

Bits from Bradford

Fall 2008

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Since the start of school in September, The Bradford Library has been up and running. We have been very busy with class visits, resource students, events and activities. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep faculty and staff informed of the many resources and services available through our busy library. Enjoy!

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Falling for Books

The Lunch Club

Bradford Library is proud to announce the return of our Student Book Club. The Club is primarily run by students, the students chose the name, The Lunch Club, elected officers and chose their first book selections. The Lunch Club meets once a week during all three lunches for general book discussion, and will meet once a month to discuss the specific titles voted upon. The first three titles chosen are

Atonement by Ian McEwan

I am the Messenger by Marcus Zusak

Evernight by Claudia Gray

Students can read one, two or all three book choices. The Lunch Club has already met two times and has had great participation. If you have read any of these books and would like to join us for discussion, come to the library Thursday, November 20th during your regularly scheduled lunch.

Falling for Books (cont.)

The Book Nook

The Book Nook is a new feature in the teachers room. The primary goal of the Book Nook is to facilitate literary discussion and relay current literary news and library announcements. We also have a feature on the Book Nook bulletin board called "Staff Pick of the Week." Each week a different staff member chooses a favorite title to be featured. We always need new Staff Picks so if you have one, please feel free to bring it by the library.

Faculty/Staff Book Club

The Faculty/Staff Book Club met in October to discuss the novel *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. We will meet on Monday, December 8th at 3:00pm in the library to discuss *The Given Day* by Dennis Lehane. Please join us for this book discussion, all faculty and staff are welcome.

Library Trivia

Under which President's administration was the White House Library created?

Pen names of famous Authors

Do you know the real identity of these two authors?

Richard Bachman?

Jeffery Hudson?

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Library Stats (September & October)

Total Class Visits	97
Social Studies	29
Foreign Language	10
Science	9
Math	8
Special Needs	12
ESL/ELL	6
Career & Tech Programs	8
Guidance	5
Business & Electives	4
New Start	3
English	3
Study/Lunch Students	1556
Materials Checked Out	274

For Teachers

**Check out these
library resources!**

Web Sites

www.thinkfinity.org – This amazing site offers free lesson plans, homework help and professional development. Did we mention that it's free??

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/> - This site provides multimedia standards-based resources and professional development for America's educators.

For Teachers (cont.)

Books

Reading and Writing Poetry with Teenagers by Fredric Lown

Canon: A Whirligig Tour of the Beautiful Basics of Science by Natalie Angier

Global Warming and Climate Change by Emma Carlson Berne

Shakespeare: The World as Stage by Bill Bryson

Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States

Icons of Business: An Encyclopedia of Mavericks, Movers, and Shakers by Kateri M. Drexler

Databases

We have access to several outstanding databases including Biography Resource Center, Educator's Reference Center and Grolier Online. If you are interested in learning more about this resource, or would like to schedule a class visit to explore further how these databases can help your student's research, please see Ms. Tierney in the library.

