

# Media Matters

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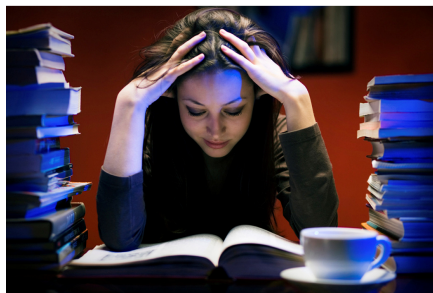
## Mission Statement

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?

The end of the year is always a hectic time in the library. Research is being completed, papers are being typed, and avid readers are picking out books for the winter break. In December....

- ◆ Mr. Kraft's Psychology classes completed research for group presentations on psychological disorders such as personality and psychotic disorders.
- ◆ Mr. Shanahan's Lessons of the Vietnam War class researched Vietnam.
- ◆ Mrs. Zarb and Mr. Boggs brought their students to work on their graduation projects.
- ◆ Mr. James' World History class researched the Crusades.
- ◆ Mr. Bauso's English IV classes completed research for a literary criticism paper.
- ◆ Mrs. Cottrell and Mrs. Baldwin's Civilizations and Cultures class researched Feudalism as they prepared to complete a family portfolio for a Lord in England.
- ◆ Thanks to all our students and faculty for being understanding while we were closed for IB Orals and Testing .
- ◆ We look forward to another exciting year!



## Opportunity is Knocking

- \* NC WiseOwl is now accepting entries for the 2009 Student Art Gallery. This is your opportunity to share your artwork with others from around the state. Entries can be scanned copies, photographs of 3D media, or digital works. Please see a media specialist for more details.
- \* Letters from the White House Contest is being sponsored by AdolescentLiteracy.org. It asks students to explore the art of letter writing and journaling by composing a creative piece that places themselves in the role of the past, present or future White House. Students can write about an imagined or researched experience of working or living in the White House. Please visit [http://www.adlit.org/our\\_white\\_house\\_contest](http://www.adlit.org/our_white_house_contest) for more information. Let the creative juices flow!

## Take a Chance on a Variety of Books

Your friendly media specialists have selected a variety of topics for displays in the media center this month. Please take a moment to take a look and see if we have hit on any of your interests.

- ◆ Graphic Novels—What are they? Graphic novels are comic books with complex storylines similar to that of a novel. Ms. Bowen has displayed our relatively small collection of these books. Their popularity may warrant adding new titles if student demand increases. Let us know!
- ◆ Books for Guys...Mr. Bishop has chosen a variety of suspense, adventure, thriller, non-fiction, and sports books that are sure to grab the interest of any high school guy (and girl for that matter)!
- ◆ Awards are given to outstanding works of fiction and non-fiction. The Printz Award, National Book Award, and Coretta Scott King Award are only a few of the many award winning books Mrs. Brennan has selected to feature in our Award Winning Reads display.
- ◆ Mrs. Alexander has gathered books on all things WINTER. Peruse her display to get in the spirit of the season.

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## TECH TALK—WIKIS

Both students and teachers can gain knowledge from the world of wikis. What is a wiki? Taken from the Hawaiian word for “fast,” a wiki is a collection of web pages that anyone can contribute to or modify. A defining characteristic of wikis is the ability people have to create and write collaboratively. They are easy to use and update. Wikipedia is the most popular wiki. The most important thing to remember is the information on a wiki may not be credible. Anyone can contribute. Below are a few wikis appropriate for students and teachers to use.

### Students:

<http://www.wikia.com>

Share information on gaming, sports, entertainment, etc.

### Teachers:

<http://www.pbwiki.com>

<http://www.wikispaces.com>

These sites are approved by the district.

## FEATURED WEB SITES

**Students** <http://www.refdesk.com>

Created in 1995, RefDesk is a free web site that indexes quality and credible web-based resources for students. Its goals of fast access, easy navigation, and rational indexing make this web site a must for every student’s favorite’s list.

**Teachers** <http://www.teachertube.com>

Are you interested in informative, educational and even funny videos you can use in your classroom with students or for your own professional development? Teacher Tube is a good alternative to You Tube which is blocked on the Enloe campus. It was launched in March 2007 by a teacher with the goal of sharing instructional videos.

### \*Question of the Month\*

- My grandson is as many days as my son is weeks, and my grandson is as many months as I am in years. My grandson, my son and I are together 160 years. Can you tell me my age in years?
- The first five students to answer the question correctly will get their library fines erased.

## Students and Faculty Speak

### What exciting plans do you have for the break?

- ◆ Sleeping
- ◆ Celebrating my 18th birthday!
- ◆ Skiing
- ◆ Visiting family and friends
- ◆ Going to Club Metro in Chicago to see one of my favorite bands!
- ◆ Traveling to Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Cullowhee, Elizabeth City, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Detroit, Wilmington, Ohio, New York City, Miami, Minneapolis, Spokane, Georgia, Pennsylvania
- ◆ Working
- ◆ Going to Texas for a wedding
- ◆ Cruise to the Caribbean for my parents 50th anniversary
- ◆ Reading for pleasure



## PSAT News

<http://www.collegeboard.com/quick>

If you took the 2008 PSAT, you have access to My College Quick-start—a free personalized online planning kit. In order to use this valuable resources, you only need the code printed on your PSAT paper score report. Armed with your code, you can gain access to a SAT study plan and personalized information on careers and colleges based on your test scores, where you live and your career goals.

