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Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day a time exchange gifts with someone special in your life. Why do we celebrate Valentine's Day? Why do we exchange gifts, buy flower or candy for our friends? After doing research the most common legend is as follow:

The first legend, and perhaps the best known, began in Rome, when the Emperor, Claudius II, was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. "Claudius the Cruel" as he was called, was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. So, he cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome! The good Saint Valentine, who was a priest in Rome, in friend Saint Marius, defied Claudius and young lovers in secret.



When Valentine's actions were discovered, he was sentenced to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. But while in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl, who may have been his jailor's daughter, who visited him during his finement. Before his death on the 14th day of February, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine"

In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Panthers Against Destructive Decision in the Library

Mary Ann Rasmussen—What is consistency? According to dictionary.reference.com it is the steadfast adherence to the same principles, course, form, etc. Consistency is important due to the fact that if people are not consistent, they are confusing, frustrating and are overall unpredictable. Consistency is important because it's how you measure effectiveness, it creates accountability, your reputation, it makes you relevant, and it not consistent your message is that good due to people not knowing if words for consistency are regularity, stabil- something as serious as being on time to tency is key. If you're not consistent peo- tasks, they will not count on you to do what you say you will, nor will they understand basically anything that you say if it's not consistent. This world is based on what it knows, it's based on consistency. If there's one thing that you want to do to improve every other aspect of your personality, it would be to be consistent.



Law's ~ Movies Based off Books

Karisa Law ~ I was finally able to watch the movie *Gone Girl* after reading the book earlier this school year. Amy Dunne's character was acted out very well in the movie because Rosamund Pike was an amazing actress who played her part perfectly. The movie was very good and I recommend it to everybody who enjoys an intense storyline. The book is also very captivating to readers and has a phenomenal story line. The storyline of *Gone Girl* is almost impossible to predict what will happen next. Ben Affleck made a very good Nick Dunne because he also played the emotional parts very well and made the scenes believable. The movie ends without much closure for the viewers which makes them want to read the book series so they can find out what happens next without having to wait for the next movie to come out. I personally think that all the people who want to see the movie should read the first book first because the book sums up details of the movie that viewers may not fully understand. Although Amy tried to frame her husband Nick for her disappearance, Nick takes her back and puts on a good show for the cameras because otherwise he could be made out to be a bad person. The movie ends with the two of them at a talk show and she was portraying that they were doing very well when all the viewers and his family knew that there was a lot of unresolved problems.



Meyer's Sports Book

Matthew Meyer ~ One small town, one team, one wish. The Hebron Giants wanted nothing but to win the state tournament of the 1952 season. They went on to do just that with their team play, spirit, and courage. *Once there were Giants* by Scott Johnson and Julie Kistler is a book on how this one team goes on to win their first state title and their other accomplishments leading up to it. Come pick up a copy at our High School Library today!

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Long Column

Andrew Long—Recently I walked around the library and straightened the books up. These books get pushed down or left on the counter by students when they are trying to find a good book to read. If you look at a book and don't want to put it back in the right spot please let me know and I will be glad to do it for you.



Saydi's Spot

Saydi Taylor- Looking for Alaska is an emotional roller coaster of a book. It makes you want to keep reading. Its about a young man, Pudge, who decides to go to a private school called Culver Creek where he meets a few Friends, The Colonel, Alaska, and Takumi. They all end up causing havoc at the school driving the Eagle and the weekday warriors nuts. Pudge ends up falling for Alaska. One night they decided to drink and they finally kissed. The next morning Alaska is gone. Was it an accident or suicide?

"The Only Way to do all the things you'd like to do is to read" Tom Clancy



Andrew's Comedies

Andrew Thomas ~ Shows like SNL have captivated audiences with their parodies of current events. This technique, however, it not new nor exclusive to TV. Famous authors have been doing it for years such Johnathon Swift in *Gulliver's Travels*. In it, he makes fun of grand adventure books and Gulliver travels the world and meets midgets, giants, and talking horses, among others. It's crazy, it's absurd, it's dumb, and it's a sure good read.

