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But it is not due for another 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...

That One Library Article

Victoria Howard— In the book *The Spindlers*, Lauren Oliver tells the fantastic story of a young girl, Liza, who is trapped in the world below, on a mission to save her brother's soul from the spindlers to feast children. she



who seem eager upon the souls of On her journey, makes the acquaintance of a named Mirabella, guides her the catacombs. story, overall, very Coraline with its fantastical discomfiting origin, its focus on the importance of family, and the eerie feeling you get from the descriptions of the spindlers' actions. The only complaint I might have to throw in, however, is a certain character who is never explained...

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Inside the Library

Riley Hewitt ~ Not only does the LHS library host the pep club meetings once a week, but it also host another club's name; SADD. SADD stand for Students Against Destructive Decisions. SADD has been around for many years, but could never get off the ground, until four years ago. SADD has had rising the students over years, and even day in the school to the club. SADD librarian, Jason Cooper teaches who comes to the about right and sions and what to cision needs to be will continue to out the years.



popularity with the last few has a special year dedicated is ran by the Cooper. Mr. the students the meetings wrong deci- do when a de- made. SADD grow through-



"People can lose their lives in libraries. They ought to be warned." Saul Bellow



Abi's Pick

Abi Morris ~ A good book to read in the LHS library, is Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. This is the first book of the thrilling Alex Rider Adventures. This book is about a fourteen year old boy named Alex Rider. He learns that his uncle and adopted dad, have died in a car crash. They told him that his uncle wasn't wearing his seatbelt, Alex later finds out that the windshield was riddled with bullet holes, and that his uncle was killed on a top secret mission. Now that Alex knows that his uncle was a secret agent, he has to outsmart the people are after him and want him killed. Later, he meets a new friend Sayle. Then Sayle turns on Alex and handcuffs. Nadia Vole, who claims she is a spy, uncuffs Alex, helps him try and catch Sayle. Sayle caught Alex, and held him to gun-point. Yassen Gregorovich (a bad guy) comes along and shoots Sayle. Alex tells him, that he will kill him one day, and drops the spy business and becomes a normal school boy again

Our Library

Bailey Lentz ~ The library is a place for the students as well as faculty. The printer is open to whoever may need it like a student or a teacher. There are many things that are in the library specifically for the students. An example would be the SADD box to the left side of the room by the wall. Students can seek help by writing their troubles on a piece of paper and dropping it in the box for someone's guidance. In the same corner, there are pamphlets on distracted driving and being smart behind the wheel which affects the students directly. All along the tops of the bookshelves in the same vicinity contains artwork from students as well. The books that line the shelves in the library are for everyone- students and faculty. The computers all along the countertop are for everyone as well. The library is open for all!

Val's Suggestions



Val Furlong ~ *The Devil Wears Prada* is a fantastic novel that everyone should read. Lauren Weisberger keeps you on the edge of your seat throughout the book, through her writing. Andrea Sachs, a young girl, who just got the job at a amazing fashion industry but, she has her work cut out for her. She is the assistant to a boss that has her on call 24/7. Andrea is tied to a beeper all the time and is trying to be the best/positive assistant that she can be. "Runway" magazine is the most popular fashion magazine on the market. Therefore, Miranda Priestly ("the boss from hell"), has to go to these big famous fashion shows and parties. Andrea gets to tag along to help remind Miranda on everyone's names and how she knows them. Not only does Andrea have to keep up with her work but she has to juggle her love for the job and her love for her boyfriend. Her relationship is starting to have problems due to her being on call and the stress she has from work. Andrea, being the new/unfashionable girl, is not really popular within the magazine coworkers making her feel out of place. Read *The Devil Wears Prada* to find out how bad Miranda really is and how Andrea fights to keep her job and keep her boyfriend. Will Andrea end up with the best of both worlds or have to give up something she loves/her dream?

A great library is one nobody notices because it is always there, and always has what people need.—Vicki Myron

THE LIBRARY WORKER

Tatum Fenton ~ Being a library assistant has taught me valuable people skills. In the library I have to talk to students and people who call the library. It has taught me how to use the new library system. Being a library assistant has taught me how to look up books and students in the school. I have learned how the system of books works. Being a library assistant requires me to be able to put books back in order on the shelves. There are multiple types of books in the library that we have to make sure are in order. All of the library workers are assigned sections to check everyday to make sure the books are in order. I am assigned the biography section and sections 600-699 and 700-799 of the non-fiction part of the library. These are some of the things a library assistant does in the library.



Ayres' Authors

Tristen Ayres— On of my favorite authors is Toni Morrison. She has written many books, including *The Bluest Eye*, *Beloved*, and *Playing in the Dark*. She is very creative and writes serious fiction books. Many do have humor, but mainly serious. *The Bluest Eye* is one book we have to read in Honors senior year. The high school library have many copies of this book. If they happen to run out, the public library have multiple copies as well. If this book is read before the honors class, you will be ahead of the game and it will be easier to understand. Morrison is a difficult writer to sometimes understand, so you have to read slow and comprehend. Toni Morrison will always be one of my favorite authors.

Interview with a Patron

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

Ryan Patrick: MY AM Lit books or study guides for other classes.

PP:What is your favorite thing about the library?

RP: It is quiet better learning environment

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

RP: Very good

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

RP: My classes or study

PP:Does the library suit your needs?

RP: 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.



Panthers Against Destructive Decision in the Library

~ **Whitney Jackson** ~ During the month of March, we had the SADD day on the 22nd. We had four guest speakers come in to talk to the students. The speakers were Lisa Roberts, Jon Magnuson, Brenda Lamb, and Officer Grammar. The four speakers talked about their experiences in hopes of reaching out to the students. They gave us advice on what to do in specific situations. Hopefully students learned from this when it comes to future situations. Next year we restart the rotation and begin with the mock crash and trial. As a retiring SADD member, I know the current members will do a terrific job and follow in the seniors footsteps. Hopefully more people will decide to join SADD and continue with the rotation of events. Students will learn life lessons from these events and carry it with them when they move on in the future.



Litchfield High & Middle School Library

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Interview with a Patron

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

Alyssa Bruhn: The use of computers, and also it is a nice break from being in a classroom all day

PP: What is your favorite thing about the library?

AB: Being able to get my homework done so I don't have to bring it home.

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

AB: There is always a book that interest me.

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

AB: Try and get my homework done, and talk to my friends

PP: Does the library suit your needs?

AB: Yes, Mr. Cooper always helps me with anything I need!



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