



## Great Lakes Media Center News

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### ALL BOOKS DUE MAY 26<sup>th</sup>

All library books are due Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. This would give library staff approximately two weeks to hunt down checked out books. Teachers, please see me if you or your students need books later than this date. Special arrangements can be made.

### NEWS FROM REMC

- **REMC VHS Tapes Services Ending**

The REMC VHS video collection with delivery to schools will end on June 30. REMC should be contacting each teacher who used a video regularly to see if they will need that title in the future. If so, REMC will purchase a copy for their school. REMC is continuing to look at providing digital video services through *unitedstreaming* and have begun to look at other providers and sources of digital videos as well.

- **REMC Catalog**

As you are putting together orders for next year, remember to check prices in the REMC catalog (which can be accessed online at <http://www.remc.org/bids/>). In many cases, these state-wide bids can save you money which is especially important in these days of "tightening" budgets. Remember -- orders can be sent directly to the vendor--- they do not need to be sent to REMC first!

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

Teachers are welcome to check out any of the new (or old) professional development *books or journals* (SocialEducation, Science Scope, Voices from the Middle) over the summer. Stop by the library to take a look!

Also, if you are interested in *technology workshops* this summer - take a look at the Regional Technology Academy (RTA). Workshops will be hosted at Livingston ESA and Howell High School, as well as several ISDs and schools from July 24 to August 3, 2006. RTA is open and most workshops are FREE for ALL EMPLOYEES of Public and Non-Public Schools and Intermediate School Districts in Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, and Shiawassee counties. For more information and a list of classes go to: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/inghamisd/cw/showcat.asp?54>

*Classes* are also offered for all Michigan Educators through the ATA Technology Academy. Courses will be offered at Grandville High School, University of Michigan-Flint, Genesee ISD, and Wayne State University. Find more information at: <http://ataacademy.org/>

### WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

*Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE)*

More than 30 Federal agencies formed a working group in 1997 to make hundreds of federally supported teaching and learning resources easier to find. The result of that work is the FREE web site. Each month new [teaching and learning resources](#) from Federal agencies are added to FREE. Go to [www.ed.gov/free/](http://www.ed.gov/free/).

## SUMMER READING

**Students**, please *read* over the summer! Studies show that students who *read* improve their school performance in all areas. Check out the summer reading list or other book lists available at the Book Lists link from the Media Center homepage. ([www.howellschools.com/~3fmedia/booklists.html](http://www.howellschools.com/~3fmedia/booklists.html)). The summer reading list includes a breadth of genres and reading levels. If you have ideas for books which are not on the list... great!! The important thing is to *read*.

**Teachers**, the NEA has a great article “Rejuvenate with Summer Booklists: Read & Renew” available at: <http://www.nea.org/neatoday/0605/readandrenew.html>.

A printer friendly version of the article in its entirety is available at:

<http://www.nea.org/neatoday/multimedia/media/readandrenew14.html>.

This article not only lists ideas for professional development books, but has recommendations for inspiration or just pure entertainment for the summer.

If you have any *suggestions* for some great summer reads or need a summer reading recommendation, you can contact me, Kathy Lester, at: [lesterk@howellschools.com](mailto:lesterk@howellschools.com).

Going to be traveling this summer? Try taking along an *audio book*. There are great selections of audio books (both cassette tape and CD) available at the public library. The Howell Carnegie Library (Brighton Library as well) is also offering a new service to library card holders - *downloadable* audio books. You can download audio books to your computer or Windows MP3 player for your enjoyment. Contact a public reference librarian for more information.