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BUT IT'S NOT DUE FOR A MONTH...

By Christy Dzuik, in some magazine

A paper is assigned, a month before the due date. I dutifully write down the date on a scrap of paper and shove it in my notebook. It's a long term assignment, so I don't have to worry about it right away. The countdown begins.

T-minus five days: I go to the library to find a topic. After checking my email and talking to the library assistant about her date last Friday, I sit down with a blank sheet of paper and a freshly sharpened pencil. Is that a tickle I feel in the back of my throat? I get up and find the water fountain. Strolling aback past the rows of books, I can't imagine how I am supposed to pick just one tiny topic. Exhausted from the unfairness of it all, I decide to pack it in for the day.

T-minus four days: I sit down at the desk in my bedroom with the same blank sheet of paper and the same pencil. Whoops-same tickle too. I get up to get a drink of water and sit back down. I call a friend to see if she has started; she is already finished, so I hang up on her. I call another friend I KNOW hasn't started. "Isn't this assignment stupid?" I ask. "Yeah. And dumb," she answers. After an hour of "misery loves company," I get another drink of water and sit down to concentrate. Looking up I notice how dirty my ceiling fan is. How can I work knowing microscopic pieces of dust, possibly filled with carcinogens, are being blown up my nostrils? Where does Mom keep the Pine Sol and stepladder?

T-minus three days: It's Saturday, so I show up for work at McDonald's and come home hours later, too tired to use my brain cells. I settle in with a pizza and my remote control for a much deserved (hey, haven't I been doing homework all week!) couch potato night.

T-minus two days: I cannot find even a halfway decent excuse for writing a paper on the day our Lord has called us to rest.

T-minus one day: Nobody works well on an empty stomach, so I take my time at dinner. Back in my room, I decide to brush my teeth. I look at my tongue in the mirror. Where did all those little bumps come from? And there are so many of them! one, two, three... Finally I sit down with my blank sheet of paper and the not so freshly sharpened pencil. I start writing...a letter to a friend I met in fifth grade at summer camp. Hey, relationships are important! Finished (with the letter, not the paper), I get up to get a drink of water. I sit back down and begin to panic. To calm myself, I play a game of solitaire on my computer (I win). I get a drink of water, reread the assignment, and write my name on the paper. Then I notice my CDs are disorganized, so I arrange them in alphabetical order. I go to the bathroom. Back in my room, I lie on the floor and moan about the injustice of it all. Knowing the end is near, I jump up and begin to write. Hours later, I collapse on my bed-just in time to shut off my alarm.

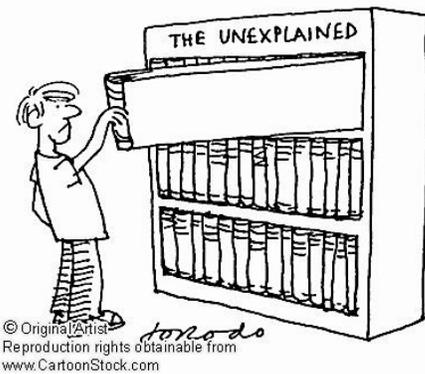
Due date! When I get to school, I grumble about how I had to stay up all night, slaving away, just to finish the stupid paper. Then the teacher assigns another one. And believe me, I have learned my lesson! I write down the new due date and carefully file the assignment in my notebook. I will get started right away. but first I need a drink of water...

THE LIBRARY WORKER

Olivia Hansen—Baseball season is in full swing and you know what that means, the last few months of the 2014 and the 2015 school year is coming to an end. As a senior, it is tough to think about moving away and going to college, but it also pretty cool to think that these are the last two months before I begin preparing for the rest of my life. There have been stressful times during this year and I always ended up in the library. The library has always been a safe place for me the past two years. If something was wrong or if I just needed someone to talk to, I knew I could always come talk to Mr. Cooper. If you ever have a problem I strongly advise you come talk to Mr. Cooper, or myself, or just come and hangout before school! High school is supposed to be the time of your life, why not spend it in the library?

Law's ~ Movies Based off Books

Karisa Law ~ Over the weekend I watched the movie *The Lucky One* in honor of Nicholas Sparks new movie *The Longest Ride* coming out this weekend. Although I've seen the movie *The Lucky One* numerous times, I've only read the book once. The movie follows the book almost exactly, and does not leave any parts out. Zac Efron does a great job acting Soldier Logan Thibault, who has a lot of emotional problems since leaving the active duty. He finds a picture which he believes saved his life so he sets off to find the women in the picture. When he meets the women, they fall in love but dealing with her ex-husband is a new battle that basic training didn't prepare him for. After Ben, Beth's son, gets upset due to fighting between Keith and Beth, he takes off running and gets stranded on the bridge between land and his tree house. Logan tries to save him but Keith gets to Ben before him and he sacrifices his life to save his son. Beth and Logan get together and the movie ends happy which is the same with most Nicholas Sparks films. The book and the movie are very well written and they follow each other almost exactly.



