

# Media Matters



## LMC Facts and Figures for SY September 12

Classes brought to  
the LMC  
**73**

Independent Student  
Use  
**1949**

Books Circulated  
**410**

Ave. Students per  
day (including  
classes)  
**176**

Emails received  
about scheduling  
classes  
**55**

Classes scheduled  
online:  
**23**

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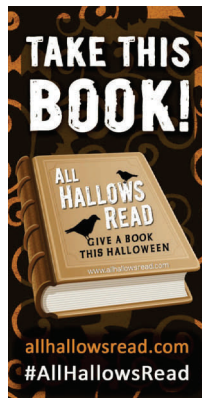
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## Library Promotions in October

I love October! During October are some of the library's most popular promotions: Teen Read Week and All Hallows' Read (and just Halloween in general).



**Teen Read Week** is an annual event which encourages teens to read for the fun of it. With each year comes a new theme, and this one is right up my alley: "It Came from the Library: Dare to Read For the Fun of It!" In honor of the week, we have constructed our chamber of horror a few weeks early this year. The chamber is being built with help from the Nerdfighter, Anime and Leo club. Last year we had zombies, this year: Victorian era horror. Come check it out and grab a book from the coffin!



**All Hallows' Read** is in its 3rd year nationwide. It was started by author Neil Gaiman and is explained thusly on its website ([www.allhallowsread.com](http://www.allhallowsread.com)): "All Hallows' Read is a Hallowe'en tradition. It's simply that in the week of Hallowe'en, or on the night itself, you give someone a scary book." To celebrate we will be conducting a "book drop" on a to be determined date. We will leave scary books around the school with this sticker on them. It was a big hit last year, so we hope to leave more books out this year! Stay tuned for more info.



**BEHS**  
Library Media Center  
[bit.ly/behslibrary](http://bit.ly/behslibrary)

## Harnessing Twitter for Teachers



Do you have a twitter account? There are tons of resources being shared by educators all over the world everyday. If you are on Twitter, try searching these hashtags to see what I mean (be sure to include the # sign).

#Education – General Ed

#edchat – General Ed

#educhat – General Ed

#ntchat – New Teachers

#curriculum – Curriculum

#k12 – K12 Ed

#artsed – Art Ed

#arted – Art Ed

#engchat – English Ed

#mathchat – Math Ed

#musedchat – Music Ed

#sschat – Social Studies Ed

#socialstudies – Social Studies Ed

#scichat – Science Ed

#langchat – Foreign Language Ed

#historyteacher – History Ed

#physed – Physical Ed

Didn't see one that suited you? Check out [www.cybraryman.com/edhashtags.html](http://www.cybraryman.com/edhashtags.html) for more!



## COLLABORATION CORNER

Teaching technology to our future pre-school teachers!

Creighton Paquette-Claman is teaching a new child development course this year. It is a Tunxis course offered to our students that will provide them with a college experience (and a college credit). The students taking the class this semester will be the ones who will teach our preschooler's next semester. To prepare for their teaching experience, Tunxis requires the students learn a set number of new technologies. By integrating technology throughout the semester, the students will have an arsenal of technology tools at their disposal when it comes time to teach the pre-

schoolers in the Spring.

One such technology the class has utilized is called SpicyNodes (see page 3 for more info). Using this thought mapping software students had to explain the limitations' and strengths of various education models (e.g. Montessori). Students created visual explanations of those strengths and weaknesses and then Creighton walked around the room checking not only for the content, but for the mastery of the program.

On reflection it was easy to see that the website was easy for the students to use—if I explained the outlining portion

first. The project really only took one class period—with any extra work to be done at home. When students were finished, we thought they could submit the links to Creighton with a form instead of email, but in the end, it was easier for her to simply walk around the room and check.

It was a good and easy way to introduce the technology. If the topics had been more complex, we could have spent days researching and outlining before making the visual map of it.

For an example of a student's work, visit <http://bit.ly/VQo6fY>

### Trails Question of the Month:

TRAILS is a knowledge assessment with multiple-choice questions targeting a variety of information literacy skills based standards. All of our 9th graders are administered the test at the beginning and end of the year. The following is one of the question. Try it out yourself and see how you do.

The answer is in next month's newsletter!

