



Great Lakes Media Center News

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ALL BOOKS DUE MAY 23rd

All library books are due Friday, May 23rd. Students, please turn in your books on time. Teachers, please see me if you or your students need books later than this date. Special arrangements can be made.

REMC Catalog

Staff, 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.remcbid.org/>). 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!

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. (<http://www.3fireslibrary.org/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*.

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) offers free *downloadable* audio books. You can download audio books to your computer or Windows MP3 player for your listening enjoyment. Contact a public reference librarian for more information.

Teachers, the NEA's article "Rejuvenate with Summer Booklists: Read & Renew" from May 2006 is still applicable. You can find the article 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 the Three Fires Media Specialist, Kathy Lester, at: lesterk@howellschools.com.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY ALL YEAR!

Please bring in used cell phones 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.

SOME RECENT FAVORITE BOOKS

HISTORICAL FICTION

Avi

The Seer of Shadows

In New York City in 1872, fourteen-year-old Horace, a photographer's apprentice, becomes entangled in a plot to create fraudulent spirit photographs, but when Horace accidentally frees the real ghost of a dead girl bent on revenge, his life takes a frightening turn.

Coulombis, Audrey

The Misadventures of Maude March, or, Trouble Rides a Fast Horse.

After the death of the stern aunt who raised them since they were orphaned, eleven-year-old Sallie and her fifteen-year-old sister escape their self-serving guardians and begin an adventure resembling those in the dime novels Sallie loves to read.

Glages, Ellen.

The Green Glass Sea: A Novel.

It is 1943, and 11-year-old Dewey Kerrigan is traveling west on a train to live with her scientist father--but no one will tell her exactly where he is. When she reaches Los Alamos, New Mexico, she learns why: he's working on a top secret government program.

Paterson, Katherine

Bread and Roses, Too

Through the eyes of Rosa, the sixth-grade daughter of Italian immigrants, and Jake, a 13-year-old homeless boy, readers see how bigotry, hunger, and hope all played key roles in the mill worker strike of 1912 in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

REALISTIC FICTION

Carter, Ally

Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy

After staking out, obtaining, and then being forced to give up her first boyfriend, Josh, all Cammie Morgan wants is a peaceful semester. But that's easier said than done when you're a CIA legacy and go to the premier school in the world...for spies.

Sequel to: *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You*

Green, Tim

Football Genius

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.

Korman, Gordon

Swindle

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.

Lord, Cynthia

Rules

Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules--from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public"--in order to stop his embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a paraplegic boy, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal? A Newbery Medal Book.

Smith, Roland

Peak

The emotional, tension-filled story of a fourteen-year-old boy's attempt to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Spinnelli, Jerry

Love, Stargirl

Still moping months after being dumped by her Arizona boyfriend Leo, fifteen-year-old Stargirl, a home-schooled free spirit, writes "the world's longest letter" to Leo, describing her new life in Pennsylvania. Stargirl comes to find hope in new places: mockingbirds, donut angels, moon flowers, and the Winter Solstice.

Sequel to: *Stargirl*

SCIENCE FICTION

Hobbs, Will

Go Big or Go Home

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.

Patterson, James

Maximum Ride: Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports

The time has come for Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman, and Angel to face their ultimate enemy and, despite many obstacles, try to save the world from a sinister plan to re-engineer a select population into a scientifically superior master race.

Sequel to *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* and *School's Out Forever*

Reeve, Philip

Larklight

In an alternate Victorian England, young Arthur and his sister Myrtle, residents of Larklight, a floating house in one of Her Majesty's outer space territories, uncover a spidery plot to destroy the solar system.

Watson, Jude

The Desperate Mission: The Last of the Jedi

After Obi-Wan is betrayed by Anakin, Obi-Wan raises Luke Skywalker on the remote planet of Tatooine. Later, Obi-Wan discovers that at least one Jedi has survived the destruction of the Jedi Order by the Empire. Obi-Wan must make a difficult choice between staying on Tatooine with Luke or going to the heart of the Empire to find the Jedi.

FANTASY

Hunter, Erin

Midnight

Called by StarClan to fulfill a new prophecy, a group of young cats sets out on a long and dangerous journey, knowing only that trouble threatens the forest, as the adventures of the warrior clans continue.

Book 1 of the series - *Warriors: The New Prophecy*

Kibuishi, Kazu

Amulet, Book 1: The Stonekeeper

After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proved to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Em and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals. Eventually, they enlist the help of a small mechanical rabbit named Miskit. Together with Miskit, they face the most terrifying monster of all, and Em finally has the chance to save someone she loves.

A Graphic Novel.

Riordan, Rick

The Titan's Curse

When the goddess Artemis disappears while hunting a rare, ancient monster, a group of her followers joins Percy and his friends in an attempt to find and rescue her before the winter solstice, when her influence is needed to sway the Olympian Council regarding the war with the Titans.

Sequel to: *The Lightning Thief* and *The Sea of Monsters*.