

The Media Minute

The Rumors Are True!

Special points of interest:

- Yacker Tracker
- Book Over Break
- Free Pass
- Reef Aquarium
- New Titles

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Yes, the Media center has a new learning tool and it's called the Yacker Tracker. It's a decibel meter.

With an average of 252 students visiting us each day in September, in addition to classes using our computer labs, it was getting toooooo loud.

We were not providing tutors and their students, study hall students and even the classes a quiet place to work, soooo

In order to be able to provide this again we

are using a decibel meter.



As the noise level rises, the Yacker Tracker displays a yellow light as a warning. Once the noise level rises above where it is set for more than 15 seconds, the Yacker Tracker displays a red light and sounds an alarm.



If a study hall's noise level causes the alarm to go off twice in one period, that study hall is not invited back the next day.

It seems to be working well, and news of our Yacker Tracker has spread fast!

Book Over Break

The Media Center staff invite you to join them on Wednesday, December 14th for holiday refreshments.

While you're here check out our new book titles and find the one just right for you to read during your winter break.

Will it be a non-fiction book like, *The Immortal Life of Henri-*

etta Lacks or Steve Jobs' biography? Or, will it be the next book in that series you've been reading?

Either way, we've got something for you to read on the plane ride, in the hammock next to the pool, when those relatives you are staying with start bugging you too much, or... something for you to read by your fireplace

on the chilly Chicago evenings.

Come check us out because remember... we're smart, informative and funny!



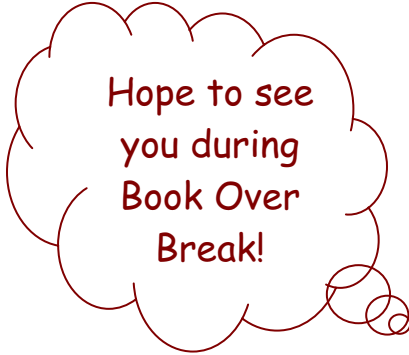
Cletus Mae

Cletus Mae is looking forward to seeing all of you during Book Over Break.

Come check out all

the new books in the Media Center and enjoy some treats.

See you then!



Salt Water Aquarium

We received and set up our new reef aquarium thanks to donations from Mr. Rak, Mr. Manak and monetary contributions from

the always generous Video Club. We have 8 fish, 18 hermit crabs and 4 corals and a star fish so far. Come check it out!

Free Pass

Since the beginning of this school year, we have been offering students a ONE TIME free pass into the Media Center.

If a student does not have their ID, forgot to sign up or arrived tardy, we will allow them to use a free pass and stay. Normally in these in-

stances the student would be sent back to their study hall.

The free pass offers a student who REALLY needs to write / print a paper or receive tutoring the opportunity without penalty... ONCE.



Once a student has used their free pass for the year (yes we are keeping track!) they are not offered any other options "the next time."

IDs can now be obtained in the Dean's office.

Teacher Feature

If you come down to the Media Center or look around the school you will be able to see December's edition of the Teacher Feature posters.

This month we are highlighting Mr. Bolling and Ms. Coyle from the English Department.

Last month we featured Mrs. Pratt and Mr. Tellez from the World Languages Department.

Keep an eye out on a monthly basis for your colleagues. Have a great school year and thanks to

all that support the programming here in the MIS.



New Books! Now Playing

(at a Media Center near you!)

Fiction Titles



All These Things I've Done
by Gabrielle Zevin

In a dystopian future where chocolate and caffeine are contraband, teenage cellphone use is illegal, and water and paper are carefully rationed, sixteen-year-old Anya Balanchine finds herself thrust unwillingly into the spotlight as heir apparent to an important New York City crime family.

Phoenix
by Eden Maguire



Darina, a teenager with the ability to see the dead, helps Phoenix, who was murdered, find peace. This is the 4th book in the Beautiful Dead Series.



