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Upcoming Events
in your library

- National Poetry Month
- Math Education Month
- Sol Testing
- June Lead Fairfax Reception



Book Talks are all the talk around Holmes

Booktalks!

We've had a great turnout of classes coming down for Booktalks this year but we've taken promoting our books to a new level by using web 2.0 tools. We've been using podcasts, voicethreads, blogs and wikis to talk about books. Mrs. C's booktalks (www.mcbytes.com) is linked on our library website. Here we preview some of our best new books using podcasts and voicethread with the help of Mr. Ledesma. We have also established an active blog on the HMS Media Center blackboard site. Our

Book Blog discussions have brought out some great conversations with our students and we've awarded 3 students Blogger of the Month prizes for the comments they've posted. We're always looking for student reviewers and podcasters and encourage them to contribute as well.

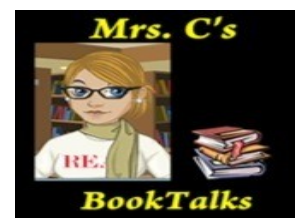
Professional Development

Mrs. Carmenates:

Continues to attend monthly STAC meetings.

Presented at Fall Secondary Librarians in-service, conducted podcasting workshops.

Presented with Mr. Ledesma at Internet East conference in



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Crystal City.

Presented with Librarians from Annandale and Poe at the Fall IB articulation day.

Hosted library practicum student.

Host student from Office of Career and Transition Services.

Mrs. Rumberger:

Attended Ecole Basics, Reports, Item Maintenance & iBistro training.

New in Our Professional Library

Arrived March 19, 2009

Library Blogging by Karen A. Coombs

Making the Most of the WEB in your Classroom by Timothy D. Green, Abbie Brown & LeAnne Robinson

Classroom Blogging by David F. Warlick

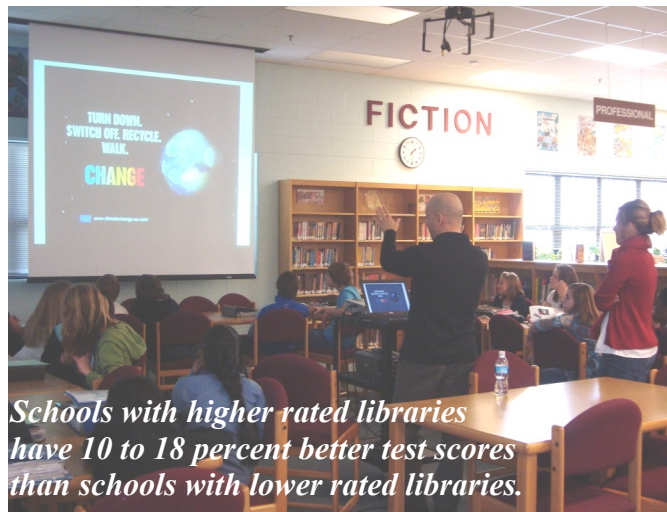
Research has shown that when teachers, library media specialists and technology specialists collaborate, students reap the benefits. One of the key ingredients to a successful library media program is a collaborative relationship with classroom teachers. Let's work together to increase our students' test scores! This quarter **Ms. Goble's 7th grade** English classes improved their research skills while working on their MESH project. This cross curricular assignment asked students to become experts on different facets of the Chesapeake Bay's health. Student's researched their

topic using both print and online sources. They learned how to take good notes and cite their sources. Students presented their findings to their classmates, teachers and parents in the lecture hall.

If you'd like to collaborate stop by the library anytime or visit the Virginia Dept. of Education website for more ideas and information at: <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/OET/library.shtml>

MESH Projects

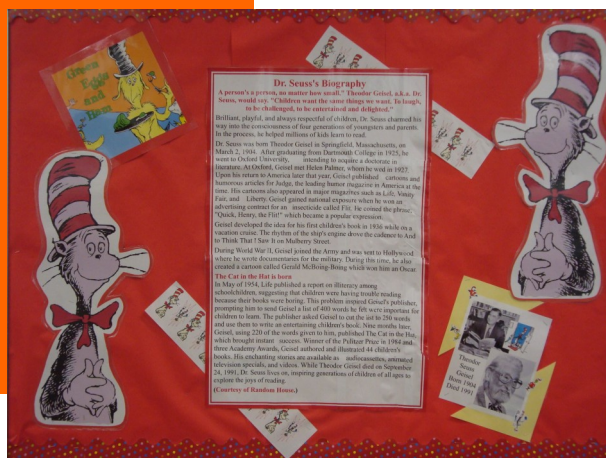
(Math, English, Science, History)



Schools with higher rated libraries have 10 to 18 percent better test scores than schools with lower rated libraries.

Lance, Keith Curry. *Libraries and Student Achievement: The importance of school libraries for improving student test scores.* Threshold Magazine, Winter 2004, p.8-9.

March Bulletin Board Story/Dr. Seuss



Who was Dr. Seuss? His real name was Theodor Geisel. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on March 2, 1904. Every year on March 2 we celebrate "Read Across America Day" in honor of Mr. Geisel a.k.a. Dr. Seuss. Our bulletin board in the

library was decorated in honor of this author with a biography about his life and accomplishments. Students were able to read about the man who wrote the books they have all read growing up like The Cat In The Hat.



