

# Litchfield High & Middle School



## PANTHER PAGES

Volume 4, Issue 2

October 2015

*Inside this issue:*

The Library System 2

Abi's Pick 2

The Library Worker 3

Ayre's Authors 3

Interview with a patron 3-4

Inside the Library 4

That one library Article 4



quences. October 31st is a night full  
Make sure that you are making the  
safe and stay out of trouble!

### The Library is full of useful tools

Over 500 students from 7:30-8:10 were able to take advantage of the "tools" available for them in the library during the month of September. The Library offers more than just books, 8 computers, in the library, and 50 in two labs give patrons a lot of opportunity to get homework and research done. Since the library is being used so much it also offers each student as a resource, as many students take their time in the library to study with each other. If you need some help with an assignment, or need a Computer the library is the place for you. Come in before or after school, during enrichment or even at lunch. Take advantage of the opportunities that the library has to offer. Don't forget new books are rolling in monthly, stop by and check out the new selection.

### Panthers Against Destructive Decision in the Library

Whitney Jackson

Halloween is coming up which means that there are many parties to attend. People will be drinking and looking for rebellious things to do. If you decide to drink, (not saying that you should) make sure that you call someone for a ride. Do not try to drink and drive home. You are putting others, besides yourself, at risk. Also, if you think that it is a good idea to t.p. a house, or smash someone's pumpkins, it

vandalism,

is not. That is considered  
and there are conse-  
of destructive decisions.  
right ones. Have fun, stay



## The Library System

**Shelby Wilkinson** ~ We have a new system in our library this year for checking out books. It's short name is called Leap but the whole title is Illinoisheartland.org. This program is helpful for all students because you can log on at home and see what books we have in and what we don't have. This year because of our new system, we can help you find books around area to be sent to you and also to be put on hold. To renew books is easy all you do is type in the person's last name and click item and just hit renew. Some things about this system is its easy to use. Also not just the IMC worker can log on the Leap website, every student can! All you have to do is log on the website with your mobile device. If you love to read then this program will really help you. Thank you for updating our system.



to you and also to be put on hold. To renew books is easy all you do is type in the person's last name and click item and just hit renew. Some things about this system is its easy to use. Also not just the IMC worker can log on the Leap website,



## Abi's Pick

**Abi Morris** ~ One of my favorite books is Solo: A Memoir of Hope Solo. This book is a biography on the U.S soccer goalkeeper Hope Solo. She writes about her early childhood, and how her dad was in and out of her life, she loved him the most out her family. She also tells us about how she struggled with family problems and soccer. when Hope was younger she originally played forward but one of her coaches thought she would be a good goalie, at first Hope hated being the goalie because she couldn't score any goals, but later she started to like being a goalie. Hope Solo was the starting goalie at the University of Washington. Hope had some struggles getting on the U.S. National team, when she finally got on the team, when she found out that she was the alternate goalie and she wasn't to happy. She got benched and she realized she had to work harder and fight for the goalie position. Now Hope Solo is the best goalkeeper in the world, she has saved many goals and has won the golden glove two times and she has won gold medals in the Olympics.

## Terrell's ~ TV Shows based on Book Series

**Courtney Terrell** ~ Dexter Morgan is a forensic analyst for Miami Metro Police Department. His sister Debra is a detective on the team, but somehow overlooks the fact that her brother is also a serial killer. The T.V series was very interesting and lasted eight seasons. But it did not give the watchers what they wanted. There were a lot of unnecessary mental narrating by Dexter throughout the show which got on some nerves every once in awhile. Actually, an incident in the third season caused me to quit watching for over three months.

The book series on the other hand really appealed to the audience. Jeff Lindsay did a very good job at listening to the readers feedback and gave them what they wanted. There were more details, longer kill scenes, and all together a strong background for Dexter. In the show it took a very long while for any information about why Dexter had become a serial killer to be brought up. The book really makes you form more sympathetic feelings for him than what the TV show led you to feel. So go ahead, root for the bad guy!



“The thing about quotes on the Internet, is you cannot confirm their validity” ~

Abraham Lincoln

## Our Library



**Bailey Lentz** ~ In the library, the books are sorted from nonfiction to fiction, magazines and newspapers, and book-a-month. If you are in honors english, you know you have to read off a certain list. The library has a section of just non-fiction (book-a-month) books underneath the main desk. This makes the students' lives way easier. Although the non-fiction books are under the desk, the fiction ones are not. The library has a great selection of magazines- from Sports Illustrated to Time. The newspapers are on the same wall as the magazines. The newspapers are all within the week and if you are in driver's ed, you can just get your articles there. Not only is there non-fiction, fiction, magazines, and newspapers, there's also autobiographies and research books. If you are ever doing a research paper, the library is a great place to get sources for it. Overall, you could get all kinds of great books from the library.

