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Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

I want to share exciting news from our KAS Library. First, as you know we have a new Librarian this year, Ms. Shireen, as well as a new Library Assistant, Ms. Grace, both of whom are doing a wonderful job in making the Library such an inviting place for all our Library patrons: students, parents, and staff members. Congratulations on a great start to our school year!

We have begun our KAS Electronic-Library (known as our E-Library)! Our first set of 20 dedicated e-reader devices (in this case, Kindles) are here! The very first e-book in our KAS E-Library is The Red Pencil, an award-winning African young adult book by Andrea Davis Pinkney. Additional titles added to the E-Library in the last few weeks include:

## Literature

- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai: a Newbery award-winning book written as short free-verse poems about a Vietnamese family that immigrates to Alabama in the United States.
- The Complete Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling: these are the best-selling children's books in history, and among the best-selling books of all time, for a reason, namely they are extremely well written and tell a fabulous story.
- The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan, illustrated by Peter Sis: an American Library Association Notable Children's Book, it combines "elements

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A Plum Job or a Plum Role is considered to be one of the best and most important a person can have. During the 1600s the slang term in England for £1.000 was 'plum' in the same way as a 'monkey' is now £500 and a 'score' is £20. Back then £1.000 was a seriously large amount of money but it was the fixed amount some politicians received for certain government roles. This was considered by the average layman to be a vast sum of money for doing very little and these posts became known as 'plum jobs'. It is easy to see how this phrase caught on and is applied to this day to easy or privileged positions, although it is often used in admiration rather than the contempt the expression started with.

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