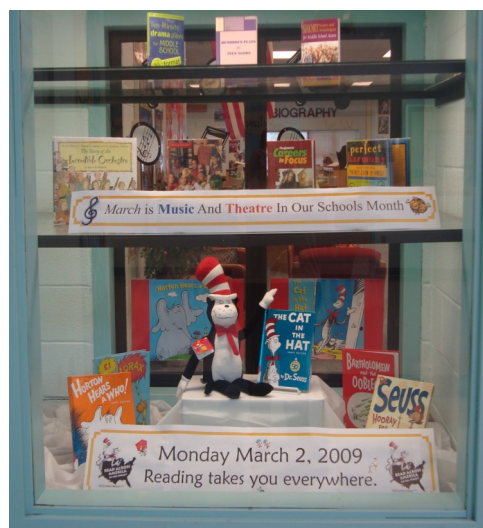
Our Window on the Month

The Library display case welcomes the students, faculty, staff and visitors every month with themes and books of noteworthy events.

This year so far we have had books representing Hispanic American Heritage Month, Teen Read Week Native American Heritage Month, Election Day, Thanksgiving, Lin-

coln's and Washington Birthday, Music and Theatre in our schools and Dr. Seuss. Stop and look when you pass by for Arbor & Earth Day and Math and Poetry Month in April.

Art is the window to man's soul. Without it, he would never be able to see beyond his immediate world; nor could the world see the man within.
Claudia Johnson



Fall “Books with Bite” Book Fair

Holmes Middle School celebrated Teen Read Week this year by holding our Spook-tacular Book Fair. The fair was held from October 12-18 and was open to students to browse and purchase a book before school, during lunch and after school on late bus days. We also had one evening when our librarian made the sale available to parents and students.

The Scholastic Book Company provided the books for sale. There were books on hand from many authors and subjects. This sale was a great success and netted the library with over \$1,100 of new books for our students to use and enjoy.

Plans are in the works to hold another sale next year at the same time with many new and exciting titles.



Book selections for sale were available in fiction, non-fiction, graphic

HMS Library a Hub of Activity

The HMS Media Center is definitely a hub of activity. In addition to weekly and quarterly check out, we have had a great deal of classroom use this year. The **ESOL department** worked with **Mrs. Carmenates** on a unit of library and research skills for their VGLA portfolios. They came every Monday and worked hard to become savvy information experts. **Ms. Smith** and **Ms. Parks** also participated in these activities that allowed the students to locate, evaluate and use the different resources in our library. **Ms. D'Angelo's** social studies class investigated various sources of information and nonfiction text structure while studying the Prohibition/Reformist era.

We also enjoyed working with **Ms. Eddinger's** 6th graders as they researched composers. The students reviewed the research process and learned to use the GALE Biography Resource database. **Mr. Clark's** drama students also became familiar researching on databases while working on scripts for their historical newscasts. **Ms. Johnson's** 6th grade class collaborated with **Mr. Ledesma** to create a wiki based on the book *Weasel*.

We've had several classes involved in research projects in the library. These collaborative lessons help our students with vital information literacy skills. These have included **Mr. Hill** and **Mrs. Patton's** science classes researching energy, **Ms. Boyce** and **Ms. Tobey's** language arts students conducted a reference resource scavenger hunt; **Ms. Lucas's** 7th graders researched topics related to the novels, *Red Scarf Girl* and *Farewell to Manzanar*. **Ms. Larigakis's** students used print and electronic resources to research a famous person from their social studies course and created a PowerPoint presentation.



Picturing America Award Recipient

From: The National Endowment for the Humanities

Holmes Middle School was the recipient of twenty pictures from The National Endowment of the Humanities program called Picturing America. This program was created to give schools showpieces of American Art. Through this program and our new art

gallery in the library we hope our students, faculty, staff and parents will enjoy this display of historical art.

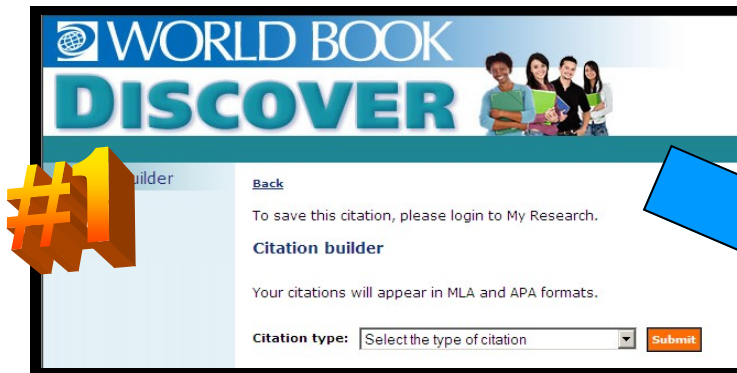
Watch our gallery change as we display new pictures throughout the year.



Mr. L's Technology Hints

This Month's Topic: Citations in 3 Easy Steps

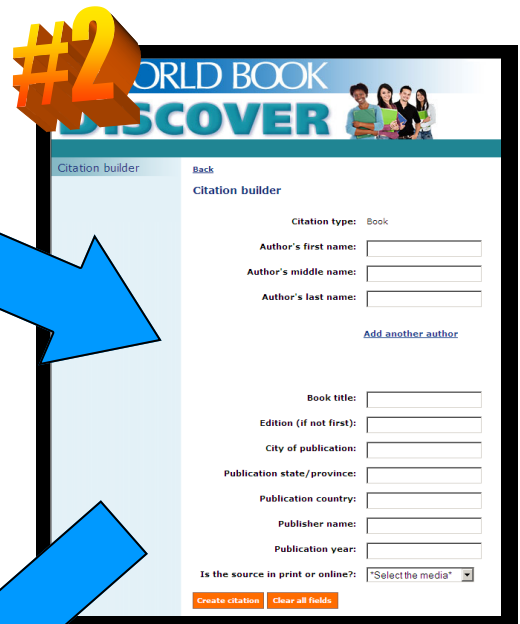
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