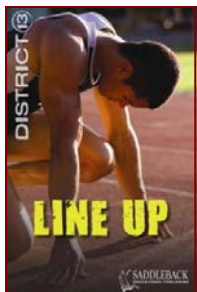
First Kill
by Heather Brewer

The summer before ninth grade, when Joss sets off to meet his uncle and hunt down the beast that murdered his younger sister three years earlier, he learns he is destined to join the Slayer Society. This is the first book in a new Heather Brewer series called Slayer chronicles.

The Fox Inheritance
By Mary Pearson



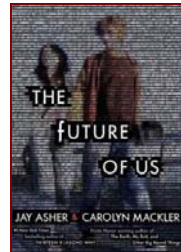
Two-hundred-sixty years after a terrible accident destroyed their bodies, sixteen-year-old Locke and seventeen-year-old Kara have been brought back to life in newly bioengineered bodies, with many questions about the world they find themselves in and more than two centuries of horrible memories of being trapped in a digital netherworld wondering what would become of them..



Line Up
by Alex Kuskowski

When his friend, Tyrese, demands Daniel borrow his grandfather's gun, Daniel struggles between right and wrong. This is one of many high interest—low vocabulary books we have.

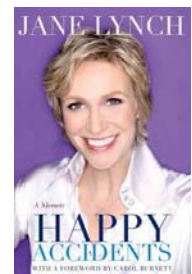
Non-Fiction / Fiction Titles



The Future of Us
by Jay Asher

Receiving her first computer and an America Online CD-ROM in 1996, student Emma and her best friend, Josh, log on and discover themselves on Facebook, fifteen years in the future, and learn astonishing things about their adult selves.

Happy Accidents: My Gleeful Life
by Jane Lynch



Part humor, part inspiration, the star of "Glee" describes her improbable path to success and shares how she was finally able to embrace her sexuality and find the contentment she thought she would never have.



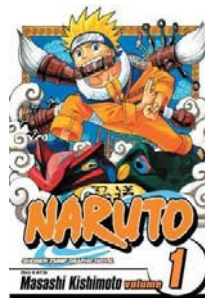
Spirit Bound: A Vampire Academy Novel
by Richelle Mead

Rose Hathaway has finally returned to St. Vladimir's and to her best friend, Lissa. But Rose's heart still aches for Dimitri, and she knows he's out there, somewhere. He has tasted her blood, and now he is hunting her. Only this time, he won't rest until Rose joins him—forever.

Maya's Choice
by Anne Schraff



When a rebellious cousin moves in with her family, Maya learns that following her cousin's lead may harm her relationship with her boyfriend and her future.



Naruto
By Masashi Kishimoto

In the village of Konohagakure, school is literally a battlefield where classmates are ninjas in training competing to become the greatest ninja in the land. We have this series through volume 54.

Plus many more!

THE M.I.S. 411

Did You Know...

The MIS staff is smart, informative, helpful and very funny!?

We have an average of 252 students that visit us each day?

Our section of high interest—low vocabulary books is growing?

We have a Yacker Tracker!?



We subscribe to the Sun Times and Herald News E-Papers?

We are subscribing to M magazine this year? M is for Music, Movies and More.



We have a salt water reef aquarium?

Regular study hall teachers should not write their study hall students a pass to come to the MIS?

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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:02 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 8:02 - 3:15 PM

Library Web Address:

<http://www.lths.org/LibraryHome.html>

Circulation Information:

Fiction/nonfiction - 2 weeks, Late fee: .10 ¢ per day

Reference - 1 day, Late fee: \$1.00 per day

Flash drives - 1 week, Late fee: .10 ¢ per day

Students must have a current LTHS student ID

Student Services

Study Hall, Tutoring, Resource Lists,
Readers Advisory, Video Club, Printers,
Copier, Orientations and Book Talks

*LTHS Media Information Services
offers a variety of resources,
information, programs, and services
for students and staff.*

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