

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?

It is amazing to believe that we are so close to winter break with all the activity in the media center. Check out what teachers and students worked on in November.

- * Mrs. Pate's Intro to College Math class has been gathering and inputting data on how different variables affect a key topic such as how one's political affiliation affects the type of music they listen to.

- * Mrs. Achenbach's Psychology and Literature class

has been completing research for an upcoming paper.

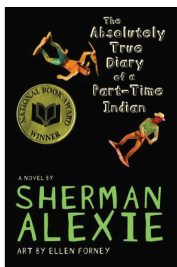
- * Mr. Smith's Algebra I class chose a company and tracked its activity on the stock market as they began a new stock market project.
- * Ms. Clark's Freshmen Seminar class dove into the research portion of their paper.
- * Mr. Uzzell, Ms. Cox, Mrs. Zarb and many others have been working on ongoing projects.



Review of the Month

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

This novel by Sherman Alexie takes readers on a roller coaster of emotion. Junior, a Native American teenager who lives on a reservation, decides to take a chance and go to a private school in nearby Reardan. While he faced daily bullying for his large head on the reservation (read the book to find out why), at his new school he finds new friends and even excels on the basketball team...until he plays his home team. Filled with descriptive cartoons of Junior and the dramatic events he endures, this book is sure to make you laugh, cry and root for Junior as he faces the everyday and not so everyday experiences of a male teenager.



Books With Character

This month your four friendly media specialists will be presenting book talks on a variety of topics. What is a book talk? It is a brief talk about a selection of books to generate interest in reading them. The book talks will take place in the window section of the media center during 5th and 6th period. Students who have lunch during one of those periods are welcome to attend as long as they present their schedule and an appropriate ID. We look forward to seeing you there. This is a great opportunity to discover new books.

December 5—Ms. Bowen—6th period

Medical Truth is Stranger Than Fiction—Visit Level 4 Biohazard Lab, join doctors in a war zone and interns in medical school.

December 10—Mrs. Brennan—6th period

Award Winning Reads—Come to hear excerpts from award winning novels and learn about the variety of awards given to books.

December 17—Mr. Bishop—5th period

Books for Guys—From sports to fiction to non-fiction, this book talk will focus on topics that interest guys.

January 7—Mrs. Alexander—5th period

Grab Bag of Books—Come learn about a variety of genres from Romance to Historical fiction that appeal to all types of readers.

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Upcoming Teacher and Student Events

Saturdays—Enjoy a food tasting and walking tour through downtown Raleigh Saturdays in December at 2:30. Make reservations by visiting <http://www.trianglefoodtour.com>

December 4—7pm—Southeast Regional Library—Make holiday cards for soldiers. This event may qualify for academic service hours.

December 6—Special Educator Holiday Shopping Day at Barnes & Noble. 25% off classroom and personal purchases and 10% off CDs and DVDs. The Carolina Youth Ballet will be performing scenes from the *Nutcracker* at 5pm.

December 12—3pm—Rachael Ray will be at the B&N in Cary to sign her new cookbook *Rachael Ray's Big Orange Book*. Only 500 people will be admitted so arrive at 12pm on the 12th to get an entry wristband.

December 13—11am—North Regional Public Library—Teen Cookie Challenge—Do you have what it takes to create the most amazing cookie house? If so, register by calling 870-4018.



ABC-CLIO's Annual History Research Competition

The Challenge: Select the top 10 people, places or events that have shaped the course of history. Using the ABC-CLIO's databases, gather research to support your interpretation of the evidence.

To get started:

- ◆ Form a student team (2-6 students from the same school)
- ◆ Choose a category (US History, US Gov't & Civics, Ancient World History, Modern World History, Geography)
- ◆ Research your team selections
- ◆ Develop your team entry
- ◆ Win prizes!

If you are interested in more details, stop by the media center or visit <http://abc-clio.com/historyuncovered>

Question of the Month

- Why was all telephone service in the United States and Canada suspended for one minute on August 4, 1922?
- The first five students to give a media specialist the answer to this question can have their library fines forgiven.

Students and Faculty Speak

After many students asked, we answered—the Media Center now has MAGAZINES! Below is a list of the magazines we currently have:

Business North Carolina

Cooking Light

Car & Driver

Health

Hispanic

Jet

PC Magazine

People

National Geographic

Newsweek



Seventeen

Skateboarder

Smithsonian

Sports Illustrated

Vibe

Feel free to check out a magazine for three days. Just bring the magazine up to the circulation desk and we will place it in a check out envelope. Hopefully you see a title above that is of interest to you. If you have a recommendation for a another new magazine for us to order, please let us know.

Top Ten First Novels for Youth

Booklist has generated a great list of novels written by first-time novelists for young adults. While they come from a variety of genres, they all happen to deal with secrets and secret abilities that will draw you into the plot.

[The Diamond of Drury Lane](#)

[Down to the Bone](#)

[The Girl Who Could Fly](#)

[Gracelings](#)

[Looks](#)

[Madapple](#)

[The Magic Thief](#)

[Me, The Missing, and The Dead](#)

[Savvy](#)

[Zorgamazoo](#)

Read one of these books and give us a book review. We would love to hear from you.