Meyer's Sports Book

Matthew Meyer~ Do you like the outdoors? More specifically, do you like water and what inhabits the waters? Do you like to fish those waters and do you want to learn more about fishing? Come pick up a copy of *Hook, Line, & Seeker* by Jim Arnosky from the library today! Jim is an outdoors type guy who loves to fish. In this book, he teaches you all about baiting, time to fish, and much more. Come pick up a copy today!



Long Column

Andrew Long— The library will be changing its library check out system. The library workers have been hard at work changing all the barcodes on all the books. Stay tuned for the new and improved system.



Saydi's Spot

Saydi Taylor- If I Stay is a thrilling book about a young girl named Mia. Mia grew up in a family of rockers. She went off on her own path and started playing classical symphonies on her cello. One morning the school called off for a snow day and her mother called off work so they could have a family day. They decided to go to their grandparents house for breakfast and to visit. On their way a truck lost control and hit them head on causing her mother to die at the scene, her father to go into emergency surgery, and her in a coma. In Mia's coma she could see everything and hear everything around her. On her crazy coma journey she lost her father and little brother leaving only her, her grandparents, and her loving boyfriend.

"What is more important in a library than anything else - than everything else - is the fact that it exists."



Andrew's Comedies

Andrew Thomas ~ While dead bodies have been more in the spotlight of the numerous zombie apocalypses appearing all over the place, the crazy adventures of actual dead bodies are just as if not more entertaining. Let me introduce you to *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*. This wonderful book explores the variety of this done with dead bodies, but its author, Mary Roach, makes sure to spice things up a bit. From cosmetic practice to crime scene research, Roach explores the life found with the dead. She uses incredible wit to turn what would be boring and gross into something fun and

relaxing.

Thus, the standard library will serve as both a tool and as a teacher.

Panthers Against Destructive Decision in the Library

Mary Ann Rasmussen— With summer approaching fast, high schoolers are becoming moody and anxious. Even parents see a difference in behavior at this time of the year. So I wonder; is it because we can practically see summer or because we're just tired of our surroundings? Personally, I believe that it is a combination of both. High schoolers are cooped up 8 hours a day, 5 days a week with the same teachers. Who wouldn't get tired of that? On the bright side, we are nearing the end of the year. With all of that being said, all high schoolers should keep in mind that there are 6 weeks left, 6 short weeks. After those 6 weeks, we can sleep in all day, spend endless hours in the sun and most of all get to choose who we spend our days with. Finish strong, kids. We got this.

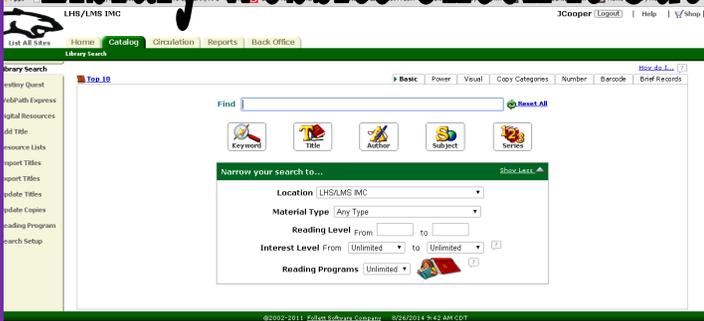


Law's Hits

Lexi Law— Miles "pudge" Halter's whole existence has been one big non even, and his obsession with famous last words had only made him crave the "great perhaps" even more. He heads off to the sometimes crazy, possibly unstable, and anything-but-boring world of culver creek boarding school, and his life becomes the opposite of safe. Because down the hall is Alaska Young. the gorgeous, clever, funny, sexy, self destructive, screwed up, and utterly fascinating Alaska Young, who is an event unto herself. She pulls Pudge into her world, launches him into the Great Perhaps, and steals his heart. After all this nothing is the same for him. This book is compelling... Brilliant and insightful says Chicago Tribune.



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- Our library is a wonderful place to go to do anything. You can come here and get books. We have tons of book series and comics and everything you can think about. Our library holds on multiple activities as well. One of the main groups is the SADD group who is very successful. We have a great librarian who does a lot for his students. Through all the fun in here, Mr. Cooper finds a way to keep it quiet for students working.



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Interview with a Patron

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

Peyton Matthews: School work and the opportunity to pick on Coach Coop

PP: What is your favorite thing about the library?

PM: It is usually a quiet place to work.

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

PM: Pretty good. Could add to the Stephen King section.

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

PM: Write papers and socialize

PP: Does the library suit your needs?

PM: Very much so.



Young Genre

Josh Young—

Neumont University in Salt Lake City is a great college for the tech savvy high school student.

This place teaches Game Design, Computer Science, Computer Programming, and even Web

Design. With a high graduation rate and a low cost, anyone can afford this college. This is a

hard opportunity to pass up. Grab a few friends and bring them along for a ride. The best part is

you can get a bachelors degree in only 2 to 3 years. I recommend this place for anyone wishing

to further their education is the area of technology.



LHS/LMS Library is always looking for book suggestion. If you know of a good book or have read a good book and would like to recommend one, stop in the library and tell a library worker. You can also fill out a book suggestion form, located on the library website