4 Your group has selected the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska as a research topic. As you are researching you read a fantastic quote attributed to attorney Paul Achitoff of Earthjustice. What should be your next step?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- A  Discuss the appropriateness of the quote with the members of your group
- B  Verify that the attorney works for Earthjustice and learn more about the organization
- C  Use the quote in your group's research project because the quote supports the group's argument

## SpicyNodes (www.spicynodes.org)



SpicyNodes is a website that allows you (and your students) to create online, interactive thought maps. They resemble the old fashioned brainstorming cloud when they are finished.

Another great feature of Spicy Nodes is that registration does not require an email address **SO STUDENTS CAN USE THIS RESOURCE!**

You can include images and youtube clips in your map. As you click on each “node” it can expand to include all the ideas related to it. You build the node by basically completing an outline.



Here's an example of a SpicyNode!

Visit [http://www.spicynodes.org/what\\_are\\_they-teaching\\_guide.html](http://www.spicynodes.org/what_are_they-teaching_guide.html) for their teacher guide and more ideas.

As always, contact me if you want help using this website!!

## Library Users September

Berube

Burdelski

Cirillo

Coderre

Deslauriers

Dilernia

Fleming

Griffin

Jackman

Kuckucka

Lavoie

Maciejko

McElwee

Paquette

Peluso

Roberts

Toomey

Zimmerman

## This Month's Q&A Technology Tips

**Why should I bother putting in an official work order when something is wrong with my computer? I just saw Kevin in the hall and told him about it.**

1. Kevin is human and can forget. A work order ensures he'll remember what the problem is.
2. With an official work order, there is a record of what the problem is, and how long it took to have it addressed.
3. With data about the types,



frequency and range of computer problems we are having as a building, patterns may emerge. We know data is a big deal for your instruction—it is also a big deal for the BOE for its services.

**OK, OK, I'll put in a work order. What is the link again?**

Check your BOE favorites—it should've been installed on your computer. If it isn't there, go to the intranet, navigate to the Tech Center page, and look for the link near the bottom left side. (email me for help!)



## New Books!

### *Dark Dude*

by Oscar Hijuelos.

In the 1960s, Rico Fuentes, a pale-skinned Cuban American teenager, abandons drug-infested New York City for the picket fence and apple pie world of Wisconsin, only to discover that he still feels like an outsider and that violent and judgmental people can be found even in the wholesome Midwest.

### *The Watch That Ends The Night : Voices From The Titanic*

by Allan Wolf

Recreates the 1912 sinking of the Titanic as observed by millionaire John Jacob Astor, a beautiful young Lebanese refugee finding first love, "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, Captain Smith, and others including the iceberg itself.

### *Bumped*

by Megan McCafferty

In 2036 New Jersey, when teens are expected to become fanatically religious wives and mothers or high-priced Surrogettes for couples made infertile by a widespread virus, sixteen-year-old identical twins Melody and Harmony find in one another the courage to believe they have choices.

### *Stick*

by Andrew Smith.

Fourteen-year-old Stark McClellan, also known as Stick, has always had his older brother, Bosten, to help protect him from the bullies who teased him for being born with only one ear, but when Stick realizes that Bosten is gay and their abusive father's reaction will be dangerous, Bosten must leave and Stick goes looking for him.

### *The Night Circus : A Novel*

by Erin Morgenstern

A circus known as Le Cirque des Rêves features two illusionists, Celia and Marco, who are unknowingly competing in a game to which they have been irrevocably bound by their mercurial masters, and as the two fall deeply and passionately in love with each other, their masters intervene with dangerous consequences.

### *The Miseducation Of Cameron Post*

by Emily M. Danforth.

In the early 1990s, when gay teenager Cameron Post rebels against her conservative Montana ranch town and her family decides she needs to change her ways, she is sent to a gay conversion therapy center.

### *The Diviners*

by Libba Bray.

Seventeen-year-old Evie O'Neill is thrilled when she is exiled from small-town Ohio to New York City in 1926, even when a rash of occult-based murders thrusts Evie and her uncle, curator of The Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult, into the thick of the investigation.

### *Londonstani*

by Gautam Malkani.

A novel that chronicles the lives of a gang of four young men, and follows their lives as they have run-ins with other racial groups, family members, and the law as they cruise the street of west London.

