



# MEDIA NEWS

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*Thought for the Month*  
*If you really want to allow another person to shine, ask them a question – and then truly listen while they answer.*  
*... Because none of us is complete we all need one another.*

*Joan Chittister The Monastic Way May, 06*

Dear Teachers and Staff,

Happy New Year! Here we are into a new year again and seven years into the new millenium. Second quarter is almost ended and exams are less than two weeks away. Time truly passes quickly, but lets take time to celebrate at the end of this month our life's chosen work of serving the children of a Catholic school. May God bless you and keep you in 2007 and in your acceptance in answering the Father's call to teach His children.

Sharon

## Circulation and Service November-December, 2006

Books and Media: 241 books and media

Service: Students: 571  
Teachers: 135

Inter Library Loans: Requester 1 ---- Responder 5

(All types of media can be borrowed from other PA libraries; you need only give me a few days to process and receive your requests. Search the ACCESS PA database on the OPACs for these items.)

**Please help me promote use of the library and reading. I can't do it without your help.**



## Power Point Workshop

Thanks to Matt Reber and the teachers who attended the Power Point workshop on November 29, 2006. In just one hour, Matt gave us a quick survey into how we could put technology to good use in our classrooms. If you would like to get together again to apply some the techniques that we learned, please let Matt or I know and we can arrange some after school lab time and help. Power Point is a great tool, but you need to take the time to "get your feet wet". P.S. I still need the ACT 48 ID number for some of you, so that I can turn in the list to Mr. Ward for your hour of credit.

## LIBRARY WEB PAGES AND LINKS

As I mentioned in the November newsletter, the SJNRA library is going to have its own Web pages. This has been a dream of mine for almost five years, so I am really excited about it! The pages are almost complete and will be launched soon on the SJNRA Web site. Hopefully it is a place that your will visit often, as I have included many helpful links that you can use to expand your lessons or pick up new ideas. I will update the pages often with new materials and links. If you have any suggestions, I would certainly welcome them. A sampling of the site is forth coming at one of our Teacher's meetings, so stayed tuned!

## BITS AND PIECES

- "Young people must be taught by responsible, concerned adults to be cyber-savvy... Teens are frequently unaware that chat rooms are often the most dangerous online locations a person can visit." These are words taken from a recent Virtus program. The article went on to say, "Youth of today need technology-conscious adults to teach them how to make smart choices about whom and what they will find when visiting the Internet." Virtus suggested that as teachers we need to sit down with students and ask them to take us on a tour of the Internet and the electronic communication world they know. So keep your ears open as you listen to students talk about the Internet. Bring them into the library for a "tour" if you have doubts about what they are viewing. It's our duty as educators to try and keep them safe.
- **Wikipedia Challenge Continued** - Time Magazine noted in a recent article that one particular person alone has written between 2000 and 3000 Wikepedia articles and edited roughly 92,000 others. Again, please warn students about the total validity of this fluid site.



- **Two New EBSCO Databases** are now available on POWER Library. The Office of Commonwealth Libraries and Access Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the addition of EBSCO's LISTA (Library, Information Science & Technology) and Teacher Reference Center (TRC) databases to POWER Library. The TRC index contains over 260 titles from the most popular teacher and administrator trade journals, periodicals and books. The database provides coverage on key education topics such as, Assessment, Continuing Education, Current Pedagogical Research, Curriculum Development and much more. You can access these databases here at Neumann by going to POWER Library and then on the EDUCATION heading you will find a link to LISTA or TRC.

### FREE WEB SITES

Here are some links from a recent Cable in the Classroom magazine.

#### Civil Rights and Martin Luther King Day:

MLK Online [www.mlkonline.net](http://www.mlkonline.net) - Biographical information, video and audio clips, images and speeches on/about Martin Luther King.

Teacher's Domain Civil Rights Collection  
[www.teachersdomain.org](http://www.teachersdomain.org) – A collection of archival news footage, primary sources and interviews that capture the civil rights movement.

#### Science:

The Climate Code with Dr. Heidi Cullen  
[www.weatherclassroom.com/climatecode.php](http://www.weatherclassroom.com/climatecode.php) – Interactive map showcases three of the world's weather hot spots.

Human Body Atlas  
[www.health.discovery.com/tools/blausen/blausen.html](http://www.health.discovery.com/tools/blausen/blausen.html) – Interactive 3D atlas of the human body organized by body systems. Includes videos, photos, illustrations and more.



### NEW BOOKS AT SJNRAL

Thanks to Msgr. Castellano's gift certificate for Borders, the library was able to purchase the following titles:

Essays by George Orwell

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare by William Shakespeare

Eva Underground: a novel by Dandi Daley Mackall In 1978, a high school senior is forced by her widowed father to move from their comfortable Chicago suburb to help with an underground education movement in Communist Poland.

The Queen's Soprano by Carol Dines Seventeen year-old Angelica Voglia lives in seventeenth-century Rome and has the voice of an angel, but because the pope forbids women to sing in public, she must escape to Queen Christina's palace to become a court singer.

Anastasia: the Last Grand Duchess by Carolyn Meyer A novel in diary form in which the youngest daughter of Tsar Nicholas II describes the privileged life her family led up until the time of World War I and the tragic events that befell them.

Eleanor: Crown Jewel of Aquitaine by Kristiana Gregory The diary of Eleanor, first daughter of the Duke of Aquitaine, from 1136 until 1137, when at age fifteen she becomes queen of France, includes historical notes on her later life.

Three other new titles that have been added to the library are from the "It's Your Health" series. One of these titles were also donated to SJNRA Library.

158.1 POW – Self-Esteem by Jillian Powell Book discusses how self-esteem can affect our health, our career decisions, our relationships, and the way we deal with problems, such as bullying or peer pressure.

613.7 GOO - Exercise by Beverley Goodger Featured in this book are scientific facts and statistics about exercise. Author also explains that being fit makes the body better able to fight disease and improves our quality of life well into old age.

613.2 REE – Eating Properly by Jonathan Rees Author relates scientific facts about eating properly and explains that eating the right food keeps us healthy and helps protect our bodies from disease.

