

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 English Department invaded the media center in February to do valuable literary criticism research. We hope Ms. Achenbach, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Machpherson and Ms. Davis' students had no problems locating information on their topics. Many of the freshman seminar classes have been researching their topics as well. If you don't have one of our database bookmarks, please come by and get one. They provide the usernames and passwords to the databases we have at school, so you can also access them at home. Below you will find a short summary of what other teachers did in the media center in February.

- ◆ Ms. Mackie's Dance students

researched the potential results meditation has on individuals in situations such as prison, pregnancy, and cancer.

- ◆ Mr. Kraft's Psychology students used a PBS website to research the different ways the brain is studied.
- ◆ Ms. Pierce's 10th grade English class researched a modern-day example of cultures clashing with their study of *Things Fall Apart* and created a **Research Art Poem** (RAP) product.
- ◆ Mr. Kraft's U.S. History classes researched and created an issue of *TIME* magazine covering national, economic, technology, society, arts and entertainment issues of the 1920's.

Read Across America

Each year around the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday the nation comes together to celebrate reading. This year March 3rd has been marked as Read Across America Day. We, the media specialists of Enloe, would like to challenge all Enloe faculty and students to take at least fifteen minutes that day to read. We recently had a new display unit installed which was purchased with the help of a PTSA grant. Please come check out a variety of new non-fiction and fiction books we have added to our collection and featured in this unit. Join us in reading!



Women's History Month

March is National Women's History month. Our display in the media center is dedicated to showcasing women from all walks of life. Take a moment to browse our collection for notable women from history and the present in our nonfiction and biography collections.



There are also many websites dedicated to women's history. The National Women's History Project, created in 1980, is an educational nonprofit organization which seeks to recognize the diverse and historic accomplishments of women by providing information, materials, and programs. Visit this website at <http://www.nwhp.org/>. History.com has also put together an



abundance of valuable information on women in history at <http://www.history.com/minisites/womenhist/>. This site includes video clips, timelines, a Hall of Fame, and much more.

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Did you know?

Tech Tips

- When you type a document at home that you plan to print at school, save it as a rich text document (rtf).
- Shortcuts: Highlight your text and use the following commands as an alternative to using the drop down menus.

Bold—Control B

Erase—Control Z

Underline—Control U

Copy—Control C

- If you are creating a PowerPoint presentation at home and want to be able to open it at school, click **Save** and under the **File name** tab click on **Save as type** and save your presentation as **PowerPoint 97-2003 & 95 Presentation**.
- If you begin typing in another language, click on the square blue icon with white letters on the bottom right hand corner of the computer screen and make sure you have EN United States chosen.

FEATURED WEB SITES: The Writing Process

Students

<http://www.ipl.org/div/aplus/>

This webpage is part of the Internet Public Library for Teens web site. It features a step-by-step guide to topic selection and the research and writing process. Click on the table of contents to browse specific topics and questions.

Teachers

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/>

Created by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Writing Center, this web page contains an extensive list of topics on the writing process including citations, grammar, and writing for specific audiences. Browse the topics to choose handouts for your students.

Question of the Month

Tease your brain and get your fines erased with this logic puzzle.

(5 people max)

- A boatman has been hired to take a fox, a rabbit, and a bag of carrots across the river. However, the boat only has room for one passenger (yes, the carrots are a passenger). The fox will eat the rabbit if left alone on one side, and the rabbit will do the same with the carrots.
- How do you get all of them across without any of them being eaten?

What Is Your Favorite Book That You Read As A Teen?

The National Education Association did a survey asking celebrities what book they liked most as a teenager. Check out some of their answers as well as those of Enloe teachers and staff.

Celebrities:

Laila Ali—*The Color Purple*

Hector Elizondo—*The Pearl*

Stephen King—*Lord of the Flies*

Tyra Banks—*Are You There God?, It's Me, Margaret*

Drew Bledsoe—*Robinson Crusoe*

Faculty & Staff:

Neiley—*The Outsiders*

Fountainhead

Rice—*Ramona Quimby books*

Brennan—*A Separate Peace*

ALA's 2007 Teens' Top Ten List

1. *New Moon*—Stephenie Meyer
2. *Just Listen*—Sarah Dessen
3. *How to Ruin a Summer Vacation*—
Ramone Elkeles
4. *Maximum Rid: School's Out—Forever*—
James Patterson
5. *Firegirl*—Tony Abbott
6. *All Hallows Eve (13 Stories)*—Vivian
Vande Velde
7. *Life as We Knew It*—Susan Beth Pfeffer
8. *River Secrets*—Shannon Hale
9. *Bad Kitty*—Michele Jaffe
10. *Road of the Dead*—Kevin Brooks

