

MEDIA NEWS

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Learning: Powered by Your School Library

Prayer Thought

Father, here I am today, ready to serve you. I am willing to put aside my agenda to fulfill yours. My ears and my heart are open. Help me to hear your voice.

The Word Among Us Aug 22, 2007

Dear Teachers:

I can't believe that this is the start of my tenth year here at Neumann! The library has really changed during the past ten years and the student and teachers' use of the library has changed too. When I came there were four computers plus the circulation server. The circulation program was installed but never used. We had one computer that was attached to the phone line with a dial-up modem. If there were too many calls coming into the office, it would not work and if a student did happen to get on to the Internet, it took forever to load up any information. With our high speed Internet lines all this has changed!

There is still much to be done, keeping a library is an on going process. I feel we have made some great strides and with your help we will continue to improve our facility and its use. Collaborating with each other on assignments and using the library for your classes sends a message to the students. Libraries, books and reading are important tools and skills they will need for the rest of their lives. I am sure you will understand why I like the following quote from Harold Howe, former U.S. Commissioner of Education. "What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it thinks about education." Let me serve you, so that together we can serve God's children.

Sincerely,
Sharon

Circulation and Service

August 2006-July 2007

Books and Media: 1229 (Down from 1870 in 2005-06)

Service: Average of 400 student/teachers per month
(Down 50/month from 2005-06)

Inter Library Loans:

Requester: 3 ----- Responder: 18

Let's stress reading again this year! Our example and encouragement certainly has an effect on our circulation and students' reading habits.

BITS AND PIECES

- **Statistics:** Fiction was the most popular material type checked out last year along with Biography and History. We have 6897 holdings with a total value of \$129,187.58. That amounts to an average of \$ 20.34 per book/media. Let's put this valuable collection to good use!
- **Channel One News:** With Sr. de Mont fort's help, Channel One News will be turned on each morning during homeroom. It is an excellent way to "calm" students down for the beginning of their school day and also to connect them to the current happenings in their world. So plug in those TVs and open up this opportunity to your homeroom class. Please let me know if your TV monitor is not working properly.
- **Channel One Tapings:** I will continue to do nightly tapings off of Channel One if you are interested. The menu cards should be arriving this week, check off the programs you desire to be taped and return the card to my mailbox. You will be notified when your video is taped.
- **POWER Library Updates:** We received notice in June from Access PA that citation formats are now available in EBSCOhost (Magazine databases). EBSCO has updated the MLA and APA citation formats to conform to the latest guidelines available. Extensive help in citing sources is also available within the database and just a click away.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Access PA Fall Workshop is Thursday September 27, 2007. I will be out of the building that day.
 - Scholastic Book Fair October 22-26 – The Library Web page will carry information about the fair and will give a link to a list of the titles that will be in the book sale. We will also have a used book sale in February. Save your old books to put in this sale!

Bits and Pieces (cont.)

- Teen Read Week - October 14-20, 2007
- October 22, 2007 is International School Library Day and the theme is: "Learning: Powered by Your School Library".

Cable in the Classroom Magazine

The July/August edition of this title had a great summarizing article about the next generation of web tools. If you are like me, maybe you have heard of things like "Blogs" and Wikis" but you are not sure what they are all about. This article, which I have attached to this newsletter, will bring you up to date. This issue of "Cable" also carries information on how to put these tools to good use in the classroom. Look for this attachment in the next Media News.

Standards:

I hope to put the Information Literacy Standards that I am stressing with the 7th Grade library students in the Media News each month. For September we will be concentrating on Standard I: The student who is information liberate accesses information efficiently and effectively

Study Hall Procedure: Students will again be asked this year to sign up to use the library at the office window in the morning. They can also sign up in the library for the following day. If a student has not signed up ahead of time they may only make a quick visit of 20 minutes. At present, We have 12 students for study M, T, Th, and F at H period. I also have 7th grade library skills at F period Quarters 1 & 2. This will limit the amount of students that the library can handle at these periods. Please limit extras to one at a time.

I will try to be in the library at 11:00 each day and plan on eating my lunch there on most days. Know that if the light is on and the door open, the students are most welcome to come in to do research or look for a book.

New Titles at SJNRA Library

646.7 PAC Wise Higs: How to Thrill, Chill and Get Away from It All Without Alcohol or Other Drugs

577.8 BIO Biomes of the Earth 10 volume set

973.7 HUD Encyclopedia of the Underground Railroad

909.07 WIE The Medieval and Early Modern World

973.8 REC Reconstruction

959.704 CAP 10,000 Days of Thunder: a History of the Vietnam War (Caputo)

940.53 OPP Dear Miss Breed: True Stories of the Japanese American Incarceration...

F ADO Jimi and Me (Jaime Adoff) Keith James goes through a lot of psychological and emotional pain when his father is gunned down at a convenience store in Brooklyn. Author is the son of the late children's author Virginia Hamilton and poet Arnold Adoff.

F KAD Weedflower (Cynthia Kadohata) This is the story of 12-year-old Sumiko, an U.S. born Japanese-American living in California in the days just prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. After the Japanese attack, Sumiko and her family and neighbors are moved with other Japanese to an internment camp in Arizona where they must spend their days until the end of World War II.

