

# MEDIA NEWS

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High School Campus



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Jesus, give us a spirit of creativity in sharing the gospel with our students and each other. Show us how we can use everyday events of life to make you known. Help us to meet people where they are, so that all may grow closer to you.

Adapted from The Word Among Us

Dear Teachers:

It's the end of the 2006-2007 school year! Every year seems to go faster than the year before. Maybe it is my age catching up with me.

Hope all of you have a nice relaxing summer. It has been a challenging year and we all deserve the warm sunny days to re-coop and refresh ourselves. A good way to do this is with a good read. Enjoy all those exciting books you have put aside for the times when you can really enjoy them. If you wish to share your thoughts about your books, please feel free to put a "review" on the SJNRA library web page. It is not just for the students, teachers can participate, too.

God Bless All of You,  
Sharon

## Circulation and Service

March – April 2007

Books and Media: 234

Service: Students: 1025

Teachers: 170

Inter Library Loans: (To date)

Requester: 3 ----- Responder: 16

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 from ACCESS PA.

## End-Of-The-Year-Thoughts

It is difficult each year to get back all the library books that have been borrowed. PLEASE help me with this process by handing out the overdue slips and encouraging the students to return their books quickly. This might mean writing a pass for them to go to their lockers. Also remind the students that in the morning they can hand them in at the office and the secretaries will put their returns in my mailbox.

Along this same line, as I have started my inventory for this year I have already come up with several items

missing. Please check your book shelves as you prepare them for summer break, and turn in any volumes students might have left in your room. As I get closer to the end of the inventory, I will try to give you a list of titles that are missing. I would appreciate your help you can give me in tracing them down. Thanks!

## BITS AND PIECES

**Audio Visual Catalog** – Several teachers have asked me for a paper catalog that lists all the audio visuals that are available in the library. They wanted to have it close at hand when they were planning their lessons at home. Since the card catalog is not able to be searched through the library web page, I made up and folder for those who wanted one, listing all the AV software that I have cataloged through the library. I will update it as new items are added. If you would like one of these folders for your use at home, please let me know and I will put one in your mailbox.

### Power Library Updates:

Oxford Reference Online has updated its Premium Collection to include the following new titles: "The Oxford Dictionary of Rhymes", "The Oxford Dictionary of Genetics" "The Oxford Companion to Ships and the Sea" and "The Encyclopedia of Mammals". Also "The Oxford Dictionary of Chemistry" includes a new interactive Periodic Table. Simply click on any element in the table and it takes you directly to that entry in the dictionary.

**Young Adult Book Discussing Guides** -- NoveList includes discussion guides for book clubs and community reads. The guides provide:

- Information about the author.
- A summary of the book
- Possible questions and answers to get discussion

going

- A list of titles for further reading

**Consumer Health Complete** from EBSCO is a comprehensive resource for consumer-oriented health content and is now available in POWER Library. "It is designed to support patients' information needs and foster an overall understanding of health-related topics." Some areas that would support our curriculum are diseases, drugs & alcohol, fitness, and health topics.

### Preventing Plagiarism

Attached to this newsletter is an article which appeared in the magazine Cable in the Classroom May 2007 entitled "Preventing Plagiarism." The author mentions within the article that she encourages students to use "Noodle Tools" ([www.noodletools.com](http://www.noodletools.com)) to create their bibliographies. This site and several others are listed on the Library Web page under "Research Helps". You might suggest these links to a student who is having difficulty learning to cite their sources properly. Hopefully we can budget for "Turnitin" next year, and use it as a teaching tool, but notice that the author has some reservations about this program.

Would anyone be interested in the book Ban Those Bird Units: 15 Models for Teaching and Learning in Information-rich and Technology-rich Environments? I will purchase the book for the Professional Library if there are teachers who would like to read it. Let me know about this or any other titles that you think would prove helpful. I would like to expand the professional shelf with some new and useful resources.

### Free Web Sites

These interesting sites were mentioned in the May edition of Cable in the Classroom.

**Science & Space Interactive Library** – ([edition.cnn.com/tech/space/interactive.archive](http://edition.cnn.com/tech/space/interactive.archive)) This CNN archive features 3D tours of space shuttles, probes & planets. It also takes a look at black holes, comets and space gear. Space-exploration timeline is included.

### Mammal Guide –

([animal.discovery.com/guides/mammals/mammals.html](http://animal.discovery.com/guides/mammals/mammals.html)) Guide helps students explore the life cycles, habitats and behavior of mammals around the globe.

### Get Healthy – ([www.foodnetwork.com/food.If\\_health](http://www.foodnetwork.com/food.If_health))

Get a low-cholesterol eating guide, fat and calorie calculator and healthy recipes along with other nutrition-related information on this healthful site.

### New Titles at SJNRA Library

If you would like to take any of our new titles home to read during the summer, please come and browse and check them out. I think we were able to add some fine new literature for the students to read and some exciting DVD for the teachers. Note: this is only a partial list.

613.2 REE Eating Properly (Rees)

158.1 POW Self-esteem (Powell)

B TOL J.R.R. Tolkien: Master of Imaginary Worlds

B LEW C.S. Lewis: Chronicler of Narnia (Wade)

346.7304 GOR Downloading Copyrighted Stuff from the Internet: Stealing or Fair Use? (Gordon)

371.5 WIN Bullying: How to Deal with Taunting, Teasing and Tormenting (Winkler)

808 FRA Other People's Words: What Plagiarism is and How to Avoid It (Francis)

F RIN Nine Days a Queen (Rinaldi) Lady Jane Grey, who at sixteen was Queen of England for nine days before being executed, recounts her life story from the age of nine.

SC WHA What Are You Afraid Of? Presents ten short stories by well-known authors featuring teenagers with phobias, including fear of gaining weight, fear of clowns, and fear of cats.

DVD B ROO FDR Years of Crisis

DVD 133.4 SAL Salem Witch Trials

DVD B ELI Elizabeth I the Virgin Queen

DVD 297 ISL Islam Empire of Faith