"The Journey of A Lifetime starts with turning a page" Rachel Anders

THE LIBRARY WORKER

Olivia Hansen— Working in the library can be a stressful job. There are always questions that you will not know the answer to, but Mr. Cooper will always be there to help. I love working in the library 8th hour because it is an easy way to unwind from the day and talk to the middle schoolers that come in to look for books. I have found myself suggesting *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, by Jenny Han, series to just about anyone. Come to the library 8th hour to find a book and have fun with Mr. Cooper, Andrew Thomas, and !!!

Interview with a Patron

Panther Pages: What brings you to the library more often?

Reece Kulick: My Books

PP:What is your favorite thing about the library?

RK: Mr. Cooper

PP:What do you think about the selection of books in the library?

RK: Very Selective

PP:What do you do most here in the library?

RK: Work on things on computer

PP:Does the library suit your needs?

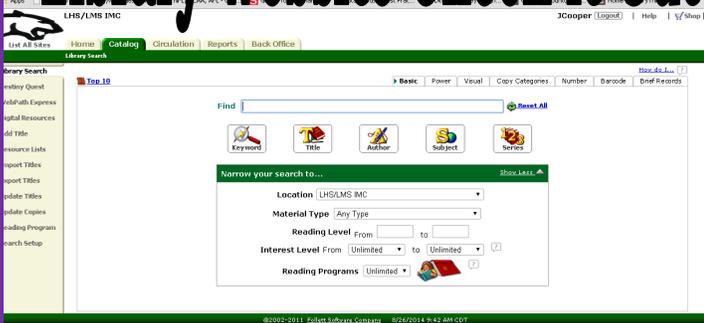
RK: Yes!

Law's Hits

Lexi Law— Winner of National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction, *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines. *A lesson before dying* is set in a small Cajun community in the late 1940's. A young black man, Jefferson, is an unwitting party to a liquor store shoot out in which three men were killed. Him being the only survivor, he is convicted of the murder and sentenced to death. Grant Wiggins, who left his hometown for a University, has come back to teach at a plantation school. As he struggles with his decision to stay or escape to another state, his aunt and Jefferson's godmother persuade him to visit Jefferson in his cell and impart his learning and his pride to Jefferson before his death. In the end, the two men forge a bond as they both come to understand the simple heroism of resisting- and defying- the expected. Ernest J Gaines brings to this novel the same rich sense of place, the same deep understanding of the human psyche, and the same compassion for a people and their struggle that have informed his previous, highly praised works of fiction.



Library Website Check it Out



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There is no foot
too small
that it cannot leave an
imprint
on this
WORLD.

The Payne

Chris Payne- I think it's kind of nice that there are so many different books, and book series in here to choose from. I think the library doesn't just have a great selection of books, but it also has a pretty good environment to work in. With that being said, there are tables to sit down and work on homework and computers to type our papers on. The library also provides us with a great Librarian who is also here for us when we need someone to talk too.



"I keep forgetting to return my library books on 'boomerangs' and ... what was the other one? Oh yeah, 'memory improvement'."

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Interview with a Patron

Panther Pages: What brings you to the library more often?

Mattie Morgan: SADD, Pep Club and Books

PP:What is your favorite thing about the library?

MM: The people that meet in here.

PP:What do you think about the selection of books in the library?

MM:There are many different types of books for Everyone. I think everyone can find something they like in here.

PP:What do you do most here in the library?

MM: Have meeting and meet up with friends in the morning.

PP:Does the library suit your needs?

MM: Yes!



Young Genre

Josh Young—Science Fiction is my favorite genre of books because they take you to a far away place. Sometimes these books can take you to different galaxies and planets with different types of races on them. They use lasers, swords, and sabers to fight off evil and help the good. There are even books about intergalactic bounty hunters that hunt down criminals that escaped the law or the law can't catch them. They use ships to travel at light speed and even use portals or astral gates to travel between space stations. These books are some of my favorites, they are different and creative in their own way.