## Val's Suggestions

**Val Furlong** ~ *If I Stay* is a fantastic novel written for teens and young adults. Mia Hall is a quiet and gifted 21 year old cello player. Adam Wilde is Mia's boyfriend who is a rocker rebel who is deeply in love with Mia. Her parents used to be in a band and she also has a little brother. Mia has always felt like she was out of place from her family by playing the cello instead of a guitar like her father. While the family was on the way home on a snowy day, Mia wakes up and figures out she was in an accident. But, instead of waking up in the hospital she wakes on the scene of the accident, but outside her body. She gets in the ambulance with her body and watches as they try to save her. When getting to the hospital she listens as the doctor says she is in a coma. As the book goes on it shows us her life before the accident leading up to her choice. She sees Adam at the hospital not able to get in to see her. When he finally bursts in, he lets her know he is in love with her and tells her to stay with him. She now has to make the tough decision on whether to stay in this world with Adam or go to heaven.



*"You can Borrow a Book but You Can Keep  
The Ideas"*

## THE LIBRARY WORKER

**Tatum Fenton** ~ As I stated in the last article, the library worker has to know where the books go. When you walk into the library, you can find the non-fiction books on the right side of the library. They are listed by number and last name. The oversized or the "os" books can be found on the back wall of the right side of the library. These books are also listed by number. When you walk into the library, the fiction books can be found on the left side of the library. On this side, the books are only listed by last name. Most of the books checked out of the library come from this section. Along the back wall on the left side of the library you can find the biographies. And finally in front of the desk you can find the book a month books, yearbooks from previous years, Abraham Lincoln Book Award books, Rebecca Caudill Book Award books, and the Read for a Lifetime books.

## Ayres' Authors

**Tristen Ayres**—One of the favorite authors is Sarah Dessen. She has approximately 15 book published. All of her books are fairly popular. All her books are mainly romantic with a strong female led. Along with the romance, there is also humor and real life situations in her books. My favorite book by her is called *That Summer*. I would recommend reading this book to anyone who is into romance. It is about The litchfield high school library has 12 of her books. Hurry to get into the library and check out a book, they always go fast! If there are not any of her books available, we have a perfectly good public library uptown that also carry these books.



## Interview with a Patron

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

Spencer Bloome: All the Great Books

**PP:**What is your favorite thing about the library?

SB: The selection of books and the computers

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

SB: It's great, there is a wide variety

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

SB: Picking out books or painting papers

**PP:**Does the library suit your needs?

SB: Yes

# Library Website Check it Out



<http://lcsudimc.weebly.com/>

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

## That One Library Article

**Victoria Howard**—Just recently, I read a book titled *Swordbird* written by an exceptional young woman by the name of Nancy Yi Fan, which was a phenomenal book for one written by a then-12-year-old. The story centers around two warring tribes who were spurred into war by a power-hungry hawk, as well as a young bluejay named Aska, who uncovers the hawk's trickery and brings the two tribes to their sense, and then subsequently sets out on an adventure to help fight off the hawk's army by recruiting an escaped slave's family. The story is well written and has a very cohesive storyline for something written by someone so young, and it has a compelling and deep message to many people.

### Litchfield High & Middle School Library

Contact: Jason Cooper  
217-324-3955 (3180)  
jcooper@litchfieldpanthers.org

## Interview with a Patron

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

McKenna Scheldt: The Computers

**PP:**What is your favorite thing about the library?

MS: Being able to get stuff done.

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

MS: I have always found the books I need or want

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

MS: Work on AP Homework

**PP:**Does the library suit your needs?

MS: Yes



## Inside the Library

**Riley Hewitt** ~ The LHS Library isn't just the home of bookshelves and the IMC, it is also home to the LHS Pep Club. Every thursday, during A or B lunch, the students part of pep club come in to discuss upcoming activities. They have a schedule for all the games and dress up days for those games. The pep club also has decorations in the library. The pep club is in charge of getting students to all sporting events and to cheer on the competing athletes. The club has been gaining in popularity over the past couple of years and will continue to grow under the leadership of Mr. Cooper.

*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*