

# The PhilateliKid

**The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)**

**Collect Stamps (The Most Educational Hobby)**

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## **Yearbook Photos of Stamp collecting Club for Kids**



The 2016-2017 school year was a busy one for SCCFK with over 200 students joining the stamp club. The yearbook devoted over half a page for the above three photos taken during stamp club meetings. If you compare the top photo with the photo included in the June 1, 2017 *The Philatelikid* you will notice that the students in this photo are holding up the same Valentines. Last month's photo was of the first grade students on Valentine's Day, and the above photo is of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who were present on the same day. Because of the large number of participants, the stamp club meets every week in three stages: 1<sup>st</sup> grade; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The lower

left photo shows Robert and Linda Martin (standing) with Robert explaining to the students a stamp he is holding up. About half of the students are paying attention, but the rest are engrossed in their own stamp collecting endeavors, which is just fine!

The lower right photo shows what happens when there are more students than chairs in the library. Some have to stand up, but they do not ever seem to be bothered to have to do that.

## Specialty Fields in Stamp Collecting

Stamp collecting has just about as many specialty fields of collecting as it has stamp collectors. When a few decide to form a group for their specific specialty, they start to develop words, phrases, and abbreviations unique to their specialty. This can stump even seasoned collectors. Recently I ran across an abbreviation that I could not figure out. It was pvvp. After spending some time trying to guess, I decided to contact the author of the article. That was a bit of a challenge, but finally we were able to have a brief phone conversation, where he explained the meaning. See if you can guess what pvvp stands for. Mail or Email your guess to be received no later than July 25, 2017, and if you are correct, you will receive a free mint plate block of US stamps. Be sure to include your mail address. Email to Robert W. Martin at [MauiStampCollectorDude@gmail.com](mailto:MauiStampCollectorDude@gmail.com) or mail to Robert W. Martin, P.O. Box 1809, Kihei, Hawaii 96753-1809.

The answer will be published in the August 1<sup>st</sup> *The Philatelikid*.

## Total Eclipse of the Sun

On June 20, 2017, the USPS issued a stamp commemorating the upcoming total eclipse of the sun which will pass across the United States beginning in Salem, Oregon at 10:18 a.m. on August 21, 2017, and ending at 2:47 p.m. at Charleston, South Carolina. The stamp features what a total eclipse looks like when looking at the sun, **AND** also what the moon looks like from earth during a total eclipse. The really special aspect of this stamp is that the black ink which obliterates the sun, when



slightly heated **disappears**, and beneath the special “thermochromic” ink will appear the shadowy image of the moon. The heat from a person’s finger, when applied to the stamp, is sufficient to make the “thermochromic” ink disappear. To make it go back to being completely black, just put the stamp in your refrigerator or freezer for about 20 seconds! If you want some of these stamps, they are currently on sale at post offices, 16 stamps to a pane, costing \$7.84 for the pane of forever stamps.

What do you think? Thoughtful comments are welcomed and will be published, so please feel free to write! (150 words or less, please.) Mail it to Robert W. Martin, P.O. Box 1809, Kihei, Hawaii 96753-1809. It should be written as if the reader knows nothing about your topic, so beginners can understand it.

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