

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?

Like most other months, December was busy with the bustling of students completing projects and papers. We love to see students waiting eagerly at the door at 7am with their ID badges on and ready to go.

- ◆ Mrs. Richards' AP Biology class completed research

on genetic diseases and her Earth Science class gathered information on volcanoes.



- ◆ Mrs. Young's English II class completed a webquest on the Holocaust

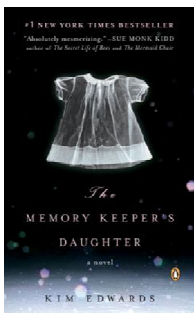
in preparation for reading *Night*.

- ◆ Ms. Massengill's Animal Behavior class researched animals and their habitats as they prepared to create their own habitats.
- ◆ Mrs. Johnson's Civics & Economics classes created their own political candidate, party, and campaign materials as they prepared to hold a presidential election.



Book Review

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards



Dr. David Henry has everything he ever wanted until he delivers his own twins during a Kentucky blizzard and discovers that his daughter has Down Syndrome. Spanning 25 years, this tale follows David's fateful decision to send the baby away to an institution with his nurse and lie to his wife. The nurse is unable to leave the baby and flees to raise it herself. All of their lives are changed by the events that unfold.

Displays for a New Year!

With the dawn of January comes new displays in the media center. Take a minute during the day to browse the displays and find a book you have never seen before.

Our acrylic display is home to a collection of fiction and non-fiction titles about or set in Africa. Many of these books have amazing pictures.



Another display covers a wide range of topics with "NEW" in the title in honor of the New Year. Books on baseball, African poetry, landscaping, secrets of science and archeology are available.

For those who want to get hooked into a great story filled with twists and turns, we have a display on true and fictional stories of survival and adventure.



Finally, stretch your

knowledge of 2010 with our display of books on space, astronomy and the unknown.

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Upcoming Events

January 13th—7:30pm—Quail Ridge Books—Jeannette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle*, presents her new novel *Half Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel*.

February 12-28th—Raleigh Little Theatre's production of *Veronica's Room*. This chilling mystery thriller by the author of *Rosemary's Baby* and *Deathtrap* straddles the thin line between fantasy and reality, madness and murder.

February 15th—6:30pm—Richard B. Harrison Public Library—Chinese New Year Celebration for the whole family.



April 25th—3pm—Quail Ridge Books—Alexander McCall Smith visits with the next book in the Ladies' No. 1 Detective Agency series. The book, *The Double Comfort Safari Club*, is not yet published.

Five Websites High School Students

Should Know About

1. Always have a list of the top three schools you are interested in attending and become familiar with their websites.
2. www.collegeboard.com—This site is great for everything SAT. Check the site often for the question of the day.
3. www.princetonreview.com—This is where you go to register for the ACT, an alternative to the SAT. It is also a great site for information on schools, careers, tests, and financial aid.
4. www.fastweb.com—This website is the place to look for scholarships, internships, and free aid applications.
5. www.fafsa.ed.gov—This is where you will file your federal financial aid form. Every high school student needs to visit to receive a PIN number. This is the main source of aid for many students.

Question of the Month

- Celebrating New Year's is one of the oldest customs around the world.
- No other holiday is celebrated in so many different ways on so many different days. Each country has special traditions and beliefs. Research the traditions of two of the following countries and share it with a media specialist to get your late book fines erased.

Italy, Portugal, Iran, China, Scotland, Greece, Jewish New Year, Japan

Looking for a Book?

With the new year underway, crack open a new book from the list below.

- ◆ *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Alexie
- ◆ *Speak* by Anderson
- ◆ *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing* by Anderson
- ◆ *Alt Ed* by Atkins
- ◆ *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Bray
- ◆ *Whale Talk* by Crutcher
- ◆ *An Abundance of Katherines* by Green
- ◆ *Slam* by Hornby
- ◆ *The First Part Last* by Johnson
- ◆ *13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Johnson
- ◆ *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things* by Mackler
- ◆ *Monster* by Myers
- ◆ *Life as We Knew It* by Pfeffer
- ◆ *The Haunting of Alai Isabel Cray* by Wooding
- ◆ *American Born Chinese* by Yang
- ◆ *Elsewhere* by Zevin
- ◆ *The Book Thief* by Zusak

Wake County Public Libraries

Poetry Contest

Now is the time to show off your talent with words. Submit one original poem on a theme of your choice to studentpoetry@wakegov.com to enter. Submissions will be accepted from February 1st through March 14th. Include your name, phone number, name of school and your grade with your submission. Winners will be notified in early April. Winning poets will be invited to read their poems on Sunday, April 26th at 2pm at Cameron Village Library and published in a chapbook by Wake County Public Libraries.

