

Three Fires Middle School Media Center News

March 2009

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS **MARCH IS READING MONTH**

Three Fires Media Center will be celebrating *March is Reading Month* during the month of March. For a flyer that lists Reading Month activities, go to: <http://www.3fireslibrary.org/ReadingMonth2009.pdf>. Students will be able to sign up for lunchtime activities which will be held on Friday, March 27th and Tuesday, March 31st.

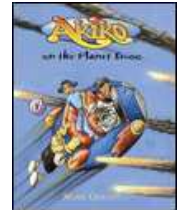


THREE FIRES SPRING BOOK FAIR

The Annual Three Fires Spring Book Fair will be held March 2nd - March 6th. The Book Fair will be open during the school day and will also be open during Parent-Teacher conferences on Thursday from 4-7pm. *Shop at the book fair* for some great books and support our Media Center! For more information see: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/3fires>.

MARK CRILLEY IN APRIL

The author Mark Crilley will be at Three Fires to speak with 6th Graders on the afternoon of April 16th. You can stop by the Media Center to check out one of Mark's books or you can find out more about Mark Crilley by visiting his website at: www.markcrilley.com.



MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March was first declared Women's History Month by President Carter in 1980 in order to remember the important contribution of women throughout history. According to the National Women History Project <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/index.php> - **this year's theme, *Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet***, honors women who have taken the lead in the environmental or "green" movement. Rachel Carson, the founder of the contemporary environmental movement, is featured as the iconic model of the theme.

A list of great *online resources* for Women's History Month is available at the Media Center website under Learning Links, Women's History- <http://www.3fireslibrary.org/whm.htm>.



THREE FIRES READS BOOK BLOG

Check out the new Three Fires Reads Book Blog. You can find it at: www.3firesreads.blogspot.com. Go to the 3fires Reads Book Blog to read and comment on reviews of recommended books. You can also suggest books to be included in the blog.

ONLINE RESOURCE NEWS

Remember there are great online resources - CultureGrams, Encyclopedias, access to newspaper and magazine articles and *reference documents* at the Research Center link at the Media Center website (<http://www.3fireslibrary.org/research.html>). Most of these resources can be accessed directly at school. At home, staff and students can access these resources using passwords. Pick up a *brochure* in the Media Center. Or use the 3fires "keyword" to open the Password Vault on the Research Center webpage.



CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS

Please bring in used cell phones, video games and consoles, digital cameras, laptops, PDAs, iPods, DVD movies, GPS systems, or empty inkjet, laser, fax, or copier cartridges to the Media Center. This *recycling helps the environment* and earns money for our school. Call Mrs. Lester at 517-540-8395 for more information.

BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

...And the Winner Is!!!

The American Library Association announced the winners of its annual book awards on January 26th. These are the "Academy Awards" of Children's and Teen's Books. Check out the list of 2009 ALA winners including the Newbery Award at:

(<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/january2009/ymawrap.cfm>)

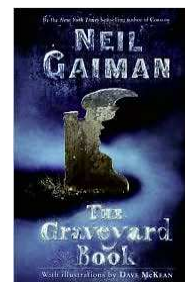
See below for some highlights from these awards and other award winning books. All of these books may be checked out at the TFMS Library.

Newbery Medal

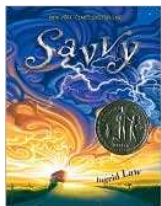
Gaiman, Neil

The Graveyard Book

A delicious mix of murder, fantasy, humor and human longing, the tale of Nobody Owens is told in magical, haunting prose. A child marked for death by an ancient league of assassins escapes into an abandoned graveyard, where he is reared and protected by its spirit denizens. "A child named Nobody, an assassin, a graveyard and the dead are the perfect combination in this deliciously creepy tale, which is sometimes humorous, sometimes haunting and sometimes surprising," said Newbery Committee Chair Rose V. Treviño.



Newbery Honor Books



Law, Ingrid

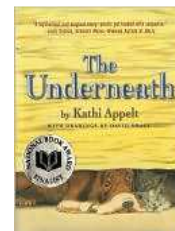
Savvy

This rich first-person narrative draws readers into a wild bus ride, winding through the countryside on a journey of self-discovery for Mibs Beaumont and her companions. Newcomer Law weaves a magical tall tale, using vivid language and lively personalities, all bouncing their way to a warm, satisfying conclusion.

