



MEDIA NEWS

Saint John Neumann Regional Academy
High School Campus

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Learning: Powered by Your School Library

Meditative Prayer

Lord, let me hear your voice! Show me the plans and purpose you have for me today. I want to live no longer for myself, but only for you!

The Word Among Us 4/26/08

Dear Teachers and Staff:

This is my last Media News for this year and this is also the final issue. I will be retiring from SJNRA as soon as I have accomplished all my professional duties and the library is in the order I would like it to be in when I pass it on to my successor.

As I said in my resignation letter, my years here at SJNRA “have been filled with blessings of all sizes and descriptions.” Right at the top of the list is the love and friendship I shared with all of you. I hope I served you well, I tried hard, but I know at times I did not give you my best nor did I ask the best of you. Know that I am deeply sorry and ask your forgiveness.

All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers, as I hope I will be in yours. My decision is not an easy one, but it is a leap of faith in the Lord. I humbly ask Him to show me where next I can serve Him.

Love, peace & joy in and through Christ Jesus,
Sharon

Circulation and Service

	Feb.	Mar.	April
<u>Books and Media:</u>	164	163	204
<u>Service:</u>			
Students	595	792	773
Teachers	63	51	90

Inter Library Loans: (To date)

Requester: 1 ----- Responder: 13

New Books Added: 217

Total Collection: 7030

Value of the collection: \$ 130,000

BITS AND PIECES

IRC:

Ten over-committed students and one moderator called it quits early this year. “Hodge Podge” decided that they did not want to participate in the “Battle of the Books if they could not “do their best” to represent SJNRA. I am proud of their commitment to excellence.

New Book Titles:

We have added some great books to the collection this year and I want to thank Gina & Oakley Turner, once again, for the wonderful new titles they gave us from Harper. Alumna Sarah Kaufman brought in two bags of books and Joanne Engle donated some real treasures. The Scholastic Book Fair and IRC titles were two other sources of some interesting fiction and nonfiction. Finally, a memorial fund from the Lockridge Family was used to purchase two new titles to support the Theology curriculum. We are grateful to everyone for this gift of reading!

Access PA Updates

Nove List: Access Pa is pleased to announce the addition of Nove List Plus and Nove List Plus K-8 to the POWER Library suite of databases. Both of these additions are readers’ advisory resources for nonfiction. The original Nove List and Nove List K-8 are fiction databases. These four helpful tools will allow teachers to select materials for readers of all ages. Other features of this superior database is “Working with Kids” (curriculum based articles); Grab & Go Book Lists and Book Discussion Guides; 750 Book Talks covering a wide variety of subjects and Lexile scores for proper selection of appropriate reading levels. CHECK IT OUT, YOU WILL BE DELIGHTED!

Digital Repository: While you are on the Access PA web site, you might check out its ever-expanding Digital Repository. Libraries across the Commonwealth are scanning and digitizing their historical collections of newspapers and photos and sharing them with the world. I found it clever that I could use the “cutting” tool and actually “cut out” the section of the newspaper that I was interested in and increase it’s size so I

could read it clearly and even print the article for use with my classes if need be.

Attachments:

Stapled to this newsletter are two interesting items that I ran across in my professional reading. One is an article I found in *Edutopia* entitled "Copy Wrongs: Know What You Can and Can't Download for the Classroom". Over the years I have played the part of the "copyright" police, but it is an important issue not only for our students but for teachers as well. The article gives some suggestions on how to comply with the law and still accomplish your classroom goals. It also recommends going to the Smart Technologies web site (<http://education.smarttech.com>) to access the *Global Grid for Learning* tool box of over a million pieces of copyright clear digital information for teachers to use. If you are interested, the URL is listed at the bottom of the handout.

Also attached, is a fun web site called *Make Beliefs Comix* (www.makebeliefscomix.com) where students and teachers can compose their own comic strips. With graphic novels being such a hit these days, students will love sharing your lesson topics this way. I made up a "sample" to show you how it works.

2008 Summer Reading List

The Summer Reading List will be added to the library web page as soon as the Web Master walks me through the process. If there are any teachers, besides those in the English Department, who would like to post a reading list, please let me know ASAP.



New Titles at SJNRA Library

Here are some of the fiction and nonfiction titles we have added to the library collection this past month:

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo II

Politically Correct Bedtime Stories

The Constitution and the Founding of America

The Artist's Tools

Art Conservation

Narn i chin Hurin: the Tale of the Children of Hurin

Enter Three Witches: a Story of Macbeth

A Thief in the House of Memory

Pictures of Hollis Woods

The Secret Life of Bees

The Teacher's Funeral: a Comedy in Three Parts

When My Name was Keoko

Santa Cruise: a Holiday Mystery at Sea

Book Give-Away!

The storage room across from the library has boxes and boxes of books in it that I was going to put out for a used book sale. Help to run the sale was scarce so I decided to cancel it. Now that I am leaving, I want to clean up my mess! With Mr. Kurzejewski's blessing, I have decided to give the books away. During the last two week of school, starting right after Memorial Day, I will set these books out in the library for your taking. The students may "shop" the final week, so get in early for the best selection. All remaining titles will be given to St. Ann's Used Book Sale in June. If someone else would like to take charge of them and have a sale of their own, **speaK now, or forever hold your peace!**