

Library News

BOOKS OF INTEREST:

Lucky (Latest Nicholas Sparks)
How to Give Effective Feedback to Your Students (Professional)
Brisingr (Popular with students)
Ask Me No Questions
 (October Munchies selection)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

National Gaming Day: Nov. 15
Book Fair: Nov. 7, 10 & 12
Sip 'n See #3: Dec. 8 @ 2:30-4pm

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Board Games for National Gaming Day on November 15

Gently used Fiction and Children's Books for the Class of 2011's Used Book Sale on December 13

Online Resources: Encyclopedias

The library's website pages are a great resource, both in and out of the building. Need resources for your lesson plan or your grad class? Look no further!

The library purchases a variety of encyclopedias and databases suited to many disciplines. This month's article will focus on the encyclopedias.

Generalities

These encyclopedias include *World Book*, *Britannica*, *Encyclopedia Americana*, *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia* and *The New Book of Knowledge*. All of these titles are great for general reference questions and research. Nearly all of these are also available in their print editions in the library.

Specialties

Encyclopedias that are for specific subjects include: *New Book of Popular Science* (science), *Lands and People* (country studies) and *Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos* (Spanish language).



Need Help?

The library is available to provide individual assistance to you in becoming more familiar with these encyclopedias. Lessons for your entire class may also be arranged with Fred.

Stop by the library to pick up a password sheet that will allow you access to the resources when away from school.

Please note: The Grolier products require you to set up your own account and password, which takes just a moment to do. Britannica requires a Maine library barcode for Marvel!.

Viewing Room

When was the last time that you had to preview a videotape and then remembered that you no longer have a VCR at home? The library has the answer! Across the hall from the library is the viewing room. Many forms of audiovisual equipment are housed there to provide both the staff and students the ability to

watch many formats of AV materials, including: slides, filmstrips, videos and DVDs. There are also video editing stations and an audio cassette dubbing machine. Finally, the room can be reserved on the daily pages of the equipment book in the library.

Curriculum Support

Library Collection

Curriculum support is provided by the library mainly through the library collection. The library purchases a variety of materials including books, videos/DVDs, audio books, and online resources.

Feel free to visit the library before planning your next assignment to become familiar with the resources that are available. Speak to Tricia if you need anything ordered that will enhance your teaching.

Book Carts

Book carts are another way that the library can support your curriculum needs. Whether you use the cart in the library or your classroom, you are guaranteed a selection of books that will fit your project to a T.

Our only requests for book carts from you: we need 48 hours notice to pull the cart together and the assignment sheet for the project so that we can tailor the cart specifically to your project.

“Book carts in the classroom can be an invaluable resource to support the curriculum.”

Student Events

Library Gaming Day

The library is hosting a Library Gaming Day event for students on Saturday, November 15 from 12-3pm. Games will be played in the senior locker area and will consist of classic board games, participation in the national Pictureka record challenge, and Super Smash Bros. Brawl on the Wii.

Have games that you no longer play at home? The library is willing to adopt games that are complete in

their pieces. Contact Tricia with donations or to assist at the event on November 15.

Book Fair

The library will be having a Scholastic book fair on November 7, 10 & 12.

Please let parents know that the fair will be open for the duration of Parent Conference night on November 12.

Staff Book Group

The library is pleased to offer staff the opportunity to join a book group, but with a twist—YA titles.

Much of what teens are reading today is bypassed by adults for a variety of reasons, including a lack of interest and time. As readers, we may get stuck in a rut reading the same authors and genres that we return to time and again. Step outside of your comfort zone and take a trip to YA land!

Interested? The first book for the group is Laurie Halse Anderson's *Speak*, a novel that “captures the harsh conformity of high-school cliques and one teen's struggle to find acceptance from her peers.” (*Booklist*, 09.15.99)

Copies of the book are available to check out now in the library. The meeting date for the staff group will be Tuesday, December 16 in the library at 2:30.