

# Media Matters

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## Mission Statement

The Enloe High School Media-Technology program will encourage critical reading, acquire valuable resources, engage learners to interpret, evaluate, transform and present information to support faculty and students in the equitable and ethical use of information.

## What's Happening in the Media Center?

Projects, papers, and persistence have filled the media center this fall. Teachers and students have spent time researching many interesting topics.

- ◆ Ms. Manning worked with ninth grade students to complete a career search.
- ◆ Ms. M. Johnson's Civics & Economics classes researched the Federalists and Anti-federalists to complete a project and her AP World History classes searched for information on African folktales.
- ◆ Mr. Wolfe's Genetics students researched the

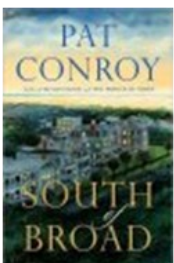
history of genetics to create a timeline of noted events and contributors.

- ◆ Mr. Yehling's Latin students researched ancient cities to create a travel brochure.



- ◆ Ms. Macpherson's English I students researched Greek gods and goddesses.
- ◆ Mr. Conder's Conversations in Diversity used online sources to research the belief systems, holidays, and important works associated with numerous world religions.

## Book Review: *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy



Fourteen years after *Beach Music*, award winning author Pat Conroy has published a new novel set in Charleston, South Carolina. As he struggles to cope with the suicide of his brother, the main character Leo King reaches out to a group of friends who remain close for two decades until their friendship is tested. The author switches back and forth between the late 1960s and the late 1980s. Along the way Leo's group of friends face the struggles of racism in the South, the success and pitfalls of Hollywood, and the struggles of love and addiction.

## What's on Display? New for November

This month our displays cover a range of different topics. There is sure to be something for everyone.

In honor of the November 20th movie release of Stephenie Meyer's bestseller *New Moon* from the Twilight series, we have created a Vampire display filled with a variety of vampire thrillers.



If offbeat books are your thing, take a look at the "Peculiar Picks" display, with *100 Most Dangerous Things in Everyday Life and What You Can Do About Them*, *How to Dunk a Doughnut*, and *A Rhyming History of the Universe*, as well as other oddities from our collection.

There will also be a large display of mystery titles for those of us who enjoy being sleuths and crime solvers. Another display will feature books by or about Native Americans to honor Native American Heritage Month. Finally, a holiday display will get us all in the spirit of the season.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 4th 4-5pm—North Regional Public Library—Teen Readers Theater—If you like performing in front of a crowd or working with children this is a group for you.
- ◆ November 10th 7:30pm—Quail Ridge Books—Roy Williams, UNC basketball coach, signs his book *With Hard Work On And Off The Court*.
- ◆ November 17th 6-7pm—North Regional Public Library—New Moon Party
- ◆ November 24th 4-5:30pm—Cameron Village Regional Library—Anime Club—Discuss anime and manga, share fanart, and learn about Japanese culture.
- ◆ November 27-28—Meymandi Concert Hall, Raleigh—The North Carolina Symphony with special guest Rozlyn Sorrell will perform songs for the season.
- ◆ December 22—Meymandi Concert Hall, Raleigh—North Carolina Ballet performs the Nutcracker.



## FEATURED WEB SITES

**Students** <http://www.worldle.net>

Do you need a break from school work and a cool web site to visit or a neat cover for a project? Visit this website to create your own world clouds. Once your cloud is created you can change color schemes, fonts, and layouts.

**Teachers** <http://www.primaryaccess.org>

Primary Access is an effective technology based tool that allows students to create digital movies, storyboards, and rebus stories using primary source documents. By combining text, audio, and images to tell the story, students see primary materials come alive.



### \*Question of the Month\*

- What do Prince Charles, heir to the British throne; Claude Monet, French painter; Voltaire, French author and philosopher; George Eliot, English novelist; and William Blake, English poet and artist, have in common?
- Share the answer with one of your friendly media specialists and he/she will remove all your overdue fines.

## YALSA's 2009 Teens' Top Ten

After over 11,000 teen votes, the following list reflects the results of an online poll taken to celebrate Teen Read Week.



1. **Paper Towns** by John Green
2. **Breaking Dawn** by Stephenie Meyer
3. **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
4. **City of Ashes** by Cassandra Clare
5. **Identical** by Ellen Hopkins
6. **The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman
7. **Wake** by Lisa McMann
8. **Untamed** by PC. And Kristin Cast
9. **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks** by E. Lockhart
10. **Graceling** by Kristin Cashore

## Wordle Word Art Contest



Wordle.net is a fun user-friendly computer application you can use to create unique word clouds. Different colors, fonts, and layouts can be used to make each word cloud your own. If you enter a word multiple times, it becomes even bigger. The media center is sponsoring a contest for the most unique Wordle word cloud. Choose a theme and create a work of art! Turn a poem into a creative masterpiece. Print and turn in your Wordle work of art to the circulation desk on or before December 15th. All participants will have their art displayed in the media center, and the winner will receive a \$25.00 VISA gift card.