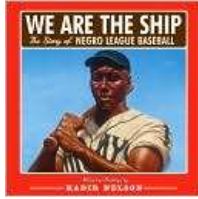
Appelt, Kathy illustrated by David Small

The Underneath

Underneath the canopy of the loblolly pines, amid the pulsating sounds of the swamp, there lies a tale. Intertwining stories of an embittered man, a loyal hound, an abandoned cat and a vengeful lamia sing of love, loss, loneliness and hope. Appelt's lyrical storytelling heightens the distinguished characteristics of this work.



**Coretta Scott King Author Award
Sibert Informational Book Medal**



Nelson, Kadir

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

Using an "Everyman" player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947. Illustrations from oil paintings by artist Kadir Nelson.

Schneider Family Book Awards (Middle School)

Connor, Leslie

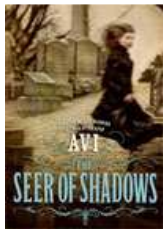
Waiting for Normal

When her kindly stepfather leaves and takes her half sisters with him, Addie is left alone to cope with her mother's increasingly erratic behavior. This tough yet tender story stars a caring father figure and a resilient protagonist who is ultimately able to embrace a new life.



School Library Journal Best Books of 2008

Fiction



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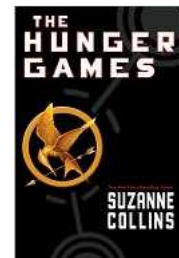
The Seer of Shadows

In 1872 New York City, a struggling portrait photographer enlists his unwitting teenage apprentice in a shady, get-rich scheme to capture the images of spirits on film. An eerie and evocative historical thriller from a master storyteller.

Collins, Suzanne

The Hunger Games

In reality TV run amok, an annual, government-run competition pits two dozen teenagers against one another in a fight to the death, and 16-year old Katniss must hold her own against stronger and more ruthless players. A compelling and often-poignant portrait of young people forced to deal with unspeakable evil.



Gaiman, Neil

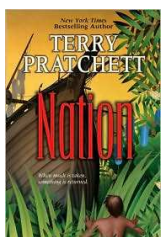
Coraline: Graphic Novel

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others. This gripping adaptation of Gaiman's novel is all the more horrific in a stunning graphic-novel format.

Hardinge, Frances

Well Witched

When three children take coins from a wishing well, the well witch forces them to fulfill all of the wishes made on the coins – no matter how evil or hateful. A creepy and sinister fantasy that's as riveting as it is clever and thoughtful.



Pratchett, Terry

Nation

A tsunami has hit Mau's island home and washed away everyone he has known. Daphne is from the other side of the globe and is the sole survivor (or so she thinks) of a shipwreck on the island. The two come together and each of them brings wisdom, intelligence and a sense of humanity to the dire situation. An absorbing novel of survival and discovery liberally infused with Pratchett's trademark wit.

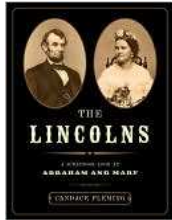
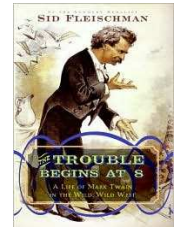
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Non-Fiction

Fleischman, Sid.

The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West

With wry humor and punctilious language, Fleischman provides insight into the life of this “Missouri mischief maker,” from Samuel Clemens’s misadventure-filled youth to his rebirth at age 30 as America’s “resident wit.” A rousing reverie, illustrated with noteworthy 19th century photographs and reproductions.



Fleming, Candace

The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary

Through sound scholarship and engaging storytelling, Fleming presents side-by-side portraits of the famous first couple, combining telling anecdotes and large and small details to reveal aspects of the Lincolns’ personalities and temperaments. Primary sources and high-quality archival photos and reproductions add significantly to this impressive American scrapbook.

National Children’s Book and Literary Alliance

Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out

This handsome compendium is rich with excerpts, poems, and other writings about the historic residence, many of them personal in tone and subject. With art-work as eclectic as the text, the book offers glimpses into the presidents, their concerns, their families, and the mansion itself.

