHS

AP Physics students attended the University of Tennessee Engineer's Day events and competed in several events. The Quiz Bowl team came in second place, The Cup Stacking team won their competition. The Marshmallow Tower team came in third. Radiation Shielding team won third place and the Rocky Top Stand team won fourth.

The Business Academy had six more students earn one or more Microsoft Office Specialist certifications at the end of October.

The ORHS library saw a 51% increase in books checked out over 1st quarter 2019. While all areas of the library experienced an increase in circulation, the biggest gains came from the social sciences sections of nonfiction – specifically, books about philosophy, religion, mythology, social issues, and language. The two other areas with the largest increases were Graphic Fiction and Technology.

ORS students won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Oak Ridge Street painting festival. The theme of the competition was to honor the Scarboro 85.

Four students were selected to participate in the All East Tennessee Honor Choirs.

On October 26, the ORHS cross country team competed in the Region 2 Championship. Beatrice Shea qualified for the state meet by finishing in 20th place. The boys team qualified by finishing 3rd as a team. Manny Cruz finished 5th and Jack Biewer finished 13th to earn All- Region honors.

On November 4, the boys cross country team competed in the Tennessee State Cross Country Championship in Hendersonville. The boys finished 11th with 300 points in a loaded field.

Beatrice Shea also competed at the state meet for the 2nd time in her career finishing 107th in 21:14 on the 5k course.

# Good News



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## ORHS Continued

ORHS Social Studies teacher Aaron Pickering has published a paper, "Using *Victory in the Pacific* in the Classroom" in the fall 2021 edition of the journal *Education About Asia*.

Elisabeth Denisar came in second for the Community Heroes award sponsored by Lots Balloon Festival.